

National Oldtime Fiddler's Contest

Certification and Advisory Board

P.O. Box 447
Weiser, ID 83672
208-414-0255 or 1-800-437-1280
www.fiddlecontest.com



WINNER'S LETTER

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Being a first place winner of a certified contest entitles you to participate free of charge in the National Old Time Fiddle Contest (NOTFC) and in the Certified Showcase at the NOTFC held in Weiser the third full week of June. We actually have TWO contests going on, and different entry forms need to be filled out for each.

Registration forms are found on www.fiddlecontest.com or contact above phone or address.

Also found on the website are rules, deadlines, schedules, and much more. Should you have any questions, please call Aimee at 208-414-0255 (in Treasure Valley), 1-800-437-1280.

A National Contest Entry Form must be sent in by **June 1st** to avoid a late fee if you intend to participate in the National Contest. There are a limited number of entries being accepted in each division **and being a certified winner does not automatically register you in the contest.**

We encourage you to return your Certified Showcase Entry Form in **as soon as possible and no later than June 1** to ensure that you will be placed on the schedule for the Certified Showcase. (This contest appeals to those that love to entertain, and talent and originality are often displayed.) *Please note that it is mandatory for contestants in this showcase to be members of the NOTFA.* Also, please reconfirm your entry in the Certified Showcase when picking up your contestant packet at the NOTFC Registration.

Advantages of Winning First Place in Certified Contests:

- ❖ Prepaid entry into the NOTFC.
- ❖ Certified ribbon issued to be worn with contestant ribbon at NOTFC.
- ❖ No-cost entry into Certified Showcase Contest:
 - Open to first place winners only.
 - Play one tune (total time on stage 3 minutes) showcasing fiddling abilities.
 - All other aspects such as vocals, dance, etc., should support and enhance your fiddling.
 - Judging done by qualified judges located in audience.
 - Four trophies awarded each night: Best Entertainer (Male), Fanciest Fiddling, Best Entertainer (Female), and Best Costume
 - Three nights of competition, classified by age division.
- ❖ Picture sent by your certified contest to be displayed on the Wall of Fame.

Hope to See You in Weiser!

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CERTIFIED SHOWCASE ENTRY FORM

DATE _____

NAME _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER(____) _____ BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____

EMAIL _____

OFFICIAL NAME OF CONTEST CERTIFIED AT _____

DATE OF CERTIFIED CONTEST _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

DIVISION OF CERTIFIED WIN (Please Circle One) Small Fry Junior-Junior Junior Young Adult
Adult Senior Grand National

HOBBIES _____

FUN FACTS FOR THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES TO MENTION _____

NAME OF ACCOMPANIST _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE RETURN THE CERTIFIED ENTRY FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE.

Contestant Name _____

CERTIFIED SHOWCASE SCORE SHEET

Rate each contestant in each category.
Circle the appropriate rating.

1) **BEST COSTUME**

Costume 0 1 2 3 4 5

Costume matches theme of song 0 1 2 3 4 5

Accompanist matches them 0 1 2 3 4 5

Best Costume Subtotal _____

2) **FANCIEST FIDDLER**

Trick Fiddling (behind the back/under leg/ etc.) 0 1 2 3 4 5

Rapid bow movement 0 1 2 3 4 5

Great crowd response 0 1 2 3 4 5

Fanciest Fiddler Subtotal _____

3) **Best Entertainer (male and female)**

Is the fiddle the main attraction? 0 1 2 3 4 5

Did the certified fiddler fiddle? 0 1 2 3 4 5

Smiles 0 1 2 3 4 5

Good eye contact 0 1 2 3 4 5

Enthusiastic verbal introduction 0 1 2 3 4 5

Great crowd response 0 1 2 3 4 5

Best Entertainer Subtotal _____

Grand Total _____

JUDGING: Three judges are selected prior to contest and will be seated in audience.

SCORING: Each category will be judged from 0 to 5 with 5 being the best.

WINNERS: Total points in the Best Costume and the Fanciest Fiddling categories will determine the winner of that category. Ties in Best Costumes and Fanciest Fiddler will be broken by including points for Entertainer category. Best Entertainer will be determined by the Grand Total.

CONTESTANTS: You do not sign up for a specific category.