

# Western Open Fiddle Championships



## Swing Fiddle Contest Rules

In addition to the General Contest Rules, the following rules apply specifically to the Swing Fiddle Contest:

1. This contest is open to solo performers *or duets*.
2. Each contestant must play one tune or a medley of tunes. General Contest Rule #3 applies: "No tune shall be played more than once during all appearances of a contestant." **NOTE: The judges ask contestants to play reasonably within the boundaries of Western Swing style, keeping the fiddle as the only lead instrument.**
3. ***Four minute fifteen second playing time will be strictly adhered to. Timing will start when the contestant(s) or any accompanist plays any note on stage.*** Contestant(s) will be disqualified for going over the time limit. There is no grace period.
4. Contestants may not have printed music on stage and may play without accompaniment or with a maximum of three accompanists, no more than two of which may be standard guitars. ***Having more than two standard guitars as accompaniment will incur a 5 point penalty.***
5. In the event of a tie, prize money will be re-configured accordingly.
6. The winner(s) will be invited to perform on stage during Saturday evening's program.
7. The decision of the judges is final.
8. Any contestant winning the Swing Fiddle Division three years in a row may not compete in the Swing Fiddle Division the next year.



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