

49th Anniversary Payson Old Time Fiddle & Acoustic Celebration

September 27-29, 2019

FULL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, September 27

Friday Night Concert (Opry) at Payson High School Longhorn Auditorium

Special Consensus featuring Cisco and the Racecars

Doors open at 5:30pm

Show begins at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$15

Saturday, September 28

Vertilee Floyd Memorial Arizona State Championship

Payson Multi-Event Center

Gates open at 8:30am | Opening Ceremonies at 9:00am

Features: Age Group Competitions, Ben Sandoval Memorial Band Competition, Trick Fiddle, Cross-tuned

5:00pm-6:30pm Dinner Concert featuring the Arizona Wildflowers

6:45pm Fiddler Workshop with Vi Wickam (\$25 per person, onsite)

8:00pm Campfire Jam Session

Sunday, September 29

Gospel Program & Championship Divisions

Gates open at 8:30am | Opening Ceremonies at 9:00am

9:00am-11:00am Gospel Program featuring Cisco and the Racecars

11:00am Championship Divisions + Fancy & Twin Fiddle

NOTICE: Dry Camping at Payson Multi-Event Center:

Dry Camping is available at the Payson Multi-Event Center the nights of Friday, September 27 & Saturday, September 28. Dry Camping is a \$10 per night.

2019 CONTEST RULES

1. REGISTRATION

- a. All fiddlers entering this contest must be legal residents of Arizona for at least 6 months immediately prior to the contest and be able to provide proof, if questions arise.
- b. Online registration is encouraged (www.paysonrimcountry.com/fiddle).
- c. Onsite registration will open at 8:30am-12:00pm on Saturday, September 28 & Sunday, September 29.
- d. Once a category has begun, it will be to the Town of Payson staff discretion if additional registrations for that category will be accepted.
- e. Contestants must register and draw for order of appearance before their category begins.
- f. Two weekend passes for relatives or friends will be given to all contestants who PAY ENTRY FEES.
NOTE: this does not include the dinner ticket to the Saturday Dinner Concert.
- a. Entry fees will be refunded to those who notify the Town of Payson prior to 9/23 at 8:00am of their inability to attend.

2. GENERAL RULES for the FIDDLERS CONTEST

- a. Contestants must be ready to go on stage when called or may be disqualified.
- b. Contact microphones, amplified instruments, and music stands are not permitted.
- c. No tune may be played more than once by the same contestant during all divisions of the fiddle contest or band competition, if applicable. Repeating tunes or unqualified tunes may result in disqualification.
- d. If a contestant is uncertain whether a tune qualifies, he/she may submit the title in writing to the Contest Committee/Staff for verification by the judges.
- e. If a string breaks, the fiddler may continue or stop. If the tune is complete, it will be judged as played. If the fiddler stops, he/she will be allowed to begin with that tune and complete his/her program. The four minute time limit will be appropriately adjusted to the start of that time.

3. AGE DIVISION AND CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

- a. Contestants must first play a hoedown tune, second tune a waltz, and a third tune of their choice, other than a hoedown or a waltz.
- b. Judges will score on old time fiddling ability, difficulty of tune, rhythm (timing), tone quality, and dance ability of tunes played.
- c. No trick or fancy fiddling is allowed in these divisions.
- d. There is a four minute time limit. Ten points will be deducted from the total score for each 30 second interval over, or portion thereof. (I.E., a 10 point deduction is assessed at 4 minutes and 1 second and another 10 points will be deducted at 4 minutes 31 seconds, and so on at each subsequent 30 second interval).
- e. Fiddlers may play without accompanist or with not more than two.
- f. If a large number of contestants sign up for any age division that division may be asked to play only a hoedown and a waltz. They would then have a three-minute time limit and the top four would be eligible for the Championship Division.

4. TWIN FIDDLE DIVISION

- a. One entry per fiddler in this division. One slow tune and one fast tune within a four-minute time limit. Up to two accompanists allowed for each pair of contestants. Must be at least two teams entered or division is cancelled.

5. CROSS-TUNED FIDDLE DIVISION

- a. Play one tune on a fiddle that has been cross-tuned. Draw your bow across your fiddle strings, just before playing, so that the judges can hear that the fiddle has been cross-tuned. Three-minute time limit. Must be at least two contestants entered or division is cancelled.

6. TRICK FIDDLE DIVISION or FANCY FIDDLE DIVISION

- a. Fiddlers must choose either the Trick or the Fancy Fiddle Division and may not compete in both. Fiddlers registering in either Division may appear on the stage only once during that division and may not serve as accompanist for other fiddlers in the division they are competing in.
- b. Fancy Fiddle Division is for fiddlers who want to play their tune in a "fancy" or "hot" style. Must be at least two contestants entered, per division, or division is cancelled.
- c. Trick Fiddle Division is for those who wish to hold their fiddle or bow in unusual positions, and/or perform a special trick while playing. Three-minute time limit. Must be at least two contestants entered, per division, or division is cancelled.

7. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

- a. The top 15 scoring fiddlers, plus the top 3 from each Age Division is eligible, but not required to enter the Championship Division. A list of eligible fiddlers will be posted at the end of the contest on Saturday.
- b. Scores from the Age Division will not be added to the score a fiddler receives in the Championship Division.
- c. The first round of the Championship Division will narrow the contestants down to the top seven. Four-minute time limit, as stated in rule # 3-d.
- d. The top seven scoring fiddlers will then play the second round. Four-minute time limit, as stated in rule # 3-d.
- e. Round one and round two scores of the Championship Division will be added together to determine the winners.
- f. After a third win as State Champion, a fiddler will be retired for five years before being eligible to compete in any division of the state contest again. State Champions may be asked to judge in following years.

