

# Berlin Fiddlers Convention

## Competition Rules 2022

### Category Guidelines:

YOUTH: 16 and under (youth may perform in adult categories, Adults are not permitted, other than as an accompanist, in youth categories)

ADULT: 17+ years old

1. **Fiddle** - Contest is for four string, acoustic fiddles only. Standards such as “Listen to the Mockingbird”, “Orange Blossom Special” or “Black Mountain Rag” are not allowed
2. **Flatpicking** - Acoustic or Resonator Guitars only
3. **Open Youth** - Open to Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar, Mandolin & Band<sup>1</sup>
4. **Open Adult** - Open to Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar, Mandolin & Band<sup>1</sup>

**NO DRUMS PLEASE**

**NO SIX-STRING BANJO/GUITJOS PLEASE**

### Registration Guidelines

1. Pre-Registered contestants will have sign-up priority
2. Contestants MUST sign in upon arrival at the judges table
3. No contestant is allowed to register after a category is completed
1. Judges are not permitted to enter or perform in any category either as a contestant or an accompanist
4. Contestants must be ready and available to perform when their category is called. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
5. Tuning, warm-up, rehearsal or any other audible actions MUST be done away from the stage, active competitors and any convention audience. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

### Performance Guidelines

2. NO electric or amplified instruments will be permitted in ANY category
3. NO drums permitted in ANY category
4. NO Sheet music. Contestants must play from memory.
5. Contestants performing individually may perform solo or with up to two (2) accompanists. Accompanists MAY NOT play melody.
6. Individual contestants must perform two (2) songs
7. Band Contestants must be prepared to play three (3) songs
8. Individual contestants must limit their total performance time to FIVE (5) MINUTES. Excessively exceeding this time limit will result in disqualification.
9. Band contestants must limit their total performance time to TEN (10) MINUTES. Excessively exceeding this time limit will result in disqualification

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<sup>1</sup> Open categories may be changed or limited by the event organizers.