

# 2018 Contestant Guidelines

All members of Fiddlers Inc take great pleasure and pride in hosting the Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship. Growth of the contest over the past four years has far exceeded our expectations and has caused the event planning group to take a concerted look at how we might improve efficiency in the conduct and management of the competition.

**We need the cooperation of every contestant, the accompanists and parents to ensure that the 2018 contest is pleasant, fun, efficient and worth attending. We anticipate that eighty or more contestants will participate in the event. We ask that each and every one of you do your best to follow the guidelines provided below.**

- 1. Study the Contest Rules:** We ask that all contestants and parents review the contest rules prior to the day of competition. Copy of the rules can be downloaded from our website; [www.fiddlersofidaho.org](http://www.fiddlersofidaho.org). Questions related to the rules can be addressed by email to [richard@fiddlersofidaho.org](mailto:richard@fiddlersofidaho.org).
- 2. Check-In:** All contestants must check-in at the appropriate registration table between 7:30am and 8:45am. If you pay your entry fee(s) at Check-In, please pay with exact cash or check. To expedite the process, please have your check written before you arrive at the head of the line. Checks should be made payable to **Fiddlers of Idaho**. Remember that there is an additional \$2.50 charge for contest registration on Saturday morning.
- 3. If you need an Accompanist:** Please tell the clerk at the Check-In desk that you will need an accompanist. We will provide a list of musicians that have volunteered to be accompanists.
- 4. Respond to the calls for your division:** Each competitive division will receive two calls; first is **Assembly Call** followed by **Final Call**. Both are explained below. Each call will be announced in the auditorium, the South campus practice rooms and hall ways.
- 5. Assembly Call:** Contestants will assemble with their fiddles and bows in the open space outside the three practice rooms of the South campus hallway. Contestants have five minutes to assemble. The Division Guide will conduct roll call to verify that all registered contestants are present. The order of play will be announced and the division photograph will be taken. Contestants should remain in the South campus practice rooms or hallway following the completion of Assembly Call.
- 6. Final Call:** Contestants have five minutes to respond to Final Call. Roll-call will be conducted in order of play. Contestants must complete their tune sheets at final call. When directed, the division will move as a group into the North hallway. Chairs for the next division to perform will be separated from the chairs for the division currently performing.
- 7. Next Two Contestants to Perform:** The next two contestants to perform must be sitting in assigned seats at the back entrance to the stage. **If a contestant is not in position to go on stage at the appropriate time and they miss their Order of Play, they will be disqualified.** Refer to Rule # 13.
- 8. North Practice Room:** There is one practice room in the North hallway. The room is for use by contestants in the division currently performing. When the last two contestants in the division currently performing are in their seats and ready to go on stage, the room will be opened to the next division to perform.
- 9. There will be no music practice in the North hallway.**