8. ENTERTAINMENT

- a. Fiddle Contestants may not serve as entertainers on stage, between Contest Divisions, if they register to play in their Age Division and/or the Trick or Fancy Divisions. This rule does not apply to School Fiddle Bands who may entertain as a group and also compete individually in the contest. Fiddlers only entering the Cross-Tuned Fiddle Division and/or the Twin Fiddle Division may also serve as entertainment if needed, during each day of the contest. All Contest fiddlers may play in the morning gospel program and/or any scheduled evening show.
- b. Fiddlers competing as a member of a band in the *Payson Fiddle-in Band Competition* are eligible and encouraged to compete in age group and championship divisions, as long as they are Arizona residents and not otherwise ineligible. *The Payson Fiddle-in Band Competition* is a completely separate competition, scored separately from individual competition and is not considered "Entertainment" by the definition of these rules. As well, Fiddlers that are otherwise eligible for the State Championship categories are encouraged to compete in the "**Hot Bow**" open competition, and vice versa, even though the Hot Bow competition is NOT a state championship division.

9. ACCOMPANIST

Prizes based on the number of times you are on stage accompanying fiddlers during the contest. Winners will be determined by counting accompanists' names as listed on fiddlers' tune sheets. You do not need to be an AZ resident.

10. CONDUCT & DRESS

Please dress appropriately for family type entertainment. Your cooperation helps us promote your contest. **ALL DECISIONS** of the judges and the staff are final.

2019 PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

Age Divisions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Notes
<i>Small Fry (3-9 years)</i>	Buckle + \$70	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$10	all receive tee shirt, medal, certificate, special prize
<i>Junior Junior (10-12)</i>	Buckle + \$70	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$10	all receive tee shirt, medal, certificate, special prize
<i>Junior (13-17)</i>	Buckle+ \$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20	all receive tee shirt, top 5 receive certificate, +cash
<i>Young Adult (18-39)</i>	Buckle + \$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20	all receive tee shirt, top 5 receive certificate, +cash
<i>Adult (40-64)</i>	Buckle + \$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20	all receive tee shirt, top 5 receive certificate, +cash
<i>Senior (65+)</i>	Buckle + \$100	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20	all receive tee shirt, top 5 receive certificate, +cash
Masters, Hot Bow	\$1000	\$250	\$100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Championship Division	Buckle + \$600 +\$300*	\$350	\$250	\$150	\$50	6-10 place -\$40 11-18 certificate
Fiddle-in Band Contest	\$500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Grand prize plus 4 special prizes.
Specialty Divisions						
<i>Twin</i>	\$75					Specialty divisions shall have at least 2 contestants, or teams, or division will be cancelled
<i>Cross-tuned</i>	\$75					
<i>Fancy Trick</i>	\$75					
<i>Trick</i>	\$75					
Accompanists	\$75	\$50	\$35	\$25	\$20	

* Traveling expense reimbursement to Weiser paid only if State Champion competes in Weiser.

2019 ENTRY FORM

Division	Age	Entry Fee	X	Amount
Small Fry	3-9	\$10 - WAIVED BY AZOTFA		
Junior-Junior	10-12	\$10 - WAIVED BY AZOTFA		
Junior	13-17	\$10 - WAIVED BY AZOTFA		
Young Adult	18-39	\$10		
Adult	40-64	\$10		
Senior	65+	\$10		
Trick Fiddling or Fancy Fiddling	All	\$10		
Cross-Tune Fiddling	All	\$10		
Twin Fiddling	All	\$10 per team		

TOTAL FEE \$ _____

All fiddlers entering the state contest must be a resident of Arizona for at least the six months prior to the contest.
Make checks payable to Town of Payson.

NAME OF PARTNER: _____

I wish to enter the State Championship Old Time Fiddlers' Contest in Payson on September 28-29, 2019. I have read and agree to the Contest Rules. I understand that the decision of the Judges and the STAFF are final. I have been a legal resident of Arizona for the past six months and can prove it if necessary.

SIGNATURE: _____ PRINT NAME: _____

(If under 18, parent or guardian signature)

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, Arizona Zip: _____

Age: _____ Phone # (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Our Contest Committee would appreciate receiving entry forms and fees, in advance of the Contest. It would make registration on the weekend of the contest much easier for our volunteers. Entry fees will be refunded to anyone who registers by mail and cannot attend. Thank you for this consideration.

Waiver, Audio, Video, Photo Release

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Payson, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism sports programs, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that: the risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis or death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious death does exist; and, I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, if arising from the negligence of the release or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove

myself from participation and bring such to the attentions of the nearest official immediately; and, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assign, personal representative and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS The Town of Payson, Payson Parks, Recreation, its officers, officials, agents and/or employees, and if applicable, owners and lessors of the

premises used to conduct the event (releases), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

PHOTO/AUDIO/VIDEO RELEASE: As the of parent/guardian of the above listed minor, I understand that the participation may be photographed, audio/video recorded. I give consent to the above minor being photographed, audio and/or video recorded during their participation.

Signature (If under 18, parent or guardian signature)

Print Name

Date

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