**CONTEST RULES**

1. All contestants must be West Virginia residents.
2. Each contestant must play two (2) tunes appropriate for the category entered.
   a. Remember that popular crowd-pleasing tunes may not be best choices for judging.
   b. Medley-style tunes are not acceptable.
3. Each contestant may have a maximum of two (2) accompanists.
4. No electric instruments are allowed.
5. Scruggs tuners may not be used in the banjo competition.
6. In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
7. In case of major tuning changes, contestant may replay tune.
8. Awards ceremonies for most contests will take place following the contest.

**AWARDS**

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**JUDGING CATEGORIES**

1. Intonation - Tuning and tonal qualities
2. Timing - Accurate and consistent rhythm
3. Difficulty - Complexity of selections
4. Technique - Dexterity in performance
5. Selection - Choice of tunes appropriate to category

Judging will be done by acknowledged out-of-state experts. Decisions of the judges will be final. Contestants will not be given final score sheets.