

Nanaimo Fiddle Society  
Fiddle Festival - Adjudicated Sessions

2019 Syllabus and Rules

**Photography and Recording**

- Absolutely no photography or recording (audio or visual) will be permitted during the adjudicated sessions. If an audience member is observed taking photos or making recordings, the performer will be disqualified.

**Eligibility**

- Participation in the NFS Fiddle Festival Adjudicated Sessions is open to all those who qualify as amateur musicians. Anyone who makes their living as a professional performing or recording musician is not eligible to enter classes.
- For the purposes of registration, the performer's age category is determined by their age on January 1, 2019.

**Registration**

- Registration forms are available on the Nanaimo Fiddle Society website at [www.nanaimofiddlesociety.org](http://www.nanaimofiddlesociety.org).
- Registration fees must be paid in full before entries will be confirmed.
- Registration and fees deadline is March 1, 2019.
- Performers are asked to complete one copy of the *Program Form* (found on the website) for each class entered, and present these forms when arriving at the venue on performance day.

**Classes and Tune Selections**

- *Performer's Choice* can include a single tune or a medley of tunes (performed as a continuous medley as opposed to in contest style)
- *Own Composition* entries may only include music written by the performer.
- *Twin Fiddle* classes must feature two bowed strings (fiddle, viola, or cello) with or without an accompanying instrument.
- Entries in the *Small Ensemble* classes must include no more than 6 performers. Three or more members of each small ensemble must be playing bowed strings (fiddle/viola/cello).
- Entries in the *Large Ensemble* classes must include 7 or more performers, 6 of which must be bowed strings (fiddle/viola/cello).
- Participants are allowed only one entry per class/category.
- Sheet music is not required except for *Own Composition* entries.
- Performers may not approach or speak to the judges during the session.

**Awards**

- Awards will be given to the performer with the highest average score in his or her age category.
- To qualify for an award, participants must enter a minimum of two solo classes, or one solo class and one twin fiddle class.

**Liability**

The Nanaimo Fiddle Society (the "NFS") is not responsible for any claims, demands or damages concerning injury to any competitor that may occur during these adjudicated sessions.

The NFS will not be responsible for any loss or damage to musical instruments, equipment, props or any other personal property. The NFS's acceptance of a competitor's application for entry into the adjudicated sessions will release any responsibility of the NFS or volunteers for the NFS from claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury or damage to any competitor or any competitor's personal property incurred while attending or participating in the adjudicated sessions. This clause shall also apply to all members of the public attending any/all events.

### 2019 Solo Classes - Fees are \$15 per person per class

Time limit is 4 minutes per entry

Age of performer	Performer's Choice	Own Composition	Trick Fiddle
6 years and under	Class #101	Class #102	Class #103
7 to 10 years old	Class #201	Class #202	Class #203
11 to 14 years old	Class #301	Class #302	Class #303
15 to 18 years old	Class #401	Class #402	Class #403
19 and older	Class #501	Class #502	Class #503

### 2019 Duo Classes - Fees are \$20 per group

Time limit is 4 minutes per entry

Age of oldest performer in ensemble	Twin Fiddle
6 years and under	Class #104
7 to 10 years old	Class #204
11 to 14 years old	Class #304
15 to 18 years old	Class #404
19 and older	Class #504

### 2019 Ensemble Classes - Fees are \$10 per person up to a maximum of \$50

Time limit is 10 minutes per entry

Age of oldest performer in ensemble	Small Ensemble (6-) 6 or fewer members with at least 3 fiddles	Large Ensemble (7+) 6 or more fiddles with other instruments
12 years and under	Class #601	Class #701
13 to 18 years	Class #602	Class #702
19 and older	Class #603	Class #703