

Official Rules for 2008 WUIS Young Fiddlers Contest:

The competition will be held Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the Visitor's Center at Lincoln's New Salem Park.

Contestants will sign up to perform for this competition starting at 12:00 PM Saturday May 3, 2008 at the New Salem Visitor's Center. No pre-registration is required.

The contestant order will be randomly assigned at the contest site prior to the start of the competition. You must be present to receive your assignment.

Competition is for amateurs only, no professional musicians. (Professional musicians defined as being paid or compensated in any way for your music abilities.)

No electronic instruments or drums of any kind will be permitted.

You may use an accompanist if you wish.

Contestants will be limited to a 5-minute presentation on stage. Allowance will be made for retuning or string breaking.

Contestants must play two pieces. One breakdown, reel or hornpipe, *and* one Waltz.

Contestants compete in one of two categories: Junior Division: through and including 8th grade and Senior Division: all High School grades.

Contestants who fail to comply with any of the these rules risk disqualification.

Contestants will be judged on the following qualities:

50% Instrumental Performance (ability, etc.),
30% Material Selection (difficulty),
20% overall stage presence.

Tips from the Judges:

Perform material within your playing ability. The judges mark you down if you get *way over your head*.

Music competitions are a test of nerve as much as skill. Your ability to perform elegantly under pressure is part of the experience.

It affects your score negatively to stray too far from the musical genre.

By entering the contest, all performers agree to release to WUIS WIPA all rights to use likenesses (still pictures, videos, audio recordings or any other medium deemed necessary) for the purpose of event promotion and broadcast on WUIS/WIPA. Finalists will be chosen by a select panel of judges. WUIS has no control over judging. The decision of the judges is final.

Audience response is not considered in judging.

PRIZE Money:

Senior Division:	Freshman-Senior in High School	
1st Prize	\$500.00	
2 nd Place	\$300.00	
3 rd Place	\$100.00	
Junior Division:	Grade School through 8 th Grade	
1st Prize	\$500.00	
2 nd Place	\$300.00	
3 rd Place	\$100.00	