

Official Rules and Application for the 2018 Skunk Bay Rooster Run

Tournament Dates: February 17&18, 2018

Tournament & Emergency Contacts:

Tournament Committee Members:

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Note: All times are Mountain Time

Eligibility:

- A. Tournament is based on two man teams. All persons 18 years of age or older are eligible to enter the Rooster Run Ice Fishing Tournament. Contestants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- B. Mail in registration only. Send in registration by Feb 9th 2018. We may accept cash only registrations at the rules meeting if we are not filled to our maximum number of 50 teams. Entry is official when payment has been received
- C. Tourney entry of \$200 qualifies each team for tournament. Additional optional big fish entry fees of \$20 per largest walleye or sauger, and northern pike. A Rooster Bar donated prize for largest ling may be available.
- D. No Refunds will be given after Feb 12th.

Tournament Boundaries:

- A. **West Boundary:** North mouth of Bear Den Bay and across the lake in a NE direction perpendicular to the other side of the lake.
- B. **East Boundary:** Independence Point out and around shell village and back to Pike Bay(#16 on the map, we will place a boundary marker in pike bay) on the north side. Shell Village can be fished.
- C. North and south sides of lake can be fished.



Figure 1: Tournament Boundaries

Fishing:

- A. Only those fish caught on a hook and line in formal and usual manner will be accepted.
- B. Each contestant will be allowed FOUR (4) LINES in the water at a time. Spare rods and equipment may be carried.
- C. For the safety of everyone involved, team members must stay within 100 yards of one another during tournament hours until the team has checked in. Also keep in mind NDGF regulations mandate anglers be within 150 feet of all lines in the water
- D. Live bait and artificial lures are allowed. Electronic and electrical luring or attracting devices are prohibited.
- E. Any fish mangled or altered in any way to either lengthen or shorten it, will be weighed and credited at the discretion of the weigh-in officials. Their decision is final. A team may not fish to replace a disqualified fish.

Weigh-in:

- A. Only walleye, sauger, and saugeye will be included in official totals. Each contestant can catch up to 5 fish each day (team total of 10). Teams will weigh best 5 fish each day and have best 5 ready for scale. Largest weight prizes will be given for largest walleye or sauger, largest northern pike and largest ling (eelpout).
- B. Fish CANNOT BE FROZEN. Place fish in water to keep from freezing or in a cooler. **No exceptions:** frozen fish will not be weighed! Walleye/Sauger minimum 14 inches, northern minimum 32 inches.
- C. There will be no early weigh-ins. **This tournament is put on by fishermen for fishermen,** weigh-in will start at approximately 5-10 minutes after the scheduled return time.
- D. Each contestant per team will be responsible for their own catch. Under no circumstances may anyone other than the team handle or touch the catch until after it has been presented to the weigh-in officials at the scale. **ALL FISH KEPT ON SATURDAY MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE WEIGH-IN SATURDAY EVEVENING TO HAVE THEIR TAILS CLIPPED (THIS INCLUDES WEIGH FISH AND FISH NOT USED FOR WEIGHT).** If you do not clean your fish be aware of NDGF and Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) daily limits and possession rules!
- E. Each contestant will receive a copy of their scale ticket. An accepted ticket is an accepted weight.

Requirements:

- A. Each contestant must have in his or her possession a valid North Dakota fishing license or TAT valid fishing license and abide by current NDGF and TAT rules and regulations.
- B. Promoters and organizations assisting in tournament operation, their agencies and agents are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or any loss to any entrants. Each entrant, upon signing an accepted entry form, will in effect be signing a waiver form.

- C. Each entrant will be urged to have appropriate ice survival gear.
- D. All contestants are required to observe common sense rules and regulations concerning ice/winter travel.

Equipment:

- A. All permanent ice houses will be required to meet NDGF safety regulations.
- B. Permanent ice houses are allowed. Any ice houses used are subject to inspection before and during tournament hours.
- C. Electronic and electrical depth finders, thermometers, oxygen meters, etc. are allowed.

Required Activities:

- A. Each contestant (full team) must attend rules meeting. Check in will begin at 9:30am(MST) before rules meeting, which will be starting at 11:00 a.m.(MST) February 17th at the Rooster Bar on Skunk Bay. Any questions or concerns will be considered at that time. After Registration/Check in no anglers may go on the ice until after the rules meeting. Roll Call will be conducted at the conclusion of the rules meeting.

Fishing Hours and Starting:

- A. Tournament fishing consists of two days. Day One tournament fishing will begin immediately after rules meeting concludes Saturday, February 17th and end at 8:00 p.m. Saturday February 17th. Day Two tournament fishing will begin at 12:00 a.m. Sunday, February 18th and end 12:00 p.m. Sunday, February 18th. Failure to be at weigh-in by end times each day will result in penalty.
- B. All anglers must receive and display their identifying markers(s) before they will be allowed to fish. Permanent ice houses are eligible to be slept in on the ice before Day Two fishing hours begin. Trust is being granted so do not abuse your fellow angler. You are subject to random checks during non-tournament hours Saturday evening. If there is any suspected cheating permanent ice houses will be disallowed in following years. No Exceptions.
- C. Contestants who return late will be penalized five (5) percent of their total weight for each minute late and will be disqualified for any large fish cash prize. After 15 minutes they lose total weight.
- D. The Rooster Bar will serve as tournament headquarters and contestants will be required to start and end each day at this point. Skunk Bay boat ramp will be ice access. (#28 on the map)
- E. All contestants per team must check-in! Even if you do not catch fish. This is for your safety.

Identification and Patrolling:

- A. Each team will be identified with a colored marker and ribbon. Attach ribbon to ice house, vehicle, ATV or snowmobile most used while fishing. Team numbers will be assigned.
- B. If an emergency exists, please contact appropriate emergency officials and tournament director or in case director cannot be reached seek other anglers or individuals as soon as possible.
- C. Ice houses, ATV, snowmobiles or other vehicles may be inspected before and during the tournament. Any cheating will result in immediate disqualification, if protests are upheld. Cheaters will be publicized.

Prizes:

- A. Prizes will be based on most weight (pounds) during tournament.
- B. Prizes will be awarded on a team basis. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by Day One weight.
- C. Prizes will be awarded after weigh-in day 2 but are subject to final checks by the tournament chair.
- D. All cash prizes will be provided after weigh-in.
- E. Payouts based on number of entries. Ten percent (NDGF Requirement) of the total entry will be donated to the ND Game and Fish. Official Payouts will be announced at the rules meeting.

<u>Tentative Payout Based on 50 teams</u>		
50 teams x \$200	\$	10,000.00
10% G&F	\$	(1,000.00)
5% Tourney Expenses	\$	(500.00)
85% Payout		\$8,500

Miscellaneous:

- A. All questions or problems concerning the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament committee.
- B. Please use good and fair judgment with other anglers.
- C. Leave the ice and shorelines cleaner than you found them.
- D. