

Montana Ducks Unlimited 2023 Ice Fishing Tournament

OFFICIAL RULES

1. The Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Canyon Ferry Reservoir at the Silos Campground.
2. Should inclement weather cause cancellation on Saturday, February 18, 2023, tournament will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 same time and place.
3. The top 10 place prizes (per species) are determined by largest weight and time registered. In the event of a tie, the first fish registered takes priority. Any legal size fish on the list below may place in the top 10.
4. Each person will be allowed to fish up to the legal number of lines allowed by Montana law. Anglers choosing to fish multiple lines must use adjacent holes. You may register as many fish as Montana laws allow you to keep. Tournament anglers are eligible for more than one prize. There is no age requirement on tournament participation.
5. Contestants must drill their own holes no earlier than 6:45 a.m. the day of the tournament.
6. Judges shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decision of the judge is final. All prize winners may be required to take polygraph exams as part of contest requirements. In the event deception is detected or the contestant refuses to take the exam, his/her prize will go to charity. Contestants are responsible for verification of weight of fish at time of weigh in. When the head judge deems the leader board correct, there will be an inspection period for all contestants to view the board and put forth any comments. After that time, the board will be "official" and no changes will be made.
7. All fish must be caught and the contestants in route to the judge's stand by 3:00 p.m. Judges rule will be final. No fish will be weighed after 3:30 p.m.
8. Contestants must fish in the area designated for the contest and will be required to have their tickets visible at all times. Ticket checks as well as container inspections will be required.
9. Contestants will be allowed to move and drill new holes in the contest area. You are allowed to bring as many poles as desired, but cannot use more than one pole per hole. Contestants will not be allowed to return after leaving the contest area between 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
10. The tournament ticket is not an automatic entry into any other drawings held the day of the tournament.
11. Entry fee for the tournament is \$40.00 per ticket. Youth (age 17 and under) entry fee is \$30 and they will be competing in the youth category. Youth only first place and second place is based only on weight only of a single fish weighed regardless of species. No refunds will be given unless the tournament is cancelled.
12. Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property at all times.

13. All laws of the State of Montana will be abided by. No fish may be weighed unless Montana law allows it to be kept by state anglers.
14. Prizes are the responsibility of the winners. Licensing, registration, transportation, taxes, and all incidental or consequential expenses incurred are the responsibility of the winners. Prizes must be claimed before the contestant leaves the ice, or no later than 5:00 pm on contest day, or they become the property of Montana Ducks Unlimited and will be used for future fundraising.
15. Contestants are required to park in the areas provided. Watch for signs.
16. Coolers and large containers are discouraged. No spears allowed. Heaters, chairs, bait pails, depth finders are allowed. No licenses sold on the lake. Weighted lines without hooks or bait can be used to check depth prior to 6:45 a.m. No lines are allowed in the water from 6:45 a.m. to the start of the contest.
17. Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects contestants to disqualification and removal from competition site, as determined by contest officials. Right to refuse to sell and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.
18. The Leader Board will be located near the check-in. All efforts will be made to keep the board up to date and accurate. Tournament results remain unofficial until verified by the head judge. After head judge deems leader board accurate contestants will have time to verify the results after which the results will become official and uncontestable. Under no circumstances will the leaderboard become official and uncontestable before 3:30 pm on contest day.
19. All contestants and others 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.
20. All fish registered will be marked by tournament officials and remain the property of the contestant.
21. Montana Ducks Unlimited would like to thank you for supporting our efforts to protect and enhance the environment and request that you remove refuse, including cigarette butts, from the ice when you leave. Glass containers are not allowed in contest area and will be confiscated by, and forfeited to, tournament officials.
22. Tournament fish include: Walleye, Perch and Burbot.