



Fiddle & Picking Rules & Information

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Location Montana Day Building
Lewistown, MT

Schedule

8:00 am - Late Registration and Warm-up

9:00 am - Round 1 (3 required tunes)

 PeeWee- only 3 total tunes for contest

1:00 pm - Round 2 (3 tunes)

6:30 pm - Round 3 (3 tunes) Top five in each division

Superintendent

Logan Smith

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Registration forms at MontanaWinterFair.com - print, include payment and mail or bring with you to the event.

If mailing, mail to Montana Winter Fair, PO Box 386, Lewistown, MT 59457

Pre-registration is encouraged. Please let Logan know by text or call if you intend to participate.

Entries will be accepted up until competition starts.

Fees

Peewee, Junior-Junior, Junior Picking 12 & Under - \$15

Junior, Adult 19 and over, Picking 13 & Over - \$20

Age Divisions

Class 1: Peewee – 8 & under

Class 2: Junior-Junior – 9-12

Class 3: Junior – 13-18

Class 4: Adult 19 and over

Class 5: Junior Picking (12 & Under)

Class 6: Picking (13 & Over)

Prizes

Prize money, ribbons and Mystery Prizes will be awarded in all divisions

Judges

TBD

Rules

1. Fiddler must play a hoedown, waltz and tune of choice (other than a hoedown or waltz), in that order, with none repeated in the following rounds. The Peewee division is only required to play three tunes for entire contest. Pickers shall play on fast and one slow tune.
2. No contact microphones or amplified instruments allowed in the competition.
3. Fiddler may play alone or with no more than three accompanists; accompanists WILL NOT be allowed to play the melody.
4. There is a suggested four (4) minute time limit. There will be no penalty for playing over 4 minutes, but please try and adhere to the suggested time limit as closely as possible.
5. Fiddlers may play in an older division than their actual age; however, fiddlers may enter only one division.
6. Decisions of the judges and organizing committee will be final.
7. Anyone appearing intoxicated will not be allowed on stage.
8. It will be the fiddler's responsibility to be ready when called to play in his/her division.
9. If a fiddle string breaks, the fiddler will have the option to continue or stop at that point. If the tune is completed, it will be judged as played. If the fiddler stops, he/she will be allowed to restart with that tune and complete the program.
10. Equipment malfunction, or other disruption, beyond the fiddler's control, may constitute sufficient reason to replay the tune in which the incident took place.
11. Sign-in for each division must be complete before the beginning of the first round of that division.
12. Please use the designated warm up areas. A room in the front of the Eagles will be provided for those that cannot use the stairs. Please be respectful of the public business housing this event and warm up only in these areas.

ORDER OF PLAY

Each round will have the following order of play: (if entries are large there will be a cut made after the 1st round)

Peewee	8 and under
Junior/Junior	9 through 12
Junior	13 through 18
Adult	19 and over
Jr Picking	12 and under
Picking	13 and over