

INAUGURAL COASTAL CAROLINA FAIR FIDDLE COMPETITION

We invite you to attend and participate in the COASTAL CAROLINA FAIR'S Inaugural fiddle competition at the 2019 Coastal Carolina Fair, Ladson, South Carolina. Fiddlers of all ages will compete for cash prizes in the following groups: Youth, High School, and Adult.

The competition will take place at 1pm on Sunday November 3rd, 2019 at the 300 seat Parkway Stage. Registration will be limited, first come, first in, through the online portal located at www.coastalcarolinafair.org/fiddle. Online registration closes on October 27th and on-site registration closes 30 minutes before the start of the contest.

We recommend arriving early to save seats for your friends and family. All registered contest entrants plus one member of their party will receive free admission at the Fair's Pass Office (at Gate 1) on Sunday, November 3, 2019. All children under 6 years old get in free. Additional fair admission tickets can be purchased online and/or at the gate. Gates open at noon on Sunday, November 3rd.

The competition is open format. The goal is to promote and showcase fiddlers, foster interest in fiddling, and provide a positive atmosphere for all. Contestants will be judged on Timing, Tone, Execution, Expression/Feel, and Overall Impression.

General Information:

- The competition will begin at 1pm SHARP on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at the Parkway Stage. The start times of each division will be posted October 29th, 2019 on the fairs website.
- Who may participate: Open to any fiddlers in their respective division.
- All registered contest entrants plus **one** member of their party will receive free admission from the Fair's Pass Office (at Gate 1) on the date of the competition. All children under 6 get in free. Additional Fair tickets are available online and/or at the gate.
- Parking is free for all contestants and guests.
- The online registration fee is \$10 and can be paid at the portal found at www.coastalcarolinafair.org/fiddle. Contestants may enter only one category. The registration fee is refundable after the contestant has completed his or her two songs.

Contest Rules:

- Contestants will perform two tunes of choice. Each tune cannot be more than three minutes.
- Contestants going over the three-minute song limit will be penalized
- Contestants missing their turn will be penalized

- Cross-tuning is allowed
- If a string breaks, contestant can stop, leave the stage to repair the string; they will be re-entered and called again at random to start over where they stopped
- A tie may be broken by an elimination round, so come prepared accordingly
- Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be allowed
- No trick fiddling
- No sheet music
- Any contestant winning a prize must be present to appear on stage and accept the prize or the prize is forfeited
- Format, divisions and number of songs may be eliminated, combined, or changed by the judges as attendance requires
- Winners shall be announced by the Judges following the final division
- Winners will be asked to sign a photo and recording release to the Coastal Carolina Fair
- All decisions of the Judges and of the Contest Chairman are final
- No more than 2 accompany members per contestant