

# YADKIN VALLEY BLUEGRASS CONVENTION

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

In order to present a fair contest and make judging as simple as possible, the following regulations are provided and apply to each band and/or individual:

1. No electric instruments will be allowed in competition. Although bands will not be disqualified for using an electric bass, only acoustic basses will be judged for an individual prize.
2. A band is constituted as having at least three (3) members consisting of a guitar, a banjo, and either a fiddle or a mandolin. Any band consisting of eight (8) or more members will be disqualified. Bands are automatically entered and judged in the Vocal Group category.
3. Each band is allowed two (2) tunes. Individual performers (*not with a band*) will be allowed only one (1) tune. It is suggested that bands perform in the traditional style of bluegrass music.
4. Individual band members will be judged during the band's performance. Instrumentalists, with the exception of Bass and Rhythm Guitar, must take at least one break to be judged. Individual performers (*not with a band*) may be accompanied by one other instrument. These unregistered back-up performers should refrain from leading – providing rhythm only. You may register only once as an instrumentalist. (*Exception: You are allowed to register once as a Solo Vocalist in addition to your registration as an instrumentalist.*)
5. Solo Vocalists and Vocal Groups will be judged during the band's performance. Solo Vocalists who are not with a band may enter as an individual performer and will be allowed one instrument as an accompaniment. Individual soloists (*not with a band*) will be allowed one song.
6. Individual prizes will be awarded in two Divisions. Contestants aged 15 years old (and younger) will be judged in the Junior Division. Contestants aged 16 years old (and older) will be judged in the Senior Division.
7. Any individual registering and/or performing twice or more (even on different instruments) will be disqualified and will result in the disqualification of any band (or bands) involved. Performing with multiple bands is not allowed even if the performer is registered only once. (*An exception is allowed in accompanying individual contestants not registered with, or performing with, a band.*)
8. Prior to the start of competition, at 6:00 PM, a representative of each registered band and all registered individuals who are not with a band must report back to the registration area to participate in a drawing to determine the order of performance. Failure to appear will result in disqualification and forfeiture of refund(s).
9. Properly registered performers will be refunded their admission immediately following their performance. It is the contestants' responsibility to obtain the refund - convention management will not be held responsible for performers failing to report to the refund table. Contestants failing to report to the stage as scheduled will be moved to the end of the schedule. Failure to report will also result in a three-point penalty and forfeiture of refund(s).
10. The Yadkin Arts Council reserves the right to refuse refund to anyone determined to be intoxicated or otherwise disorderly. Such individuals will be asked to leave without recourse.
11. The Yadkin Arts Council is not responsible for prizes and cash awards not claimed at the conclusion of this event.
12. The judges' decisions are **FINAL**.

Please help us by keeping your practice area clean. Thank you for your cooperation!

*The Yadkin Arts Council*