

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. Each contestant must play two tunes: a classical piece; and a second song from any era, including contemporary, pop, ragtime, jazz, boogie etc.

3. **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, each contestant will play one tune of his/her selection that he/she did not play in his/her first round.

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.



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