

## 2021 FEBRUARY FESTIVAL ICE FISHING CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is scheduled for **Monday, February 1 at 12:00 a.m. through Saturday, February 6 at 11:59 p.m. 2021.**
2. **Only fish caught on lakes in Carver County, Minnesota are eligible for submission.** A list of Carver County lakes can be found on the MNDNR's website, here: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/search.html?name=&county=10>.

**Eligible fish species are listed below.** These are the only fish species that are eligible for submission in the contest. Fish must be alive in order to be eligible.

- a. Northern
  - b. Sunfish
  - c. Crappie
  - d. Walleye
  - e. Perch
3. Contestants are allowed to submit fish caught during the contest window, NOT fish caught before contest start or after contest end.
  4. All submissions must be *received* by contest administrators by contest end (Saturday, February 6 at 11:59 p.m.) to qualify.
  5. **Prizes are awarded to the 50 largest fish (of any species) by length in inches.** In the event of a tie in length, the contestant with the first entry wins the higher number prize, and the contestant with the second entry wins the lower number prize. Time of entry is based on when the submission is *received* by the contest administrators.
  6. You must measure and show your fish measurement clearly and accurately to have an eligible submission. All final decisions on fish length and entry eligibility will be made by contest administrators. Cheating will not be tolerated.
  7. Tickets are \$10 each. Participants may purchase either 1 or 2 tickets, and submit one fish per ticket they hold. You may enter fish for both tickets, but only one "longest fish" prize will be awarded per person.
  8. In the event that a portion of the "longest fish" prizes are not awarded, contestants' second fish will be used to award prizes, with the remaining prizes being awarded in length order, longest-shortest.
  9. If a participant purchases 2 fishing tickets, separate fish must be submitted for each ticket.
  10. Only fish you personally catch are eligible for the contest. Fish that are caught by one individual and given to another person are NOT eligible. **No sharing fish.**

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**11. To submit a fish:**

- a. Place it on a measuring tape, clearly showing the overall length.
- b. Place your FebFest fishing ticket next to the fish, in the frame of the photo.
- c. Take a photo of the fish on the tape, clearly showing the overall length and FebFest fishing ticket.
- d. Email the photo of the fish, along with the following information, to Priya Tandon at [ptandon@ci.chanhassen.mn.us](mailto:ptandon@ci.chanhassen.mn.us):
  - i. Name of the person who caught the fish (must match ticketholder name)
  - ii. Date & time fish was caught
  - iii. Lake fish was caught on
  - iv. Species of fish
  - v. Length of fish
- e. If you have a witness present at the time you caught your fish, please also include their name and phone number in your submission.

Submissions do not need to be made immediately after catching the fish, however, all information must be included in submissions to qualify and they must be received prior to contest end (Saturday, February 6 at 11:59 p.m.).

- 12.** Prize pickup will take place at Chanhassen City Hall during the following times. Prizes will not be mailed.
- a. Monday, February 8 – Thursday, February 11, 8am-4:30pm
  - b. Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6pm.

- 13.** Ethical sporting conduct is mandatory. Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects contestants to disqualification, as determined by contest officials. Right to refuse to sell and/or revoke competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved. Please be considerate of your fellow contestants and enjoy the contest.

- 14.** Fishing licenses are required for all individuals 16 years of age and older. No licenses will be sold as part of the contest. Must have prior to competition.

- 15.** All contestants must obey State of Minnesota fishing laws, contest rules, and special lake regulations. Regulations can be found online at the MNDNR's website, here:  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/fishing/index.html>

Special Carver County regulations can be found here:  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/areas/fisheries/westmetro/specregs.html>

- 16.** All February Festival participants must follow the most current local and state guidelines surrounding health, safety, and COVID-19 precautions while participating in the contest.

- 17.** In the event of a cancellation due to weather, changing national, state, or local guidelines, or other unforeseen circumstances, all participants will receive a full refund for their ticket(s).

- 18.** Each person participates in contest at their own risk. The City of Chanhassen or its agents/independent contractors shall not be liable for any personal injuries sustained, including those caused by negligence of the sponsoring agencies.