

2023 46th Worthen Memorial Contest Rules and Entry Form
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FORMS AND FEES IS 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY 01/7/23
Mandatory – FIDDLERS & JUDGES MEETING @ 8:40 AM SATURDAY

1. Entry fees and applications are due the day of your category competition, by 8am.
2. All contestants shall draw for initial order of appearance. Contestants who are not ready when their number is called will be disqualified. Your draw number will be the same for both rounds.
3. ALL contestants **MUST** attend the fiddler and judges' meeting. Any rule changes, clarifications and/or answers to questions will be provided at that time. Failure to attend will **NOT** be reason for not knowing about any such changes presented there. Competitors may not have sheet music on stage.
4. **All age divisions** except Small Fry, Jr. Jr. and Novice: each contestant shall play two rounds consisting of a **hoedown, waltz and tune of their choice (not a waltz or hoedown)**.
5. **Small Fry, Junior/Junior** and **Novice** divisions will play one round consisting of a hoedown, waltz and tune of their choice (not a waltz or hoedown) to determine the winner.
6. **Novice** division accepts beginning level fiddlers of any age, who have not competed in a contest previously. Participation in the Novice division is in lieu of entering an age group category.
7. **Accompanists** will play one round of two (2) tunes, a fast and a slow in any order. There will be a four (4) minute time limit.
8. **Other stringed instruments** - (Viola, Cello, Banjo, Mando, Guitar (picking), Dulcimers, etc.) will play one round of two (2) tunes - a hoedown and a waltz. There will be a (4) minute time limit.
9. **Husband & Wife** division will play two rounds of two (2) tunes, a fast and a slow in any order. One person must be the fiddler and the other the accompanist. No other musicians may be on stage other than the husband and wife that are competing. There will be a four (4) minute time limit. Contestants must be domestic partners in order to compete in this category.
10. **Vocal division** will perform one round of one (1) tune. Tunes are accepted from the country, bluegrass, old time, swing, Appalachian or Celtic styles. There will be a three (3) minute time limit. Performer may have up to 3 accompanists, accompanists should not take "breaks". Vocal division will have separate judges.
11. **Twin Fiddle** – will play two rounds of two (2) tunes, a fast and a slow in any order. There will be a four (4) minute time limit.
12. **Trick and/or Fancy** fiddling (hokum bowing, plucking, etc) is permitted only in the **Trick and Fancy** division, but not in the age divisions or championship division. There will be two rounds with one tune played in each round. There will be a four (4) minute time limit.
13. 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 may result in disqualification.

14. There is a five (5) minute time limit across all age divisions. 10 points will be deducted from the total score for each 30-second interval over, or portion thereof. (If the time limit is 5 minutes, a 10-point deduction is assessed at 5 minutes 1 second and another 10 points will be deducted at 5 minutes 31 seconds and so on at each subsequent 30-second interval thereafter.)
15. NO MEDLEYS may be played in any category.
16. Each contestant may have no more than three accompanists, no amplified or electrical instruments allowed. Accompanists must be of a type OTHER than the category (i.e. a fiddle cannot have another fiddle accompany them in a fiddle division).
17. There will be three judges. Decisions of the judges will be final.
18. Contestants will be judged on tone, rhythm, intonation, danceability and old time style.
19. Judges score sheets will be available upon completion of contest.
20. Scores will be posted after each round of play. Grand Champion scores will not be posted.
21. Division tiebreakers will be played at the end of each division with one hoedown being played.
22. The **Grand Champion** division will held on Sunday after all other divisions have played. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each age division are automatically entered into this category and there is no entry fee. Winners are welcome (and encouraged) to attend on Sunday afternoon to play in this division.
23. **Grand Champion** division contestants will play two tunes – one fast and one slow – in any order with a four (4) minute limit. Numbers will be drawn right before the division play begins.
24. 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 time limit will be appropriately adjusted to the start of that time.
25. Any performer winning first place in *any* category (except grand champion) three years in succession must lay out for one year before competing again in the category in which they won first place though they may compete in other categories for which they would otherwise be eligible.
26. Disputes will be submitted to the judges and contest committee at the time of the event and a decision rendered at that time. The decision of the judges and committee on the problem presented will be final.
27. Any person hired by the contest (i.e. judges and hired accompanists) may not compete in the contest.
28. Any questions on rules may be submitted before or during the Judges meeting and will be considered by the judges and/or committee as deemed appropriate by the committee. Answers and clarifications will be provided at the judges meeting on the Saturday of the event.
29. Recordings may be sold. AOTFA will handle sales. Details and check in at the event.
30. Everyone have a GOOD TIME!

Official Entry Form
The Silver Spur Rodeo, Inc. and
The Territorial Chapter of the AZ Old Time Fiddlers Association
Present
The 46th Worthen Memorial Old Time Fiddle Contest
January 7 & 8, 2023

NAME (PLEASE Print) _____ Age _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ACCOMPANIST (IF KNOWN) _____

Division & Entry fee:

Day 1:

____ Young Adult (18-39) \$ ____ 10.00
____ Adult (40-65) \$ ____ 10.00
____ Senior (66-79) \$ ____ 10.00
____ Senior /Senior(80 and over)\$ ____ 10.00
____ Novice – No Entry Fee
____ Husband & Wife \$ ____ 10.00
____ Accompanist (18 and over) \$ ____ 10.00
____ Vocal (18 and over) \$ ____ 10.00
____ Band Scramble No Entry Fee

Day 2:

____ Junior (13-17) \$ ____ 5.00
____ Twin Fiddle \$ ____ 10.00
____ Trick and Fancy \$ ____ 10.00
____ Other Stringed Instruments \$ ____ 10.00
____ Small Fry (8 and under) No Entry Fee
____ Junior/Junior (9-12) No Entry Fee
____ Jr. Accompanist (17 and under)\$ ____ 10.00
____ Jr. Vocal (17 and under)\$ ____ 10.00

____ Grand Champion (Open to all fiddle age division
1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners) - No Entry Fee

CONTEST WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 a.m. ON Saturday, 8:30 on Sunday, and play in the above listed order.

Please make checks payable to Silver Spur Rodeo, Inc. Registrations may be completed in advance and mailed by Dec. 31, 2022 to:

Silver Spur Rodeo, Inc.
PO Box 2797 Yuma, AZ 85366.

Awards:

Small Fry - \$20/15/10

Junior/Junior - \$25/20/15 plus Certificate

Junior \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Young Adult \$70/50/40 plus Certificate

Novice \$15/10/5

Adult \$70/50/40 plus Certificate

Senior \$70/50/40 plus Certificate

Senior/Senior \$70/50/40 plus Certificate

Husband & Wife \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Jr. Accompanist \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Accompanist \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Jr. Vocal – \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Vocal – \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Band Scramble – Certificates

Other stringed instruments - (Viola, Cello, Banjo, Mando, Dulcimers, etc.) \$50/\$30/\$25

Twin Fiddle \$50/30/20 plus Certificate

Trick and Fancy \$50/30/25 plus Certificate

Grand Champion \$125 & Trophy / 75 & Trophy / 60 & Trophy