

ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES

- The contest is scheduled for 9am - 1pm, January 25, 2025 on all 5 lakes in Fairmont, MN (Amber, Hall, Budd, Sisseton & George Lakes)
- Should the contest not be held on January 25, 2025 it will be held the following weekend on Saturday, February 1, 2025. No refunds allowed.
- Entry fee for the tournament is \$35. No refunds or exchanges will be given for any reason.
- Each contestant will be allowed to fish with two lines.
- Each contestant may weight up to 3 fish. They may weigh 1 Pan Fish, 1 Walleye and 1 Northern Pike or Large Mouth Bass. The heaviest fish will be the fish used in the contest.
- During the tournament the only legal fish to be weighed in will be Northern Pike, Large Mouth Bass, Walleye, Perch, Bluegills, Sunfish, and Crappies. All Pan Fish including Large Mouth Bass must measure at least 7", Northern Pike must measure at least 24", and Walleye must measure at least 15".
- Contestants must fish in the contest area during the contest (Fairmont Lakes).
- Anyone fishing in the contest must display the colored ribbon on the exterior of their shelter or on their person if not using a shelter.
- **Contestants must bring the numbered card/chip with them when they come to weigh-in a fish.**
- All fish weigh-ins will be done at the weigh-in station located at the Gomsrud Shelter House in Gomsrud Park between Hall & Budd Lakes.
- **Fish may be weighed in any time from 9am-1pm at the Gomsrud Park Shelter House.**
- **All contestants must be in the weigh-in line BEFORE 1:10pm if they plan to weigh a fish or their fish entries will be disqualified.**



- All shelters may not be within 20ft of each other. However, anglers may fish in the same house.
- If contestants are fishing in a house, no non-contestants may be fishing in that same house.
- Contestants are allowed to move around the lakes between the hours of **7am and 8:50am** at the Gomsrud Park Shelter House.
- All contestants must be at or near the **Gomsrud Shelter House at 9am** for a shotgun style start.
- If contestants are late for the 9am start, they will still need to check-in at the Gomsrud Park Shelter House before they can go out and fish.
- The prizes are determined by the largest weight. In event of a tie, we will have a deck of cards and the tied contestants will draw a card. The contestant with the highest card will take the higher position on the board. If the tie involves a biggest fish bonus you will have an option to split the money first. If both parties do not agree to splitting the money the card draw will determine who gets the bonus money also.
- Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property at all times.
- All laws of the State of Minnesota prevail.
- Failure to comply with any contest rule subjects contestants to disqualification as determined by contest officials. Contest officials reserve the right to refuse sale and/or revoke a contest ticket to anyone.
- All contestants and other spectators hereby consent to the use of any names, photographs or likenesses of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest, including but not limited to print, radio, television or any other media.
- Please bring fish to the weigh-in station in a bag or bucket. Also, try and bring them fresh and/or still alive. If you are unable to bring them in fresh, make sure they are not covered with snow and ice. Judges shall have the right to refuse to weigh a fish covered in debris. Judges shall have the right to verify all fish are legally caught. The decision of the judge is final.
- **Please remember this is a FUN tournament!**
- the Fairmont Lakes Foundation and Partners in the event thank you for supporting our efforts to promote the stewardship of our city's lakes and request that you remove all garbage from the ice when you leave. If you have questions or an issue during the tournament call my cell phone: **507-236-3942.**