

Western Open Fiddle Championships Junior Piano Rules

In addition to the General Contest Rules, the following rules apply specifically to the Junior Piano Divisions:

1. A contestant may enter only one of the following divisions:
 - PEEWEE—age 8 and under
 - JUNIOR JUNIOR—age 9-12
 - JUNIOR—age 13-17
2. **We want to encourage the contestants to demonstrate their versatility so we ask that each contestant must play two different styles of tunes. One should be a classical piece composed more than 100 years ago; and the second tune should be a modern tune composed in the last 100 years or so including contemporary, pop, ragtime, jazz, boogie etc.**
3. A five minute playing time will be strictly adhered to. Two points will be deducted from the total score for each ten second interval or portion thereof over the time limit.
4. Contestants may not have printed music on stage and will play without accompanists.
5. In the event of a tie, the contestants will split the prize money for their placement and the one below it.
6. Judging will be by three judges sitting in front of the stage. There will be a maximum of 100 points possible for each tune from each judge. Judging will be based on the following:
 - Correct notes and Memorization (25 points)
 - Tempo and Rhythm (25 points)
 - Tone Production and Use of Pedal (if applicable) (25 points)
 - Difficulty (25 points)
7. The decision of the judges is final.
8. Any contestant winning a Piano Division three years in a row may not compete in a Piano Division for at least one year.

There are several changes from the 2022 Contest, so please read this information carefully:

1. ***In order to facilitate the registration process for the 3 Piano Divisions, we are encouraging all competitors to pre-register. You may download the registration form from the website at www.WesternOpenFiddle.com and mail it to Western Open, PO Box 101, Red Bluff CA 96080. If we receive your registration by October 15, your registration fee will be only \$5, a 50% discount!***
2. ***There will be prize money and medallions for 1st through 5th place in each of the three divisions. 1st \$60; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$40; 4th \$30; and 5th \$20.***



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