



Please join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Dakota County Fair Fiddle Contest

Farmington, Minnesota

Dakota City Pavilion

Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Preregistration requested – Pre-contest registration from 10 to 10:45

**Divisions:**

**Junior – Young Adult – Adult – Open**

Juniors (12 and under) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$15, 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$10, 5<sup>th</sup> prize \$10

Young Adult (13-19) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$25

Adult (20 and over) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$25

Open Class -- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$50

Fiddle Trick and Fancy (all ages) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes to be determined

**CONTEST RULES**

- Contestants will play two numbers, a waltz and a hoe-down or tune of their choice. (Examples: hornpipe, polka, rag, jig, etc.) Fast tunes should be danceable tunes. Contestants should come prepared with a play-off tune.
- Trick or fancy fiddling will disqualify a contestant. Included are: holding the fiddle in an abnormal position, plucking the strings other than normally, over-embellishment of a piece. "Orange Blossom Special", "Black Mountain Rag" are not acceptable tunes. No medleys allowed and no cross-tuning. If a tune is played that isn't appropriate for the category or in line with the rules, it will result in 0 points.
- Contact microphones and amplified instruments are NOT allowed.
- Contestant will draw for order of appearance prior to start of contest. Contestant must be ready when called.
- Each fiddler will be limited to no more than two accompaniments. Allowable accompaniments are: key board, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass fiddle. (Parent's signature if participant is under 18 years of age.)
- Tunes must be played from memory. No music is allowed on stage for the fiddler.
- Trick and Fancy fiddling, all Fiddle tunes are eligible with embellishment.

**Questions: call 612-207-6937 Email registrations to: fair@dakotacountyfair.org**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian must sign if participant is under 18 years of age.)