

**2009 Rockbridge County Fair OPEN Fiddle & Banjo Contests
Schedules & Rules**

1. Fiddle and banjo contest is Saturday, July 18, 2009.
2. Banjo contest starts at 12 PM & the fiddle contest starts at 2 PM on the fair stage. The event ends at 4 PM.
3. Registration begins at 10 AM at the fair stage area.
4. All banjo contestants draw numbers at 11:45 AM to determine the order of competition. Late contestants may compete but will have to perform first. Fiddle contestants will draw numbers at 1:45 PM or immediately after the banjo contest. Late contestants may compete but will have to perform first. The contest will begin immediately after the drawing. Only tunes from the traditional/public domain - no copyrighted music - will be permitted
5. Contestants may perform in any style (old-time, bluegrass, Irish, Scottish, country, etc.) Performance of traditional tunes is encouraged. Only tunes from the public domain - no copyrighted music - will be permitted
6. Contestants may play unaccompanied or with one or two accompanists, but only the fiddle (fiddle contest) or banjo (banjo contest) is to play lead. Leads by accompanist will reduce the judge's score. No electric instruments or amplification will be allowed other than the Rockbridge Fair's sound system.
7. Contestants will perform two tunes: these may be in different keys or tempos. (One tune is possible)
8. Only tunes from the public domain - no copyrighted music - will be permitted.
9. All performances will be judged on rhythm/timing, execution, and difficulty of fiddle and banjo styles.
10. The contest is divided into two age categories: Open and Junior (16 and under). Young fiddlers and banjo players may elect to enter the open category instead of the junior.
11. Accidents beyond the control of the contestant (such as broken strings, bad sound, etc) may result in a replay if the judges so merit.
12. By performing, all contestants agree that the sponsor may record and reproduce performances free of claim by contestants.
13. Prizes and awards will immediately follow the contest.

14. Rules governing ties will be available at the judge's booth.

15. The judge's decisions are final.

16. Prizes, Trophies and Ribbons

Banjo & Fiddle Prizes – Open Contest

1st Place \$50 & Ribbon

2nd Place \$30 & Ribbon

3rd Place \$20 & Ribbon

4^t –10th Place Ribbon

Banjo & Fiddle Prizes –Junior

1st Place \$25 & Ribbon

2nd Place \$15 & Ribbon

3rd Place \$10 & Ribbon

4^t –10th Place Ribbon