

**LONE STAR STATE DULCIMER FESTIVAL
MOUNTAIN DULCIMER (10 AM Saturday)
& HAMMERED DULCIMER (2 PM Saturday)
CONTEST RULES**

Contests are open to anyone except those who are paid performers on this year's staff and those who were the First Place winners last year. First place winners in HD and MD contests at Winfield are not allowed to compete here until they are once again eligible for the National Contests at Winfield (5 years.) People who have won the Hammered Dulcimer contest can play in the Mountain Dulcimer contest and vice versa.

Contestants must play instruments acoustically into a microphone. An instrument's electrical capability cannot be used. You may retune your instrument between instrumental numbers using a portable electronic tuner. It is recommended that you retune quickly.

Contestants may have one rhythm instrument for accompaniment. Paid performers cannot accompany contestants. PLEASE NOTE: The judging room only hears the competing instrument and receives no mix or sound coming from accompaniment or rhythm instrument.

Contestants will not be allowed to take two instruments onstage.

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Numbers for performance position will be drawn before the first round. If there is a second round, the numbers will be re-drawn and the emcee and judges' assistant will both make careful notes about the changes in performing position.

If there are seven (7) or less registered, contestants will play three (3) tunes in the first round and there won't be a second round. The scores from all tunes played are added to each contestant's final tally.

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The following criteria will be considered by the judges and assigned point value in each area.

- 40 points 1. **ARRANGEMENT** Contestant's version of the tune selected. Is it appropriate to the tune and instrument? Difficulty and originality will be considered.
- 40 points 2. **EXECUTION, TUNING** Fingering, picking, and dynamics will be considered. Is the instrument in tune?
- 10 points 3. **PERFORMANCE VALUE** The music should be played with life and feeling. It should not appear listless nor should it drag
- 10 points 4. **OVERALL IMPRESSION**

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The judges' decisions are FINAL.  
Score sheets will NOT be given out to contestants after the contest.

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LONE STAR STATE DULCIMER FESTIVAL CONTESTS:
Register at the Club Booth at least 30 minutes before the contest starts.
\$10 Registration Fee