

The Gordon County Fiddlers' Convention 2017 Competition Rules:

Location: Harris Arts Center, 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701

Competitors must be 15 years of age or older.

Each entrant or band representative to sign up in advance at the designated registration table, 2nd floor Theater lobby, at 12:00 PM Saturday, April 29. Registration may continue throughout the day for individual competitions, but no registration is allowed after numbers are drawn.

Competitions begin at 1:00 with Singing, followed by Buck Dancing, Banjo, String Band and Fiddle. Start times are approximate, so contestants should keep aware of contest progress.

Drawing for order of contestants will take place in the Ratner Theater 10 minutes prior to start of each contest. Contestant must be present when number is called to compete, or their contestant status in that particular contest is forfeit.

No electric instruments permitted, and tunes, dancing and songs should be of "Old Time" pre-WWII style.

Fiddle – Prizes – 1. \$200 2. \$100 3. \$75

Preliminary round – 2 tunes of choice. (Be prepared to play 2 tunes, but depending on the number of contestants in this category, judges will have discretion to limit contestants to 1 tune each.)

May play solo or with maximum 1 accompanist.

(2nd Round at the discretion of Judges)

Banjo – Prizes – 1. \$100 2. \$75 3. \$50

Old time styles and tunes only. Metal finger-picks may deduct from favor of judges, but not prohibited.

May play solo or with maximum 1 additional accompanist.

Preliminary round – 2 tunes of choice. (Be prepared to play 2 tunes, but depending on the number of contestants in this category, judges will have discretion to limit contestants to 1 tune each.)

(2nd Round at discretion of Judges)

String Band – Prizes - 1. \$500 2. \$300 3. \$200

Old time styles and tunes only. Band must consist of at least 2 stringed instruments.

2 tunes/songs of choice, 1 required to include vocals.

(2nd Round at discretion of Judges)

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

Buck Dance – Prizes - 1st/2nd/3rd - \$75/\$50/\$25

Old time style dance. If metal is worn on shoe soles, dancer must use own board.

One dance for preliminary and final, if needed.

Band will be provided.

Singing - Old time styles and tunes only.

1st/2nd/3rd - \$75/\$50/\$25

Solo or with no more than two instrument accompanists.

One song for preliminary and final, if needed.

Decisions by the judges will be final.