



Berks Fiddle Fest Competition Rules

- **Two Tunes recommended each one is 50% of your score. By only playing one tune, you will only receive 50% of highest possible total. Violin tunes permitted but will not count in the overall score.**
- **Six-minute time limit - Any type or style permitted but Violin tunes will not count in the overall score.**
- **Playing of "Orange Blossom Special" is NOT allowed.**
- **Three age groups: Group 1- up to 12 years; Group 2 - 13 to 17 years; and Group 3 - 18 years and up.**
- **If desired, back up musicians provided, or you can use your own. No more than two accompanists, (none on the fiddle) and only the fiddle contestant may play the melody.**
- **No sheet music or electronic instruments allowed during the contest.**
- **Contestant MUST AND MAY ONLY announce the name of the tune before playing.**
- **No musicians being paid to play the day of the Fiddle Fest are allowed to be part of the competition and everyone competing should be considered of "amateur" status and does not make their primary living as a "fiddle" player.**
- **Contestants are NOT allowed to say their name, any previous awards in any fiddle contest, or whom they took lessons from. They will be given a number for the judges to use in the contest. Names WILL NOT be announced on the stage at any time during the competition.**
- **The contest will start at approximately 1:15pm with Group 1. Each group will be followed by approximately a 30 minute break, Cash awards can be mailed, other awards will not be mailed and must be picked up day of festival or by special arrangement with festival officials.**
- **We do 'blind' judging. Our three judges are not facing the stage.**
- **A third Tune should be planned in case of a "Fiddle off".**