



Women Anglers of Minnesota Ice Fishing Tournament Rules Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 McQuoid's Inn – Mille Lakes Lake

Entry

Must be a member of Women Anglers of Minnesota (\$25 annual fee)

Complete your online registration no later than February 15th, 2019

Submit your entry fees (\$40 per person/\$80 per team)

Refunds will only be made prior to February 15th and only if your spot is filled by another team.
Cancellations after February 15th will not be refunded.

Format

- 1.) This is a team event, made up of 2 anglers per team.
- 2.) Max. of 75 teams (150 participants total) Once capacity is reached a waitlist will be started
- 3.) The tournament will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2018 from 11:00am – 3:00pm.
- 4.) Pre-drilled holes will be available. You may also choose to be mobile but must remain in designated tournament area (Isle Bay)
- 5.) Qualifying species are limited to Crappie, Sunfish and Perch
- 6.) Placement is based as a team on combined heaviest bag weight

Rules

***NOTE: ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES – Any infraction of the Minnesota State Fishing Regulations will result in disqualification.**

- 1.) Pre-fishing is allowed up until 11:59 PM the day before the tournament (3/1/19)
- 2.) Tournament fishing hours will be on March 2nd, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are late to the take-off, you will only lose that time for fishing.

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- 3.) You must check-in with a tournament official at the designated check-in area before take-off for inspection. Inspection will begin at 10:00 AM
- 4.) Only the use of an ATV or snowmobile is allowed. No trucks or cars are allowed during the day of competition.
- 5.) Pre-drilled holes (in the predrilled community area) are first-come, first-serve. Setting up your equipment on a spot ahead of time is not allowed.
- 6.) If you chose to be mobile, you must remain on the designated tournament area of Isle Bay. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification. Orange cones will be out defining the boundary.
- 7.) No hard sided fish houses are able to be fished out of or entered anytime during the tournament.
- 8.) Team members must remain within 100 ft. of each other. In addition (if you fishing outside of the community pre-drilled area), you may not be within 15 feet of another team. This rule does not apply to those fishing in the pre-drilled community area, the requirement will be both team members will need to fish within the community area boundaries, but those fishing within this boundary do not need to need to abide by the 15 feet buffer rule from another team.
- 9.) All teams must be respectful and considerate of fishing distances with public anglers who may also be on the lake during tournament hours. This distance is at minimum 15 feet and includes fish houses that may not be occupied.
- 10.) Going on land during tournament hours is prohibited. Emergencies are the only exception.
- 11.) You may only weigh in crappies, sunfish and perch. Bringing any other species to the weigh station for weigh in, will result in disqualification.
- 12.) A team may weigh in a maximum of 5 Crappies, 5 Sunfish and 5 Perch total between both team members.
- 13.) Each team may keep in their possession 10 – Crappie, 10 – Sunfish and 10 Perch. From this limit at the tournament conclusion, the team will choose their best 5 Crappies, 5 Sunfish and 5 Perch for weigh in. No Culling, once a fish is taken into possession it may not be released back so another fish can be taken.
- 14.) It is each team's responsibility to count their fish for weigh-in. If more than 5 of Crappie, more than 5 Sunfish or more than 5 Perch are brought to the weigh station to be weighed. The largest fish will be removed from the bag and then the weight of the largest fish will be

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subtracted from the bag weight. For example: 6 Crappies and 5 Sunfish and 2 Perch are brought to the weigh station. The largest weight crappie will be removed to meet the 10 fish limit, the largest Crappie weighted .75 lbs. The total bag weight of 11 fish was 5 pounds, the weight of the biggest Crappie will be subtracted and final weight in weight would be 4.25 pounds.

- 15.) Both team members must be present at weigh-in (unless an emergency occurs, this decision will be left to the tournament director discretion)
- 16.) Any late teams that do not cross the designated threshold by 3:00 p.m. will be disqualified.
- 17.) You are required to make your best effort to keep your fish alive. This means keeping fresh water on them throughout the tournament. If a fish dies but does not show signs of being caught prior to the tournament, the fish will be counted without penalty. No frozen fish will be accepted for weigh-in. If it appears that the fish were caught prior to the event (i.e.: frozen fish from the day before, obvious over-discoloration, etc), then that team will be immediately disqualified with-out reimbursement. This decision will be left at the sole discretion of the weight master.
- 18.) The scoring system will be based solely on heaviest bag weight per team. Heaviest total weight will determine placement.
- 19.) If a team witnesses a violation of these rules, it is the obligation of that team to notify and official immediately. All violations must be reported no later than 3:30 p.m. the day of the tournament.
- 20.) The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the rules as needed at any time. All decisions regarding the rules and infraction will be at the discretion of the Weigh Master and Tournament Director.
- 21.) Tie breaker: whichever team weigh in their bag first will be the winner of the tie breaker.
- 22.) Any fish caught will be the responsibility of the participants. They must be taken with you after weigh in.

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