

Rochester Country Fair  
**Fiddle Contest Application**  
Saturday, August 18, 2018 starting at 1pm



Location: 65 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770 under the main tent  
(General admission \$5 / parking free). Event is rain or shine  
The contest will be followed by a jam open to all.

<u>Division</u>	<u>1st Prize</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup> Prize</u>
Novice (any age)	ribbon	ribbon	ribbon	ribbon	ribbon
Youth (under 18)	\$50	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15
Senior (55+)	\$75	\$50	\$30	\$25	\$20
Open	\$150	\$100	\$50	\$30	\$25

### RULES

1. Each contestant in each round will play a waltz, a tune of choice and a hoedown IN THAT ORDER. Tunes which do not meet the definitions below or tunes played out of order will be disqualified and not scored at all.
  - a. A WALTZ can be any tune in  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.
  - b. A TUNE OF CHOICE must be a jig (6/8, 9/8, 12/8 time) or a tune in slow 2/4 or 4/4 time such as a schottische, clog, strathspey, slow hornpipe, or similar tune. Tunes in fast 2/4 or 4/4 time such as polkas, two-steps, rags or fast marches may not be played as a tune of choice but only as a hoedown if otherwise appropriate.
  - c. A HOEDOWN is any fast tune in 2/4 or 4/4 time commonly used for square dancing or contra dancing, such as a reel, fast hornpipe, breakdown or similar tune.
2. Contestants will be judged 25 points for authenticity (old tunes and a definite old time style of playing); 25 points for expression; 25 points for rhythm and time (old danceable time); and 25 points for tone quality and clarity (pure, clear notes) in each round by each judge.
3. There will be no restriction on the age or derivation of tunes, except that they must be from a recognized tradition of dance fiddling. Tunes may be from the British Isles or North American, including New England, Southern and Western styles; Anglo, French and Scots Canadian; English, Scottish, Irish and Shetland styles.
4. Fiddlers may play with an accompanist (must bring your own instrument/accompanist). The fiddler must lead at all times with accompanist picking or playing only rhythm.
5. Contestants will draw for order of appearance as they register. Early arrivals have the best chance at avoiding first appearance...ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE READY TO PLAY WHEN CALLED.
6. Use the entry blank below to submit entries. The first 20 entries will be assured a place on the program. Tunes can be listed at Registration. Rules will be discussed prior to the contest beginning.
7. Tunes are played from memory and each player has 8 minutes playing time total. A penalty will be assessed if you run over your allotted time. No medleys, trick bowing or double shuffle.

Registration: No entrance fee in 2018 for all categories thanks to a generous donation. Pre-registration is appreciated as it streamlines the process on Saturday.

**Mail to:** Tiffany Sadeck, 1009 Walnut Plain Road, Rochester, MA 02770

Questions call Tiffany Sadeck at 774-283-3188.

More Fair info available at [www.rochesterma.com](http://www.rochesterma.com)

To pre-register cut and mail in form below by 8/10/18

<b>Fiddle Contest 2018 Registration</b>	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City,State,Zip:	_____
Phone:	_____ E mail _____
Division:	_____