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Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ Phone _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ E-mail _____
(Required if under 18)

Level of Competition

New England Novice Fiddle ☐

New England Regional Junior Open ☐

New England Regional Open ☐

NHSCOT reserves the right to make changes in the events offered as long as their actions are within the Scottish FIFE official rules and are deemed to be in the best interests of the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival

Deadlines Entries are accepted online and close at 11:59pm on August 31st, 2025.

Entry Fees \$25 for competitors 18 & over, \$20 for competitors under 18
Entry fees include competitor's weekend pass (Sat & Sun), workshops and demonstrations. All fees are non-refundable

Additional Tickets Additional weekend tickets (Sat-Sun) may be purchased at a discounted rate of \$66 each. This pricing is only available with registration.
Number of additional tickets _____ x \$66 = _____

Parking Passes Parking passes will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. As competitor parking is limited, all competitors are encouraged to car pool or consolidate their transportation arrangements if possible. Parking is for cars or mini-vans only; RV's and campers are prohibited from parking on the grounds. There is only one pass per family, please.

Do you need a competitor parking pass: Yes _____ No _____

Entry Fees _____ Method of Payment: Check _____ Money Order _____

Credit Card (MasterCard, VISA, Discover Accepted)

Additional Tickets _____ Card Number _____

TOTAL _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 digit CV Code _____

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, representative(s) of my estate, waive and release any and all rights and claims I may have for damages against NHSCOT or the New Hampshire Highland Games Committee, their agents or representatives, the owner of the property on which these Games are held, for any injuries and/or inconveniences which may be suffered by me during the 2025 New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival.

Signature _____

(Of Competitor, or parent/legal guardian if competitor is under 18 years of age)

For information about the fiddle competition, email Fiddle Co-Chairs, Elizabeth Anderson and Janet Anderson at NHHGFiddle@gmail.com. For information about the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival, call 603-229-1975, email info@nhscot.org, or visit the website at www.nhscot.org.

The Fiddle Competition at the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival is sanctioned by Scottish F.I.R.E. All contestants at the Open and Junior Open levels must be current members of Scottish F.I.R.E. at the time of the competition and must show proof of membership when checking in on the competition day. Information about joining Scottish F.I.R.E. can be found at <https://scottishfiddlingrevival.com/index.html>. The competition follows their rules and judging guidelines. All contestants must attest that they have had access to these rules and guidelines. They can be found at:

Competition Rules:

https://scottishfiddlingrevival.com/uploads/3/4/3/9/34399695/2020_fire_competition_rules_updated_final.pdf

Judging Rubric:

[scottishfiddlingrevival.com/uploads/3/4/3/9/34399695/scottish_fire_competition_rubric - rev. 4-11-17.pdf](https://scottishfiddlingrevival.com/uploads/3/4/3/9/34399695/scottish_fire_competition_rubric_rev_4-11-17.pdf)

In Scottish style competitions, open and junior open class competitors will first play and air, followed by a pause. Then the competitor will play without pausing between the tunes a march, a Strathspey and a reel, in that order. Novice class competitors will play three tunes, either [1] an air, followed by a pause, then a strathspey and a reel, or [2] a march, strathspey, and a reel played without pausing between tunes.

**2025 New England Novice Fiddle Championship Saturday,
September 20, 2025 9:00 am**

Judge: Douglas Lawrence Steward: Elizabeth Anderson

Awards: Medals will be awarded for the top four placements

Best Air – Medal
Reel – Medal

Best March – Medal Best Strathspey – Medal

Best

The Novice category is open to any competitor new to the art of Scottish Fiddling. There is no age restriction, though the category may be split into Junior (under 18) and Senior (over 18) age levels, depending on number and ages of registrants. When a novice competitor has won first place in three novice class competitions, they will be required to enter in the Intermediate class.

