

ABINGDON FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

RULES & PROCEDURES 2022

Note: All scheduled performances and competitions will be at The Washington County Fairgrounds in Abingdon, VA on the outdoor stage. In case of inclement weather, competition will be moved inside building A. Some bleachers will be provided, guests should bring chairs.

COMPETITION RULES (as listed on www.abingdonfiddlers.com and catalog)

1. Adult bands may compete on Friday night, Saturday night, or both nights. If a band competes both nights, the lower score is dropped and the higher score considered for award placement. **(1st Place Winners from both Old Time and Bluegrass Bands will be invited to play Song of The Mountains in Marion, VA)**
2. All contestants will be given a participation award.
3. Individual instrumentalists may have one accompanist.
4. Only acoustic instruments on stage; no electric instruments.
5. No amplified music to be played at any time during the event.
6. By performing, all contestants agree that the sponsor may record and reproduce performances free of claim by the contestants. The sponsor has the right to record and reproduce music played at the convention. The sponsor also has the right to share any photos on social media, website, and other media outlet.
7. If a contestant breaks a string while performing, they must stop immediately, will be allowed to replace the string, and can perform immediately after restringing.
8. No medleys are allowed in competition, only individual songs and tunes.
9. Competitors are limited to two individual competition categories and one band only. Dance competition is open to individuals beyond the limits stated above.
10. Please list only one contact name and mailing address for Band competitors. If your band wins a monetary prize, a check will be issued in this person's name. No cash will be distributed. No exceptions.
11. There is a 3-minute time limit for all competition performances. When time is expired competitors will be allowed to finish current verse and/or chorus only.
12. Songs and tunes must be part of the public domain or original to the performer only.
13. Violation of the above rules will result in disqualification of the contestant.
14. Adult contestants (individuals and bands) may register at any time on Friday beginning at 4:00 PM. Friday competition will be a mixture of individual and band competitions beginning at 6:00 PM.

15. On Saturday, contestants (individuals and bands) may register from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. All individual contestants will perform before 7:00 PM when the adult band competition begins.

16. Youth Competition will be held Saturday, June 18th. Registration begins at 11:00 AM and Youth Band Registration cutoff will be 11:55 AM. Individual Youth competition will begin at 12:00 Noon followed by Youth Band Competition. Youth competitors may also register for adult individual and band competition.

17. Dance competitors will need to be registered by 8:00 PM, competition will begin at 8:30 PM on Saturday, June 18th.

18. Rules are subject to change without notification. Judge's decisions are final.

19. Washington County Fairgrounds and The Abingdon Fiddlers' Convention is not responsible for theft or damage to property or any bodily injury. Your attendance and participation in this event is an express waiver of any and all event and premise liability for theft or damage to property or any bodily injury occurring on the premises or during the course of the event.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Individual Competition

Fiddle (Bluegrass)	Fiddle (Old Time)
Guitar	Bass
Autoharp	Mandolin
Banjo (Bluegrass)	Banjo (Claw Hammer)
Dulcimer	Dobro
Folk Song Women	Folk Song Male
Flatfoot Dance	Harmonica

Band Competition

Bluegrass Band	Old Time Band
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WINNERS OF BAND COMPETITIONS WILL BE INVITED TO PLAY SONG OF THE MOUNTAINS

***Individual and Bands do not have to compete both nights but encouraged. The lowest score will be dropped. If you do not plan to be available for awards, you must let registration know.

*** Competition incentive awards will be drawn before competition award. Multiple door prizes, gift certificates and gift cards will be given to competitors only. Every category you compete in, your number will be entered to win these prizes. Stop by Registration for a list of prizes. This allows all skill levels a chance to win.