

Bluegrass Along the Harpeth Rules and Judging Criteria

- **General Rules:**
 - All contestants will be judged on 5 criteria. Rhythm and Timing, Creativity, Authenticity and Taste, Expression, and Overall Execution.
 - Contestants that register first will perform last.
 - All categories will perform one time with the exception of the band categories.
 - Judges' scores are FINAL.
 - "Do-overs" will be allowed for broken strings. Other reasons (ie-sound, and environmental) will be at the discretion of the judges.
 - This is a family friendly, good fun, and politically neutral event. Please choose your performance with all of those in mind.
- **Individual music categories-** Contestants will be asked to play one instrumental (non-vocal) song. You may play alone or with up to 2 accompaniments. With the exception of the Flat Top Guitar category, accompanists must play a different type of instrument than the contestant.
- **Bluegrass Band and Old time String Band-** Bands must have at least 3 members. Contestants will be asked to play 1 song, either vocal or instrumental in the preliminary category. Four (4) contestants will come back for finals and will be asked to play 2 songs, one vocal and one instrumental. Musicians may only play with one band in each category.
- **Buck Dancing-** All buck dance categories are "no-holds-barred". Contestants may choose songs of choice and speed.
- **Appalachian Flat-Foot-** Dancers will be judged on traditional old-time style.