



2026 J.W. & Vertielee Floyd Memorial Old Time
Fiddlers' Contest
Arizona State Championship – Payson, Arizona



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Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Location: Mazatzal Hotel and Casino and Payson Event Center

8:00am Registration at the Mazatzal Hotel and Casino Ballroom

9:00 am

Contest Kick off - Introductions

9:05 am

National Anthem

9:10 am

Small Fry Division, Junior Junior Division, Junior Division

10/15-minute break

Awards Announcement/Tie Breaker for Small Fry, Junior Junior, Junior Divisions

10:30

Young Adult, Senior, and Adult Divisions

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12:30-1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:30pm

Grand Champion Division Round 1

2:45 pm

Open Talent Division

3:15 pm

Grand Champion Division Round 2

10/15-minute break for scoring

Award Announcement – Top 2 scores will do a face off on stage during Headliner concert at the Payson Event Center @ 8pm

4:45 pm Twin Competition

5:00 pm Trick Competition

5:15 pm Band Competition

6:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Fiddlers Jam (if time allows)

*****Spectators will be allowed to clap after the contestant performs their entire set list.*****

****Divisions and Competition categories may appear earlier or later than the time expressed on the schedule based on participation. Schedule subject to change based on participation. Times above are not guaranteed.****