



HOLES 4 HEROES ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Jan 1-Feb 6 at 4:00pm--2 EVENTS in 1!

MULTI-STATE: MN, ND, SD, IA, WI

MULTI-SPECIES: Northern, Walleye, Bass, Crappie, Sunfish, Perch

H4H VIRTUAL: Jan 1-Feb 6 until 4:00pm and H4H LIVE 1:00pm-4:00pm

Rules

The fishing tournament begins Jan. 1st, 2021 at 12:00am and goes until Feb. 6th at 4:00pm CST.

- Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the tournament site, as determined by contest judges. The right to refuse to sell and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.
- All laws in the tournament states shall apply MN, ND, SD, IA, and WI.
- There is no age requirement for tournament participation, however, participants must have access to a smartphone to register their fish.
- Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.
- All participants (and others) hereby consent to the use of any names, photographs, or likenesses of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest or the efforts of Fishing for Life, including but not limited to print, radio, television, or any other media.
- FFL Staff employees are ineligible to win prizes at the tournament.
- No pre-fishing prior to tournament start
- All regulation fish entered must registered in the FishDonkey App. Judges shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decision of the judges is final. In the event deception is detected, the contestant's prize will be forfeited. Contestants are responsible for properly entering their fish into the FishDonkey App which will verify the length of fish and time of entry.
- The leaderboard is within FishDonkey App. Tournament results remain unofficial until verified by the head judge.

FishDonkey App

All registration and payment must be completed using the app. The entry fee for the tournament is \$15 Early-Bird until Dec. 31st, 2020 at 11:59pm and \$25 Jan 1st-Feb 6th. The FishDonkey App will be used to photo document fish and will generate live leaderboards. The leaderboards will update throughout the event as fish are submitted. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified.

Measuring & Photo Documenting

- All photos must be taken through the FishDonkey app and measurements must be on a valid measuring board.
- Fish should be recorded immediately and measurements noted by length.
- All submissions must include at least two photographs: 1) A pic of you holding the fish 2) A pic of the fish on the measuring board.
- Close the fish's mouth. The nose should touch the bump of the measuring board (the belly is facing you). The measurement photo needs to include the entire fish on the board.
- If the fish's tail is touching the graduation line on the board then that is the exact measurement. If the tail crosses a graduation line, round up $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- All participants must have their fish submitted before the end of the tournament, Feb 6th, 2021, 4pm.
- Extra-large fish are difficult to measure with a bump board and photographs. Bump the nose of the fish against a vertical surface and use a commercial measuring tape to measure the fish. Video from nose to tail, covering the complete length of the fish.
- You can register one fish per species per registrant. You can upgrade your current fish.

Practice the FishDonkey App ahead of time

[Watch a 1 minute tutorial on How to Enter a Fish](#)

Test the app before you get out on the water.

1. Download the app
2. Join "Practice Entering a Fish"

FishDonkey in poor reception areas

The app will work without the internet. Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas. Tap on the name of the tourney. Once you see the button 'Enter a Fish', head out and fish away. Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas. Your Digital Livewell® (fish icon) will show you if there are fish waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard. When you get back to a well-connected area, open your Digital Livewell® and leave that screen open/active until all fish are "Received". If your pictures are missing from the leaderboard, this is what you need to do. Until your pictures are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone, as the software will not accept your photos as originals.

Missing pictures on the leaderboard?

Open your Digital Livewell (fish icon) when you get back to an area with good reception. Leave that screen open until all fish are "Received". Never delete anything from your Digital Livewell.

Measuring Boards

All measuring devices must be commercially made. You are required to have a board with a 90 degree bend which marks 0, and at least ¼" lines. No handmade measuring boards, stickers, or tape measures allowed. No sliding, retractable, or foldable measuring devices are allowed unless approved by the tournament director. If your measurement is not clearly readable in your submission photo, it may not be accepted or could be penalized.

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Tournament Director

Your Tournament Director is Steve Cruikshank. If you need to reach your director, their contact info is in the "i" Info icon within your tournament in the app.

The interpretation and enforcement of the rules are at the sole discretion of the director. The tournament director may change rules or impose sanctions as they deem appropriate, including but not limited to: disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes, and prohibition from competing in future tournaments. All decisions made by the tournament director are final.

Sportsmanship

All participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship violates these rules or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of fishing could be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

Minnesota NORTHERN/PIKE RULE: Anyone who catches a Northern Pike between 22" to 26" inches MUST release it immediately. DO NOT register a Northern Pike on the FishDonkey App within this length.

ND, SD, IA, WI: Please check with your state's regulations and follow those laws as far as in-season fish or any size restrictions among species. These laws will be followed by the tournament judges for fish entry into the contest.

Body of Water

Participants must fish in the area specified for the event (any public lake in MN, ND, SD, IA, and WI). Fishing has to be legal and in public waters only: no private ponds, streams, lakes, or rivers. Participants may fish in any water that is open to public fishing.

Inclement Weather/Cancelation

Keep mobile phones on throughout the tournament in order to receive communication from the director in the event of postponement or cancelation. Due to the nature of tournament fishing, no refunds will be issued. This is at the discretion of your tournament director.

Prizes

The first-place prizes will be random length chosen on the final day of the tournament and the second-place prizes for the largest length within each species: Northern/Pike, Walleye, Bass (lg/sm), Crappie, Sunfish, and Perch. Prize list are subject to change without notice. Should this occur, an item of equal or greater value will be substituted.

Once received, contest prizes are solely the responsibility of the winners (i.e. required licensing, registration, transportation, taxes, and all incidental or consequential expenses). Any of these items incurred are the responsibility of the winner.

Contestants will be notified how to obtain their prize within 48 hours of the close of the tournament.

Tiebreakers

The tournament director will consider options for determining a tie, which could be 1) time of entry 2) the exact measurement instead of the ¼" measurement 3) the next largest fish submitted by each angler.

Claiming Prizes

Ensure that your correct address, email, and mobile number appear in your app profile for prize announcements and delivery. Prizes are the responsibility of the winners. Transportation, taxes, and incidentals are the responsibility of the winner.

It is the responsibility of the tournament director to disburse all prizes.

From our terms and conditions, you have agreed to the following.

"FishDonkey makes no representations or warranties regarding the Service or the quality, features, conditions, rules, prizes, results, or other aspects of any tournament ORGANIZED THROUGH, OR hosted on, the Site. AS BETWEEN FISHDONKEY AND THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER, THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESULTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE TOURNAMENTS THEY ORGANIZE AND HOST USING THE SITE AND SERVICES."

As stated above, FishDonkey is not in any way responsible, but if you believe there is a problem with your tournament director or if something seems suspicious such as not paying out the funds or prizes, please contact FishDonkey and let us know ASAP.

Laws and Regulations

All federal, state, and local laws and all fishing and boating rules must be abided by.

Failure to comply with any tournament rules subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the competition, as determined by the tournament officials. The right to refuse sale and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.

Cheating

- All protests must be brought to the director's attention before the end of the event.

- Anyone caught breaking the law or disobeying the rules will be disqualified.
- Fish must be hooked and caught live in a conventional manner by use of hook and line. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared, etc.
- Participants may be required to take polygraph exams as part of the tournament requirements. If deception is detected or the participant refuses to take the exam, the prize will be forfeited and the participant will be disqualified. Anglers taking a polygraph examination may be responsible for any and all costs incurred.

Safety

Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.

Questions?

If there are any questions about the rules, ask the tournament director.