

South Dakota Fiddle Contest Rules

(As of 06-14-2017)

1. The official entry form must be accompanied by the designated registration fee.
2. To determine your age division, use the age you will be on Saturday the 9th of September. You may choose either "Beginner" or "Junior" age division, but not both.

Contest Divisions are:

Beginner	Up to age 12
Junior	Up to age 17
Adult	18 through 64
Senior	65 & up
Open Championship	
Twin Fiddling	
Accordion – One Division	
Harmonica – One Division	

3. Any fiddler may play in the Open Championship even if they have played in other divisions. Contestants in the Open Championship must play Hoe-down, Waltz, and a Tune of Choice other than a Hoe-down or Waltz.
4. No tunes may be repeated by a contestant in another division – except in Twin Fiddling.
5. Beginner Contest Division participants will play any two tunes (no Waltz needed).
6. Each contestant in all divisions other than the "Open Championship" or the "Beginner Division" must play a Waltz and a Tune other than a Waltz. No trick fiddling or tunes like "Listen to the Mocking Bird", "Orange Blossom Special". No Cross Tuning allowed. Contestants must play Old-Time Style, and may not use sheet music or tablature.
7. Only two (2) accompanists are allowed. No amplified instruments other than provided keyboard. Back-up must not play melody.
8. Twin Fiddlers will play a Waltz and another tune other than a Waltz.
9. Upon arrival, contestants must check in at registration, list contest tunes, and provide names of back-ups. **Contestants must be registered BEFORE 12:30 in order to be eligible for competition.** Because of time constraints entries will be limited to a total of 40. There will be a waiting list if more than 40 entries are received.
10. Please make your own lodging arrangements. Local motels and numbers are listed below:

Broadway Inn	1-800-336-3087	Starlight Motel	1-605-665-7828
Starbrite Motel	1-605-665-7856	Super 8 Motel	1-605-665-6510
Best Western Kelly Inn	1-605-665-2906	Holiday Inn Express	1-605-665-3177
Days Inn	1-800-325-2525	Riverfront Hotel	1-605-661-9299

Camping is available for a fee of \$25 if using electricity or \$10 if not hooked up to electricity.

11. Bring Contest Entry Form with you or send contestant entry form to:
Fiddlers of South Dakota - PO Box 226 Sioux Falls SD 57101.
(If mailing form, mail at least 2 weeks prior to contest.)