



2023 COASTAL CAROLINA FAIR FIDDLE COMPETITION

We invite you to attend and participate in the COASTAL CAROLINA FAIR'S 4th annual fiddle competition at the 2023 Coastal Carolina Fair in Ladson, South Carolina. Fiddlers of all ages will compete for cash prizes in the following groups: Youth, High School, and Adult.

The competition will take place at 1:00 pm on Sunday November 5th, 2023 at the 300 seat Parkway Stage. Registration will be limited, first come, first in, through the online portal located at coastalcarolinafair.org/fiddle23. Online registration closes on November 1st, and on-site registration (if space is available) closes 30 minutes before the start of the contest.

We recommend arriving at least an hour early to allow time for traffic, security checks, and to save seats for your friends and family. All contestants registered online will receive free admission for themselves plus one other person in their party. Those tickets will be sent to your email from info@coastalcarolinafair.org by Saturday, November 4th. All children under 6 years old get in free. Additional fair admission tickets can be purchased online [here](#), at a participating Circle K location, and/or at the gate. Gates open at noon on Sunday, November 5th.

The competition is open format. The goal is to promote and showcase fiddlers, foster interest in fiddling, and provide a positive atmosphere for all. Contestants will be judged on Timing, Tone, Execution, Expression/Feel, and Overall Impression.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The competition will begin at 1:00 pm SHARP on Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at the Parkway Stage. The contestant lineup will be posted at 12:45 pm the day of the competition. We will begin with Youth then move on to High School then Adult.
- Who may participate: Open to any fiddlers in their respective division.
- Parking is free for all contestants and guests.
- The online registration fee is \$10 and can be paid at the portal found at coastalcarolinafair.org/fiddle23. Contestants may enter only one category. The registration fee is refundable after the contestant has completed his or her two songs.

CONTEST RULES:

- Contestants will perform two tunes of choice. Each tune cannot be more three minutes.
- Contestants going over the three-minute song limit will be penalized.
- Contestants missing their turn will be penalized.
- Cross-tuning is allowed.
- If a string breaks, contestant can stop, leave the stage to repair the string; they will be re-entered and called again at random to start over where they stopped.
- A tie may be broken by an elimination round, so come prepared accordingly.
- Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be allowed.
- No trick fiddling.
- No sheet music.
- Any contestant winning a prize must be present to appear on stage and accept the prize or the prize is forfeited.
- Format, divisions, and number of songs may be eliminated, combined, or changed by the judges as attendance requires.
- Winners shall be announced by the Judges following the final division.
- Winners will be asked to sign a photo and recording release to the Coastal Carolina Fair.
- All decisions of the Judges and of the Contest Chairman are final.
- No more than 2 accompany members per contestant.