**2025 New England Regional Junior Open Fiddle Championship Saturday,
September 20, 2025 11:15 am**

Judge: Douglas Lawrence Steward: Elizabeth Anderson

Awards: 1st – The Nathaniel Gow Quaich & \$150 2nd – The James Scott Skinner Quaich & \$100 3rd –
The Tom Anderson Quaich & \$75 4th - Medal & \$35
Best Air – Medal & \$25 Best March – Medal & \$25 Best
Strathspey – Medal & \$25 Best Reel – Medal & \$25

The Junior competition is open to any fiddler under 18 years of age as of the competition day, has won 6 Intermediate events, competed previously in a Junior Regional Scottish fiddle event, has not competed previously in an Sr. Open competition, or whose competency is considered equivalent to the above.

**2025 New England Regional Open Fiddle Championship
Saturday, September 20, 2025 2:30 pm**

Judge: Douglas Lawrence Steward: Elizabeth Anderson

Awards: 1st - The Neil Gow Quaich & \$250 2nd – The William Marshall Quaich & \$200 3rd –
The Ron Gonella Quaich & \$150 4th – Medal & \$50
Best Air – Medal & \$35 Best March – Medal & \$35 Best
Strathspey – Medal & \$35 Best Reel – Medal & \$35

The Open competition is for any fiddler over the age of 18, has won 6 Intermediate events, competed previously in an Open Scottish Fiddle event or whose competency is considered equivalent to the above.

Competition Tune Requirements: Competitors are required to play the following:

- a) An Air, Lament, Pastoral or other slow tune, followed by a pause, and
- b) A March, Strathspey & Reel played without pauses.

Novice Competition Tune Requirements Novice class competitors will play three tunes, either [1] an air, followed by a pause, then a strathspey and a reel, or [2] a march, strathspey, and a reel played without pausing between tunes.”

This competition is sanctioned by Scottish F.I.R.E. Ltd and is conducted according to its rules. In addition to the Scottish F.I.R.E. official rules, the Judge may request that the slow tune be played once, that two-part tunes (marches, Strathspey, reels) be played twice, that four-part tunes be played once and may advise that tunes with a maximum of four parts be chosen.

Junior and Open Regional Competitors – Advancement to the National Competition: Competitors designated by the Judge may be advanced to the U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Competition sponsored by Scottish F.I.R.E. New England Regional competitors who are advanced to the Nationals will be eligible to compete in 2024.

Notes to All Fiddle Competitors

Registration: Competitors are urged to register online via the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival website. Competitors must sign in with their tune names and report to the Steward one half- hour before the posted competition time. Field entries are subject to a late entry fee of \$10. Field entries for all competitors will be accepted up to one half-hour before the posted competition time if space permits.

Demonstration Entries: If desired, an individual may decide before the start of their competition level that they wish to play as a Demonstration only, not as a Competitor. The Demonstration entries will play first in their respective categories, before the Competitors. They will fill out the same registration forms and pay the same entrance fee as Competitors and will receive the same feedback form from the judge as the Competitors, but they will not be considered for competitive placement or prizes. Players will be asked to decide whether they are competing when they check in on competition day, and under no circumstances may a player change whether they are playing as a Demonstration or a Competitor after the start of the competition for which they are registered.

A Note on Times: Competition and event times are approximate. Within each class, competitors will play in reverse order of registration (i.e., last to enter is first to play). EXCEPTION – the competitor who won the previous year may choose to play last regardless of when their entry was received.

Dress: The Fiddle Committee and the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival request that all competitors dress in appropriate Scottish attire; for example - kilt, shirt and tie; dress with tartan sash; dark or tartan skirt or pants with white shirt or blouse and tartan tie, vest or sash.

Location: The fiddle competitions and events take place in the Children’s Center near the Governor Adams Lodge on the Games’ site.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FIDDLERS

Fiddle Workshop: Sunday, September 21, 2025 @ 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

The Judge will conduct a fiddle workshop at the Children's Center open to competitors and non- competitors alike.

Fiddle Rally: Sunday, September 21, 2025 @ 12:15 pm

Following the workshop, all fiddlers may join in a public fiddle parade across the festival grounds (weather permitting).

Please visit the New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival, (www.nhscot.org), for the complete schedule of fiddle events and performances by the Judge(s).