

NAIFT Breaking the Ice

Excitement is building around the North American Ice Fishing Tournament qualifier that is being held on Lake Winnipeg on January 9th, 2011. The series hosts several tournament across the United States but this is the first on Canadian soil or in this case ice. Teams from across the United States and Canada are welcome to enter the tournament and try their hand at winning up to \$30,000 in cash based on a 300 two person teams.

About the NAIFC Tournament Series

NAIFC Tournaments are multi-day, premier fishing events. The NAIFC Tournament Series season begins in January and lasts through March, with the NAIFC Tournament Series Championship Invitational held the following December. Each season consists of several regional qualifier events held in several states across the ice belt and now Canada.

The NAIFC Tournament Series has a broad competitor base and offers an even playing field. NAIFC Tournaments are truly hard-water's equivalent to big time bass and walleye tournaments held during the open-water months. However, despite the growing sophistication of NAIFC competitors, these events remain approachable for newcomers. There is an unmistakable common-folk quality to the sport of ice fishing that seems to attract hard-working people who naturally like to help others excel in the sport. It is common for elite ice competitors who have spent years honing their skills and developing new techniques to pass their knowledge on to enthusiast ice anglers. This simply does not happen anywhere else in competitive fishing, and our sponsors recognize the value in the opportunities this creates.

Major sponsors will be attending the event and be showcasing their products at the host facility, South Beach Casino and Resort, located on Highway 59 just thirty minutes outside of Winnipeg. The exhibition will start on January 2nd, and run in the evenings from 4:00 until 9:00. South Beach Casino will host the mandatory rules meeting on Saturday evening, along with free Saturday Kids Day on January 8th. During the kids event HT Enterprises will be generously giving every child that attends a free fishing rod, Travel Manitoba and Strikemaster will also be providing door prizes along with professional anglers from the Ice Team will be giving lessons before heading out on the ice.

The tournament itself will run out of Balsam Harbor located just minutes from South Beach Casino and Resort. Boundaries for the tournament will be well marked and weigh stations designated. Tournament rules are posted on the NAIFC website and are specific to the Lake Winnipeg Tournament. Awards will also take place on Sunday afternoon at South Beach Casino and Resort. Entry fee is \$250.00 per two person team. **This tournament is setting precedence; it will be the first tournament to pay cash for the top ladies team entered.**

The NAIFT is very proud of their major sponsors such as Travel Manitoba, the RM of St. Clements, St. Andrews, Red River North, just to name a few.

Entry for the Tournament: 1-204-510-2469

Lodging: South Beach Casino and Resort 1-877-775-8259

Canad Inns: Club Regent and Garden City

