Atlantic Gateway Fiddling Championship

Presented by the Kiwanis Club of St. Stephen

Contest Rules

Under 13 Class: Contestants will play one tune of their choice within a three minute time limit. Tune must be declared at registration. Contestant must be under 13 at time of the contest.

Open Class: In the Saturday playdown round, contestants must play a waltz, jig and reel or breakdown or hornpipe, played in that order, within a four minute time limit. Tunes must be declared on registration form. In the Sunday final round, selected finalist may play different tunes from the preliminary round. The final round set of tune will consist of a waltz, jig, reel or breakdown or hornpipe, played in that order, within five minute time limit. The tunes must be declared prior to the playoff round. Playing over the time limit will result in a penalty from the combined total of the judge's scores.

Judges will award points on the following basis in both classes. Each category will be judged based on a maximum score of 25 points. (100 total) Scores from all judges will be totalled for a final mark.

1. **Time and Tempo**: Time must be steady. Tempo must be suitable dance style.
2. **Tone:** Quality of sound, clarity of notes and intonation.
3. **Style and Technique**: Old time style, free and easy, smooth, graceful and polished. Degree of difficulty and ease of performance.
4. **Overall Accuracy:**

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Accompanists: Contestants may have one accompanist, using any one instrument. The accompanist must chord and not play melody or harmony.

Accidents: In case of an accident beyond player's control. (such as broken string, technical malfunction, etc.) contestant may replay at the discretion of the judges.

Order of Playing: After registrations are received the order of play will be determined by a draw. The order of play will be printed on the program and the contestants will be given a number at check in. The order for the Sunday's finals will also be determined by a draw after Saturday's preliminaries.

Contestants Must Be Ready To Play When Called: Contestants must be waiting in the wings and ready to go on stage when name is announced. There will be warm up rooms provided for contestants.

Ties: The top five positions will advance from the preliminaries. In the finals if there is a tie, the judges will use the scores from the preliminaries to determine position.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by **May 15th.**

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Contest Schedule:

Saturday May 30th

Check In Under 13:	**8:30 - 9:00**
Under 13 Playdowns:	**9:00 -12:00**
Check In Open	**12:30 - 1:00**
Open Playdowns	**1:00 - 2:30**
"Cross Border Extravaganza"	**2:30-4:00**
Open Playdowns	**4:00-5:00**
Open Playdowns	**6:00-8:00**
""Don Messer Memories"	**8:00-9:30**

Sunday May 31st

Under 13 and Open Finals	**1:00-2:00**
"Ned Landry Tribute"	**2:00-3:30**