

Western Open Fiddle Championships



Robert Strawn Waltz Contest Rules

In addition to the General Contest Rules, the following rules apply specifically to the Robert Strawn Waltz Contest:

1. A contestant may enter this division only once, but may play *any acoustic instrument*.
2. Each contestant must play one waltz, or a medley of waltzes.
3. **Four minute fifteen second playing time will be strictly adhered to. Timing will start when the contestant or any accompanist plays any note on stage.** Contestant 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 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 Waltz Contest three years in a row may not compete in the Waltz Contest for at least one year.



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