

Square Dancing Contest Rules and Regulations

Judges for Back to Batoche Days Square Dancing contest have firm guidelines that they follow throughout each round. Order of dance for each round will be randomly selected. Once the order of dance groups is determined, the list will be displayed in the warm up room and at the Information Booth in front of the Main Stage. If a contestant has advanced to the next round their name will be posted at the Information Booth approximately 30 minutes after the completion round.

Please review the complete set of the rules and regulations below. There will also be a copy in your registration information package.

The judges will remain the same throughout the week. Once the judges for the Back to Batoche Days 2010 Fiddling Contest are obtained, we will list them on the Back to Batoche website. The Back to Batoche Committee will be consulting with respected fiddlers and past fiddle competition winners when selecting judges for this event.

Contest Class Categories

Open Youth

Open Adult

Square Dancing Contest Rules

1. NO CLICKERS allowed.
2. All dance groups are to participate in the grand square dance – dance in. All dancers must be ready to be introduced at the grand dance before the start of the square dancing competition.
3. Choreography, synchronicity, timing, and overall performance will be weighted heavily by the judges.
4. All groups will adhere to good sportsmanship. Groups are encouraged to be respectful while other groups are performing. Any acts of disrespect or ridicule will not be tolerated and will be subject to point deduction for that particular group.
5. All dancers must be drug and alcohol free for the duration of the competition. Anyone who is caught under the influence of drugs or alcohol will result in the dismissal of their entire group from the competition.
6. Any group being paid for performances throughout Back to Batoche Days **will not be allowed to enter** in the Square Dancing Contest.
7. All groups must register before their category begins. There is no fee.
8. Contestants can move up in category of age – but cannot go down.
9. Contestants can only enter **1** class
10. Order of dance groups will be posted at Information Booth in front of the main stage. Contestants must be ready when called.
11. Each group is responsible for finding out when they dance and then must be in the warm-up room **at least 10 minutes prior to that time**. During that time, the group must report to the desk in the warm-up room to give the names of the song that will be played for that round of the contest.
12. Groups missing their turn will receive a penalty from the total score unless the Chairman waives the tardiness.
13. Groups must be identified by number and must have their number clearly displayed for the MC and Judges viewing.

14. All groups must be dressed identical for all men and vice versa for women. Each dancer must be wearing proper shoes (NO Clickers). Groups not meeting this criterion are subject to overall point deductions.
15. Time Limit – Dance groups must adhere to a maximum of a six-minute dance routine. Groups that go over the designated time allotment will be subject to point deductions.
16. Dance groups will perform a maximum of 4 (four) square dances throughout the competition. They will perform 2 (two) dances on the first day of competition, in which only one maybe a break down. Competitors who advance to the semi finals will then perform a third break down. All groups continuing to the finals will then dance a final break down on the last day. **The Red River Jig will not constitute as one of the square dances.**
17. If a group survives the preliminary round, they **cannot** dance the same tune again. **With the exception of the Youth classes.**
18. Judges will advance all groups in all classes to the semi finals Saturday July 24 @ 2:30 p.m. and to the finals on Sunday July 25 @ 1:00 p.m.
19. There will be a dance – off in case of a tie. The contest judges will decide the format as per class in the contest.
20. Any contestant winning a trophy or money must appear on stage at the closing ceremonies to receive their awards.
21. Judges Scores can be shared and looked over by each individual group manager(s) only.
22. **All Judges decisions are final.**

Total amount of Prize Money in Square Dancing is \$26,000

**Square Dancing Competition Schedule
Back To Batoche Days 2010**

Thursday, July 22nd

*(Start times may vary for all events based on number of competitors)

4:30 p.m. Square Dancing Preliminaries begin in this order:

Youth Open and Adult Open

Friday, July 23rd

*(Start times may vary for all events based on number of competitors)

4:30 p.m. Square Dancing Preliminaries begin in this order:

Youth Open and Adult Open

Saturday, July 24th

*(Start times may vary for all events based on number of competitors)

4:30 p.m. Square Dancing Semi - finals will begin in this order:

Youth Open and Adult Open

Sunday, July 25th

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Square Dancing Contest Finals - Finals will run in this order Fiddling:

Youth Open and Adult Open

Winners will be announced at Closing Ceremonies beginning at 2:30 p.m.

