

1. Participants may fish with or without a portable fish house. No hard side/wheeled houses. All portable fish houses set up must be kept open, with participants plainly visible until the 8:00 am start time. Contestants must be inspected before entering onto the ice.
2. Team partners must stay within 30 steps from one another from the time their team has passed inspection until their team's fish have been weighed. **Unless one person is clearly on route to weigh in a fish.**
3. Fish must be kept alive in a large cooler or similar container with water and without ice. No frozen fish.
4. Teams may not fish closer than 5 meters (16.4 feet) from another team, spectators included. Tournament Director and camera crew is excluded from the rule. Observers will have 16.4 feet rule to check distances during the tournament.
5. Auger covers on blades are required while augers are mounted to machines or during travel.
6. Participants may drill as many holes as they wish. However, any open hole may be fished by any competitor as long as they maintain the 5 meter rule. Hole Blocking is not allowed: Leaving a portable or other equipment next to a hole does not stop another fisherman from using that hole if you are over 5 meters (16.4 ft) away.
7. All laws for Snowmobile/ATVs (registration, licensing, insurance, and helmet laws) must be observed at all times.
8. State and provincial fishing laws must be observed at all times. **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED!**
9. All fish brought to the weigh-in must be caught on the day of the tournament, during tournament hours.
10. **Participants can fish with only one line at a time. A tip-up would count as a line.**
11. No third-party fishing during the event. Each team must fish on their own without assistance except medical. Family members or friends who are not in the competition may not fish within established tournament boundaries. No communication/sharing of information between teams that may give another team a fishing advantage.
12. All teams must travel and fish within the designated tournament boundary area.
13. All pre-fishing must be complete by the start of the 6:00pm rules meeting the night before the tournament.
14. At least (1) one team member must attend rules meeting/registration. (Fee supper ticket is included in entry, first 150 entrants rules meeting is 6:00 p.m, second 150 rules meeting is 7:30.) **Rules meeting is mandatory.**
15. There will be mandatory fish house and equipment inspections before teams are allowed to proceed onto the ice.
16. Trucks will be permitted for team use in the tournament area during the event but they must have an open box and seats inside empty for easier inspections. Snowmobiles and ATVs can be used when ice conditions are satisfactory for snowmobile and ATV use.
17. Teams must return to the official tournament weigh line by 1:00 pm with fish. We ask that big fish be taken to weigh stations as soon as possible to eliminate any chance of death. A penalty of .5 (½) pound per minute; with a 5 minute maximum will be charged for being late across the time line. After 5 minutes the team is disqualified.
18. **This is a one-day, total weight tournament. Five walleyes can be weighed in with two over the length of 28 inches. Three must be under. Contestants can weigh in as many fish as they want but can only count five legal fish.**
19. **All tournament pay outs are based on 300 –two person teams. Pays will be according to number of contestants.**

If a team witnesses a violation of these rules, it is the obligation of that team to notify an official immediately. If a violation is reported after the fact (up to one hour after the 1:00 pm stop fishing time), the team filing the grievance must do so in writing, with a form provided and a processing fee. If grievance is valid processing fee will be refunded.

To preserve the integrity of the field the Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify a team from the NAIFC Tournament Series and Championship for any rules infraction.

**Rules 1-7 allow one warning before DQ. Rules infraction for 8-16 is an automatic DQ.**

The NAIFC Tournament Series reserves the right to amend and introduce rules.