

**2017 41<sup>st</sup> Worthen Memorial Contest Rules and Entry Form**  
**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FORMS AND FEES IS 9:30 A.M.**  
**SATURDAY 01/14/17**

**Mandatory – FIDDLERS & JUDGES MEETING @ 9:40 AM SATURDAY**

1. Entry fees and applications due before 9:30 am on Saturday, no late entries will be accepted
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. Failure to do so could be grounds for disqualification. 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. Anyone unable to attend this meeting must notify the committee in writing as to why they cannot attend. (Emergencies will be considered as they are presented.)
4. All age divisions except Jr. Jr., each contestant shall play two rounds consisting of a **hoedown, waltz and tune of their choice (not a waltz or hoedown)**.
5. Junior/Junior division will play one round consisting of a hoedown, waltz and tune of their choice (not a waltz or hoedown) to determine the winner.
6. 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.
7. Other stringed instruments - (Viola, Cello, Banjo, Mando, Dulcimers, etc.) will play one round of two (2) tunes - a hoedown and a waltz.. There will be a (4) minute time limit. For the purposes of this division guitar is not considered to be an "other stringed instrument" and may be used for accompaniment only.
8. 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 married to each other in order to compete in this category.
9. 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.
10. Trick and/or Fancy fiddling are permitted in the Trick or Fancy division but not in the age or championship division. There will be one round and one tune played in that round with a four (4) minute time limit.
11. 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.
12. 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.)

13. NO MEDLEYS may be played in any category.
14. Each contestant may have no more than two 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).
15. There will be three judges. Decisions of the judges will be final.
16. Contestants will be judged on tone, timing, danceability and old time style.
17. CROSS TUNING WILL BE PERMITTED in all categories. The old fiddlers used this as a standard technique even in Arizona (listen to Kenner "K.C." Kartchner – born in the late 1800's) and as such is recognized as a normal old time fiddle technique.
18. Judges score sheets will be available upon completion of contest.
19. Scores will be posted after each round of play. Grand Champion scores will not be posted.
20. Division tiebreakers will be played at the end of each division with one hoedown being played.
21. The Grand Champion division will held on Sunday after all other divisions have played. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of each age division are automatically entered into this category and there is no entry fee. Junior/Junior winners are welcome (and encouraged) to return on Sunday to play in this division.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. Any person hired by the contest (i.e. judges and hired accompanists) may not compete in the contest.
27. 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.
28. Recordings may be sold. AOTFA will handle sales. Details and check in at the event.

Official Entry Form  
Yuma Jaycees & Alexander Flightline Mazda  
Present  
**The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Worthen Memorial Old Time Fiddle Contest**  
January 14 & 15, 2017

NAME (PLEASE Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOMPANIST (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

**Division & Entry fee:**

\_\_\_\_ Junior/Junior (12 and under) No Entry Fee

\_\_\_\_ Junior (13-17) \$ \_\_\_\_ 5.00

\_\_\_\_ Young Adult (18-39) \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Adult (40-64) \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Senior (65-79) \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Senior/Senior (80 and over) \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Husband & Wife \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Trick and Fancy \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Accompanist \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Other Stringed Instruments \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Twin Fiddle \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00

\_\_\_\_ Band Scramble No Entry Fee

\_\_\_\_ Grand Champion (Open to all fiddle division 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners) - No Entry Fee

**CONTEST WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 a.m. ON BOTH DAYS and play in the order above**

Please make checks payable to The Yuma Jaycees Registration may be completed in advance and mailed by January 3, 2017\_ to:

Mary Worthen  
13482 S. Avenue 4E  
Yuma, AZ 85365

Awards:

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

Junior \$35/25/20 plus Certificate

Young Adult \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Adult \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Senior \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Senior/Senior \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Husband & Wife \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Twin Fiddle \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Trick and Fancy \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Accompanist \$70/45/30 plus Certificate

Other stringed instruments - (Viola, Cello, Banjo, Mando, Dulcimers, etc.) \$50/\$35/\$25

Band Scramble – Certificates

Grand Champion \$125 & Trophy / 60 & Trophy / 40 & Trophy