



Women Anglers of Minnesota Ice Fishing Tournament Rules Saturday, February 26th 2022 Thumper Pond Resort-Star Lake

Entry

Must be a member of Women Anglers of Minnesota (\$30 annual fee)

Complete your online registration no later than February 18th, 2022

Submit your entry fees (\$55 per person/\$110 per team) + \$10 for perch derby if desired, must register for perch derby to be eligible for the ICE SLAM

Refunds will only be made prior to February 16th and only if your spot is filled by another team. Cancellations after February 18th 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, February 26th from 9:00am – 2:00pm.
- 4.) Pre-drilled holes will be available. You may also choose to be mobile but must remain in designated tournament area
- 5.) Qualifying species are limited to Crappie, Sunfish and Perch
- 6.) Placements are based as a team of combined lengths through Fish Donkey.
- 7.) The Perch derby prizes will be awarded to predetermined numbers. For instance the 6th, 35th, and 45th perch on the leaderboard.
- 8.) The ICE SLAM will be awarded to the team that catches the largest fish in each of 3 species: Crappie, Sun Fish, and Perch. Must be registered for perch derby to be eligible for ICE SLAM





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.) At least one member of the team must attend the mandatory rules meeting on Friday, February 25th – 7:00 p.m. At Thumper Pond Resort. Pending weather conditions, a virtual option may be available. Tournament directors reserve the right to change to virtual as needed.
- 2.) Pre-fishing is allowed up until 11:59 PM the day before the tournament (2/25/2022)
- 3.) No Alcohol is allowed on the ice during the tournament fishing. Presence of alcohol will result in disqualification.
- 4.) Official tournament fishing hours will be on Saturday February 26th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are late to the take-off, you will only lose that time for fishing.
- 5.) You must check-in with a tournament official at the designated check-in area before take-off for inspection. Inspection will begin at 7:30 AM and last until after official start time. If you are going to be late, please let the tournament director know so we have someone to check your gear.
- 6.) Only the use of an ATV or snowmobile is allowed on the ice. No trucks or cars are allowed during the day of competition in the tournament area.
- 7.) Pre-drilled holes (in the pre-drilled community area) are first-come, first-serve. Setting up your equipment on a spot ahead of take-off time is not allowed.
- 8.) If you choose to be mobile, you must remain in the designated tournament area TBD. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification. Orange cones will be out defining the boundary.
- 9.) No hard sided fish houses are able to be fished out of or entered anytime during the tournament.
- 10.) Team members must remain within 100 ft. of each other. In addition (if you are 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 that both team members will need to fish within the community area boundaries, but those fishing within this boundary do not need to abide by the 15 feet buffer rule from another team.





- 11.) 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.
- 12.) Going on land during tournament hours is prohibited. Emergencies are the only exception. There will be a porta-potty at the launch to use for a bathroom.
- 13.) You may only submit crappies, sunfish and perch. Submitting any other species will result in disqualification.
- 14.) DNR regulations must be followed at ALL times.
- 15.) Fish Donkey will automatically cull your smallest fish. Your top 10 Sunfish will be counted for prizes.
- 16.) ICE SLAM category will include: crappie, sunfish, and perch. Fish donkey will enter your longest fish in each category automatically. You must be registered for Perch derby to win the ICE SLAM.
- 17.) Perch derby will be counted on a leaderboard. Your largest perch caught will be the perch that is counted. Prizes will be awarded to pre-determined fish. For instance fish 2, 7, 45 on the leaderboard. The number of prizes given out will be announced at the rules meeting so you will know your chance of winning a prize. NO less than 1:4 that enter perch derby will win a prize. .
- 18.) All fish must be measured on the Fish Donkey application. Fish will be accepted as the day progresses so you will be aware of your stringer size.
- 19.) All fish must be in the fish donkey application by 2pm. Any fish measured after that time will not be counted.
- 20.)The top 10 stringers of fish will all be verified on the fish donkey app. If you do not fall into this category, your fish may not be verified.
- 21.) All fish must be uploaded to the fish donkey application by 3pm. Any fish uploaded after that time will not be accepted in the tournament. This means that you must reach an area with cell service or Wi-Fi prior to 3pm to have the fish uploaded to the app. NO exceptions.
- 22.)You are required to catch and release your fish. Fish Donkey will have a photo of the fish on the bump board, a photo with you holding the fish, and a release video. You need ALL portions of this in order to submit a fish. This decision will be left at the sole discretion of the Tournament officials..
- 23.)All measurements are to be rounded up to the nearest 1/4th of an inch. If the tail touches the line, the length recorded will be that length. If the tail goes over the line then round up to the next quarter of an inch. All measurements will be verified by the tournament officials.





- 24.) **The fish mouth MUST be closed for the photo. If the mouth is open a 1 inch deduction will be made on all fish species.**
- 25.) The scoring system will be based solely on the longest stringer of fish per team. Longest total Stringer will determine placement.
- 26.) For Ice SLAM, the team that catches the largest in the three species will be the winner. You can win both a place in the Sunfish stringer AND the ICE SLAM. The person that wins the ICE SLAM will not win a perch derby prize.
- 27.) If a team witnesses a violation of these rules, it is the obligation of that team to notify an official immediately. All violations must be reported no later than 2:30 p.m. the day of the tournament.
- 28.) 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 Tournament Director.
- 29.) Tie breaker: whichever team submits their first qualifying fish will be the winner of the tie breaker.

COVID-19 Policy: If you are feeling sick, please do not participate in this event. By registering for this event, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this event, you acknowledge that you are not currently experiencing COVID symptoms. By attending this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold Women Anglers of Minnesota or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, contractors, volunteers, and/or sponsors liable for any illness or injury.

If you have any questions, please contact the tournament directors:

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