

The Official String Band Festival of the State of Georgia
Gordon County Fiddlers' Convention
Saturday, March 28, 2020
Harris Arts Center, 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701

Competition Rules

Registration begins at noon, 2d floor, Ratner Theater foyer. Competition begins at 1 p.m., theater.

Competitors must be 15 years of age or older.

Each entrant or band representative must register beginning at noon. Registration may continue throughout the day for individual competitions, but no registration is allowed after numbers for competition order are drawn.

Drawing for order of contestants will take place in the Ratner Theater before the first contest and after completion of each following contest. Contestants must be present when number is called to compete or forfeit their status in that particular contest. Contestants are responsible for following progress of contests and being ready when called.

Tunes, dancing, and songs should be "Old Time" (pre-WWII) style. No electric instruments.

In the event of a playoff in Fiddle, Banjo, or String Band, contestants or bands must play a new tune. Playoffs will be decided by 1 tune per contestant or band.

Singing. Prizes, \$150/\$100/\$50

One singer, who may either sing a cappella, or sing with no more than two instrumental accompanists, or sing and accompany self with no more than one other instrumental accompanist. Should have 1 song for preliminary; final if judges request.

Buck Dance. \$150/\$100/\$50

If metal is worn on shoe soles, dancer must use own board. One dance plus final, if judges request. Band will be provided. Dance tunes will be decided by dancer and band.

Banjo. \$150/\$100/\$75

Metal finger-picks are allowed but may deduct from favor by judges. May play solo or have 1 accompanist. Preliminary round, 2 tunes of choice; 2d round at judges' discretion.

String Band. \$750/\$450/\$300

Band must consist of at least 3 instruments. No exceptions. First round, 2 tunes/songs of choice, 1 required to include vocals; 2d round at judges' discretion.

Fiddle. \$300/\$200/\$100

Be prepared to play 2 tunes of choice; judges may limit contestants to 1 tune each; 2d round at judges' discretion. May play solo or with 1 accompanist.

All judges' decisions will be final.