

# 40th Annual Western Open Fiddle Championships

October 19-21, 2023



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\$1000**

We are so excited to be finalizing preparations for the 40th Annual Western Open Fiddle Championships, October 18-21, 2023. Please check our website at [www.WesternOpenFiddle.com](http://www.WesternOpenFiddle.com) for the most up-to-date information.

Two of the highlights concern the Open Division.

- \* Due to the generosity of our wonderful donor, first place in the Open will be \$1000 and we will pay 10 places.
- \* Due to popular demand from our Open contestants, the time limit for the Final Round in the Open Division is increased to five minutes, fifteen seconds, still with no grace period.

We have also made some significant changes to our schedule in an attempt to accommodate as many of our musicians as possible.

- \* Friday's schedule will include Senior, Senior Senior, Adult, and Junior Fiddle Divisions; the Waltz, Celtic, and Swing Fiddle Divisions; and the Open Jukebox.
- \* Saturday's schedule will include all of the Piano Divisions; Peewee, Junior Junior, and Open Fiddle; both Twin Fiddle Divisions; both Picking Divisions; and the Junior Jukebox.

There are changes in the Junior Piano Contest.

- \* Any contestants who send in their pre-registration by October 13 will pay only \$5, which is half of the regular registration fee.
- \* Also due to the generosity of our donor for this division, we will be paying prize money and medallions for five places in each of the three categories-- Peewee, Junior Junior, and Junior Piano.

And...finally, we have decided to certify the winners of the 2023 Western Open to the 2024 National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser.

See you in October !

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