



AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER of Davis & Elkins College™

Fiddle & Banjo CONTEST RULES:

1. Each contestant must play two tunes appropriate for the category entered.
 - a. Showy or popular crowd-pleasing tunes may not be the best choice for judging.
 - b. Medley-style tunes are not allowed.
2. Each contestant may play alone or with one rhythm accompanist.
3. No electric instruments are allowed.
4. Contestants must play the correct instrument for their category.
5. In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
6. The first contestant in each category will have the option (but is not required) to replay at the end of that category.
7. Judging will be based on intonation, timing, difficulty of selection, technical proficiency, and tune selection.
8. In the event of a tie, the judges will confer with each other to decide the best course of action. Judges are **permitted but not required** to ask the tied contestants to each play an additional tune to aid in final decision.
9. Three judges will independently score contestants. The total combined score from all three judges will decide the winner.
 - a. Contestants will not be given score sheets.
 - b. Judges' decisions are final.
10. The awards ceremony for all contests will be held immediately following the flatfoot dance competition.