

Pine City Lions Ice Fishing Tournament Rules and Expectations of Participants.

1. New Rules:
 - a. Minimum Size of both Species: six inches (6")
 - i. Fish will not count.
 - b. No Side Viewing, (Garmin Pan Optix or equivalent) allowed during tournament or in possession.
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3. Participants may fish with or without a portable fish house.
4. UNTIL the 9:00 am start time, all portable fish houses set up, must be kept open, participants plainly visible, with no lines in water. After the start time participants may enter and close-up portables.
 - a. The Team # tag must be displayed on the outside of your portable at all times during the event. No Tag visible on the house means you're not in the tournament.
 - b. Observers may enter your fish house at any time during the event with a verbal greeting prior to opening and no delay in allowing them to enter.
 - c. Team # tags must be present and visible on the anglers outer clothing.
 - d. Team Tag # must be on the Bucket at all times,

2. Team partners must stay within 100 feet (approximately 30 steps) from one another from the time their team has passed inspection until their team's fish have been turned into be weighed.

3. Fish must be kept alive and presented to Tournament official in the bucket provided with water and without ice. No frozen fish.

The tournament bucket provided is the only vessel to be accepted at the finish line.

You may use other buckets during fishing

4. Teams may not fish or perform fishing type activities (i.e., using a flasher, camera or auger) closer than 15 feet from another team or spectators on tournament day. Teams may not fish closer than 15 feet to a hard side fish house. Tournament Director and camera crew is excluded from the rule. Observers will check 15 foot distances. If two teams are too close, **both** teams will be required to move to satisfy the rule.

5. Auger covers on blades are required while augers are mounted to machines or during travel.

6. Participants may drill as many holes as they wish. However, any open hole may be fished by any competitor as long as they maintain the 15-foot rule. Hole Blocking is not allowed: Leaving a portable or other equipment next to or on top of a hole does not stop another fisherman from using that hole if the owner and their partner is over 15 feet away from the open hole.

If you leave a portable house set up with holes drilled, and you and your partner are not within 100 feet of it, it is considered hole blocking and is not allowed. Only if there are no holes drilled within the house walls or within 6 feet around the house will it be considered a warming house. Within the rules of this tournament, another team may go close enough to your property so as to restrict you from retrieving it until they leave the area. Harassment of competition is not tolerated.

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7. All laws for Snowmobile/ATVs (registration, licensing, insurance, and helmet laws) must be observed at all times.

8. State fishing laws must be observed at all times. NO CULLING ALLOWED! If you keep fish, and then catch larger fish, you may not return the kept fish to the water. It becomes part of your State Allowed bag limit. State law requires all fish be returned to the water immediately or be kept for your bag limit.

9. All fish brought to the weigh-in must be caught on the day of the tournament, during tournament hours.

10. each Participant can fish with **only one line at a time**. A tip-up is a line.

11. No third-party fishing during the event. Each team must fish on their own without assistance, except medical.

a. No communication between teams other than courtesy greetings.

b. No sharing of equipment, No outside help.

12. All teams must travel and fish within the designated tournament boundary area. The boundary area for this event is Cross Lake from the north shore to the north side of the Snake River Outlet / Dam within the cones. There will be a boundary in place. Fishing south of that boundary will result in disqualification, no exception.

13. All tournament anglers shall be off of Cross Lake by 6pm Feb 9th and not return until 5am Feb 10th. Observers will be on the lake Friday Feb 9th and 10th.

14. At least (1) one team member must attend rules meeting/registration.

15. There will be mandatory fish house and equipment inspection before teams are released.

A line will be forming on the Ice in front of the Edge Water Access. Park your vehicle and trailers within the area you are instructed. Unload, gather your gear and get in line.

If a team is not in line for inspection and arrives for the tournament after the start of 8am, they must check in at the Start Position, (north end of Cross Lake out from west access) be inspected, and the tournament director approves their release, prior to begin fishing. There will be a check off sheet of all participants.

16. Cars and trucks will not be permitted for team use in the tournament area during the event. Snowmobiles and ATVs can be used when ice conditions are satisfactory for snowmobile and ATV use. Walking is also allowed.

17. Teams must return to the official tournament Start line by 1:00 pm with all fish sorted and ready to be turned over to the observers. A penalty of .5 (½) pound per minute; with a 5-minute maximum will be charged for being late across the time line. After 5 minutes the team is disqualified.

18. This is a one-day, total weight tournament. Designated species (Bluegill and Crappie) and total number of fish (15, with no more than 8 of one species). Only 15 fish are allowed in your bucket to weigh in. **In the case where more than 15 fish are in the bucket for weigh in, the following occurs;**

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The overage of fish is removed, largest fish first.

For each overage fish, one fish is removed from the allowed bag limit. (example, 17 fish in bucket. Two overage fish are removed, one of them being the teams largest fish and second fish bringing the total to 15. Then two fish are removed as the penalty bringing the teams bucket to 13 fish.

19. If a team witnesses a violation of any rules, or has credible suspicion, (with supporting facts) it is the obligation of that team to notify an official immediately. If a team wishes to file a protest against another team, it must be done in writing, with facts and supported proof or witnesses prior to the weigh in process completion.

20. To preserve the integrity of the field, the Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify a team from the event for any rules infraction. Rules 1-7 allow one warning before DQ. The Pine City Lions Ice Fishing Committee reserves the right to amend and introduce rules as needed in order to maintain a fair playing field.

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21. If your team is pre-registered and your late for the inspection and release, you must check in with the tournament director, be inspected and then released from the start position of the tournament. Your team will lose the time from fishing. If you have not registered, and show up for the inspection and release, you will not be allowed to participate in the event.

Dead Fish: Penalty will be at the discretion of the tournament director; ie; frozen fish, discoloration, torn dorsal or pectorals, bulging eyes, etc, showing signs of dead fish. The tournament director may decide to disqualify or penalize for an infraction of rules, based on "Over-all" participant observation.

Tournament official's expectations of participants;

- All anglers shall conduct themselves in a professional, courteous manner so as to not draw negative attention to our event, the Pine City Lions, or our Pine City community.
- We are being watched by our community.
- Our goal is to grow this event through community support, involvement and participation.

Please pick up ALL Trash you see on the lake. I'd even ask you to pick up trash that isn't yours, in order to leave a positive impression on our community.

Please don't go onto shore and onto another's property for any reason.

Please use the portable Facilities we are providing and not do your business outdoors.

The DNR will be present on the lake along with the Pine County Sheriff. Any credible suspicion of cheating and the DNR and Sheriff will be notified.

It is our goal to provide to you the most positive, fun and professional Ice Fishing Event we can and to insure each of you that we are doing what we can to prevent anything but that.