

## 2012 FEBRUARY FESTIVAL ICE FISHING CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Lake Ann, Chanhassen, Minnesota.
2. In the event of a severe weather cancellation, the contest will be held on Sunday, February 5, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If the weather is in question, call (952) 227-1128 after 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the contest.
3. All contestants must obey State of Minnesota fishing laws and contest rules.
4. No pets allowed in contest or festival area.
5. Parking will not be available on the lake. Parking is available throughout the park within walking distance of the contest. Parking information is printed on the event brochure.
6. Contestants are allowed to “set up” and check depths in fishing area prior to the contest, but no pre-fishing is allowed. The contest marshals will strictly enforce compliance. All fishing takes place within the contest area.
7. Chairs, heaters, five-gallon buckets with gear, bait pails, depth finders, thermos containers, fishing poles/sticks, and other miscellaneous small gear is allowed. No fish houses or enclosures are allowed in designated fishing area. No coolers, large containers, or glass bottles are allowed.
8. Contestants may purchase one or two tickets giving each contestant the opportunity to fish with one or two lines. One ticket per line. All holes will be pre-drilled, no augers or ice chisels allowed.
9. To enter a fish, bring it to the judge’s stand immediately upon catching it. You may enter all the fish you catch, but only one “largest fish” prize will be awarded per person. All eligible fish will be returned to the water after weigh in.
10. All “largest fish” prizes are determined by weight and will be awarded following the contest. In the event of a tie in weight, the contestant with the first entry wins the higher prize, the second fish places next. A leader board will be on display. Largest fish prizes awarded based on the number of fish entered.
11. All fish must be registered or must be in line to be registered when the siren signifying the end of the contest is sounded at 3:00 p.m. Fish “on the way” to the judges’ stand at the time of the siren are eligible.
12. Fish Prizes: In the event that a portion of the “largest fish” prizes (1<sup>st</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> place only) are not awarded, a drawing from all fishing ticket stubs will be held.
13. There will be a door prize drawing throughout the contest. All Feb Fest attendees are eligible to receive a door prize ticket, one ticket per person. A prize board located near the judge’s stand will be updated throughout the contest. To claim a door prize, bring your ticket with the matching number to the door prize station. Must be present to win.
14. No motorized vehicles/ATV’s allowed in the designated fishing areas other than those being used by emergency personnel.
15. Each person attends the contest/festival 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.
16. Ethical and sporting conduct is mandatory. Unruly/disorderly contestants will be disqualified by a contest marshal and removed from the lake. Please be considerate of your fellow contestants and enjoy the contest.

**\* Special DNR regulations enforce all large mouth bass must be immediately returned to the water. All northern pike from 24” through 36” must also be immediately returned to the water, and are ineligible for the contest.**