

The S&T Bank “PA State Old Time Fiddlers’ Contest” Release and Indemnity

TO: Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, hereinafter called “Sponsor”

RE: Type of Event Being Held: The S&T Bank “PA State Old Time Fiddlers’ Contest” hereinafter called “Event” to be held on October 3, 2026.

IN CONSIDERATION OF being permitted to participate in the Event, the undersigned, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby:

1. Acknowledges that the undersigned's participation in the Event may include activities that may be hazardous to the undersigned and assumes the risk of injury or harm associated with such participation.
2. Acknowledges that the undersigned's participation in the Event may result in the use, reproduction, and/or publishing of photographs and/or video including the undersigned's image, likeness and/or voice without compensation.
3. Releases and forever discharges the Sponsor and its employees, officers, directors, sponsors, shareholders, affiliates, agents, representatives, successors, assigns, and the venue (collectively the "Releasees") of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action (collectively the "Claims") in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to self or property howsoever caused, arising or to arise by reason of or during my participation in the Event, whether prior to, during or subsequent to my attendance and notwithstanding that any Claim may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of any of the Releasees.
4. Indemnifies and saves harmless the Releasees from and against any and all liability incurred by any or all of them arising as a result of or in any way connected to my participation in the Event.
5. Understands and acknowledges that the Sponsor does not carry or maintain health, medical or disability insurance coverage for the undersigned and therefore agrees to assume responsibility for such insurance coverage on the undersigned.
6. Agrees that in the event that any provision of this Release and Indemnity is held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision will not affect the remaining provisions of this Release and Indemnity which shall continue to be enforceable.
7. If information is falsified any prize money must be given back and individuals will be banned from the competition, for an amount of time at the discretion of the Event Committee.
8. A valid driver's license and/or birth certificate must be provided at the time of check in.
9. Contestants must register before the contest.
10. All contestants will draw for their order of appearance. The number one fiddler in the junior division will be permitted to replay. The replay will be after the last junior contestant. The best of both scores will be counted as the final score.
11. Any fiddler that breaks a string during the competition will have the option to stop playing, if the tune is not completed, and make the repair. They may return to the competition and complete the tune or tunes as needed. If the tune is completed then the fiddler will only play any remaining tunes.

12. Contestants must play a hoedown first followed by the waltz and end with the tune of choice. The tune of choice should be a tune other than a hoedown or waltz. The three tunes must be played within five minutes or ten points will be deducted from the total score for each 30 seconds that continue over the five minute time limit.
13. All tunes should be played in an old time fiddle style at a danceable tempo. Show tunes such as; Listen To The Mockingbird, Black Mountain Rag and the Orange Blossom Special will not be permitted as competition tunes.
14. Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be permitted.
15. Trick or fancy fiddling is not allowed during the contest. Instruments are not to be cross-tuned for the competition.
16. Judging will score fiddlers in the areas of; intonation, rhythmic accuracy, tone quality and creativity. The decision of the judges is final. Score sheets will be available to the fiddlers after the competition.
17. No sheet music or music stands shall be displayed in the contesting area.
18. Any contestant winning three consecutive years in the PA State Championship division must sit out the next year or return to judge. Any teen or senior division champion winning three consecutive years will move up to the championship division the following year. A junior champion winning three consecutive times will move up to the teen division. Local contests will follow this rule if the fiddler has won 3 times in their division the year before. Local contest championship winners do not need to sit out for a year from the local contests if they are a state champion.
19. Fiddlers must play in the order of the drawing. Audience applause will not influence the judge's score. The contest is a blind judging event so fiddlers should not be near the judging area at any time.
20. Contestants must appear on stage to accept their trophy and or prize money.
21. Fiddlers are not permitted to speak near the microphone.