

Western Open Fiddle Championships



Hot Fiddle Contest Rules

In addition to the General Contest Rules, the following rules apply specifically to the Hot Fiddle Contest:

1. This contest is open to solo performers *or duets*.
2. Each contestant must play one tune or a medley of tunes. General Contest Rule #3 applies: "No tune shall be played more than once during all appearances of a contestant." **NOTE: The committee wants you to know that we don't want to hear "Orange Blossom Special."**
3. ***Four minute fifteen second playing time will be strictly adhered to. Timing will start when the contestant(s) or any accompanist plays any note on stage.*** Contestant(s) will be disqualified for going over the time limit. There is no grace period.
4. Contestants may not have printed music on stage and may play without accompaniment or with a maximum of three accompanists, no more than two of which may be standard guitars. ***Having more than two standard guitars as accompaniment will incur a 5 point penalty.***
5. In the event of a tie, prize money will be re-configured accordingly.
6. **The judges will be sitting in front of the stage to judge this contest.**
7. The winner(s) will be invited to perform on stage during Saturday evening's program.
8. The decision of the judges is final.



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