



Please join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Dakota County Fair Fiddle Contest

Farmington, Minnesota

Dakota City Pavilion

Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Preregistration requested – Pre-contest registration from 10 to 10:45

**Divisions:**

**Junior – Young Adult – Adult – Open**

Juniors (12 and under) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$15, 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$10, 5<sup>th</sup> prize \$10

Young Adult (13-19) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$25

Adult (20 and over) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$25

Open Class -- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$50

Fiddle Trick and Fancy (all ages) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes to be determined

**CONTEST RULES**

1. Contestants will play two numbers, a waltz and a hoe-down or tune of their choice. (Examples: hornpipe, polka, rag, jig, etc.) Fast tunes should be danceable tunes. Contestants should come prepared with a play-off tune.
2. Trick or fancy fiddling will disqualify a contestant. Included are: holding the fiddle in an abnormal position, plucking the strings other than normally, over-embellishment of a piece. "Orange Blossom Special", "Black Mountain Rag" are not acceptable tunes. No medleys allowed and no cross-tuning. If a tune is played that isn't appropriate for the category or in line with the rules, it will result in 0 points.
3. Contact microphones and amplified instruments are NOT allowed.
4. Contestant will draw for order of appearance prior to start of contest. Contestant must be ready when called.
5. Each fiddler will be limited to no more than two accompaniments. Allowable accompaniments are: key board, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass fiddle. (Parent's signature if participant is under 18 years of age.)
6. Tunes must be played from memory. No music is allowed on stage for the fiddler.
7. Trick and Fancy fiddling, all Fiddle tunes are eligible with embellishment.

**Questions: call 612-207-6937 Email registrations to: fair@dakotacountyfair.org**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian must sign if participant is under 18 years of age.)