

WCSX “Cold As Ice” Fishing Tournament Rules

The WCSX “Cold as Ice” Fishing Tournament (“Event”) will be open to participants who reside in the State of Michigan and have a valid Fishing License. If a participant is under 17 years of age, he/she must be accompanied by another person 18 year of age or older.

Boundaries: Lake St. Clair Only (U.S. side only)

YOU MUST CHECK IN BY 8:00AM (ET) AT WCSX BOOTH LOCATED IN THE WARMING TENT PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENT!

Tournament registration

To register for the event go to the Cold as Ice page located at www.wcsx.com. Deadline to register online is January 24th, 2018 at 4pm. Walk ups welcome on the day of the event, January 27th, 2018, until 8:00am (ET).

Entry fee is \$25 per person (no age limit) for pre-registration, \$30 for walk ups day of the event. Minors, under the age of 17 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Must be a Michigan resident.

This is a Perch, Pike or Pan Fish Tournament!

- **Event Location:** Lake St. Clair Metro Park Day Sail Area
- **Date/Time of Event:** Saturday January 27th, 2018, 7am-4pm.
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- **Entries:** Each entrant must submit 10 Perch, 1 Pike or 5 Pan Fish that were caught during the event. Fish will be inspected by the judges to confirm eligibility.
- **Entry Period/Weigh in** of entries starts at Noon. No entries taken after 3pm. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 3PM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.
- All contestants must check in, depart from and return to the day sail area of Lake St. Clair Metro Park. The weigh in team will inspect equipment before contestants depart onto the ice. All contestants must sign participant releases prior to fishing.
- **Prizes** to be awarded to the entrant with the heaviest ten (10) Perch, heaviest one (1) Pike or heaviest five (5) Pan Fish (Official electronic scale reading will determine weight). In the event of a tie, the entrant with the longest fish (as determined by the judges) will be deemed the winner.
- Those without fish will still be eligible for door prizes selected at random throughout the event.
- Fish must be fresh (caught during the Tournament). Anglers are responsible for the condition of their fish.
- All legal fishing methods allowed including spearing
- Fish may be inspected before weighing in.
- Disqualified fish will not be weighed in.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Members of the Lake St.Clair Walleye Association Fish Committee will act as judges.

Weigh-in Station will be open from 12:00pm until 3:00pm on January 27, 2018 at the LCSWA tent next to the WCSX warming tent at Lake St. Clair Metro Park.

Weigh Master is the final decision maker of weights and species identification.

Prizes

Cash Prizes will be awarded. Cash prizes will be awarded in the form of check made out the winning entrant as follows:

Top Ten (10) Perch – 10 Perch total for weigh in, 1st prize for largest / most weight – Prize is \$1,000. You must submit 10 fish in this competition to qualify for the prize.

Heaviest Pike – One (1) Pike total for weigh in, 1st prize for largest / most weight – Prize is \$500

Heaviest Pan Fish – Five (5) Pan Fish total for weigh in (Bluegill, Crappie, Pumpkinseed & Sunfish), 1st prize for largest / most weight – Prize is \$250. You must submit 5 fish in this competition to qualify for the prize.

Official electronic scale reading will determine weight. In the event of a tie, the entrant with the longest fish (as determined by the judges) will be deemed the winner. Prize(s) will be awarded only upon confirmation of eligibility and completion of all requisite releases.

Other various prizes and random drawings on site throughout the day! Prizes will be given away on site at the time of the drawing. Winners must be present to win!

Violations

Anyone determined to be in violation of any of the above rules, or any other rules announced at the event, will be disqualified and will forfeit their entry fees. All decisions of the Tournament judges are final!

Refund Policy

If the event is canceled due to weather or unsafe ice conditions, registration fees will be refunded by WCSX. WCSX representative will contact all registrants with refund information within 10 days of cancelling event.

Taxes and Liability: Payment of all federal, state and local taxes is the sole responsibility of the winner.

All Winners will be determined after weigh-in and announced at The Award Ceremony taking place at The WCSX booth located in the warming tent at the Cold as Ice event at 4pm (ET).

Any and all protests must be submitted verbally and then in writing no later than 15 minutes after the tournament official closes the scales. This means once the tournament is over, it's over. Any tournament participant submitting a protest must have at least one witness to confirm the alleged violation (other than your non-boater). In order to file a protest you must see the Tournament Director no later than 3:45PM (ET). The Tournament Director will hear protests and the decisions of the Tournament Director will be final.

Unless otherwise specified, if the winner(s) cannot be contacted within 24 hours after the prize is awarded, an alternate winner may be selected at the Station's discretion. Winners who fail to respond within 24 hours of prize notification are deemed to be waiving their prize claim and the prize will be forfeited.

