

2018 Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship Information Statements

Integrity of the Judging Process. Recruiting judges for the Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship contest is accomplished through a fair and equitable selection process involving one or more individuals that are not members of Fiddlers Inc and are not fiddling instructors in the State of Idaho. Final review of credentials and acceptance of an individual as a contest judge is the sole responsibility of the Fiddlers of Idaho Board of Directors.

The challenge to each judge is to independently and fairly score the performance of each contestant without knowledge of who is performing. Once a Judge signs his or her score sheet for a specific contestant they have no opportunity to change the scores. Judges are not, at any time during the contest, informed of the tabulated scores. Judges are not aware of the final top five contestant standings in any division until they hear such information announced at the awards ceremonies. Judges are not allowed to discuss with the public the performance of any contestant at any time during the contest. For the purposes of this contest, the term “Public” includes contestants, instructors, accompanists, parents and all other members of the general audience.

We ask all members of the Public to refrain from any activity that would or could potentially compromise the integrity of the judging process.

Your Feedback is Important to Us. Comments, concerns, recommendations or complaints can be submitted by Instructors, Accompanists, Parents or a Contestant in any of the Junior or Adult divisions. The issue can address contest rules, rules violations, contest operations or procedures or the judging process. Please submit your comment, concern or recommendation verbally or in writing to the Contest Manager. The Contest Manager is Mr. Richard Fife. Email: Richard@fiddlersofidaho.org.

A complaint must be submitted in writing to the Contest Chairman.

Chairman for the 2018 Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship Contest is Mr. Kenneth Worthington, 41 Kilpatrick Bridge Road, Bellevue, ID 83313. E-mail: ken@fiddlersofidaho.org.

Lifetime Contribution Award. Each year during the Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship events, we will recognize an individual that made significant contribution during their lifetime to the fiddling culture in the State of Idaho. The 2018 award recipient will be announced Friday evening, April 13th at the concert. Nominations for the **2019** award recipient can be submitted by email to the Contest Manager. Please provide the name of the nominee; name, address, phone and email for a point of contact that is related to the nominee and the name, phone number and email address of the person making the nomination. Deadline for submitting a nomination is January 1, 2019. Final selection of the recipient is made by the Fiddlers of Idaho Board of Directors.

Names in the Contest Program. Public comment received following the 2017 contest asked that we publish the names of contestants and their hometown in the program. The 2018 contest program will include this information for preregistered contestants. Names will be listed by competitive division in the order that we receive the contestant’s application. The program will go to the printer on Saturday April 7, 2018. Copies of the program will be provided to all contestants in their registration packet to be picked up at check-in. Copies of the program will also be handed out to the public at the concert Friday evening.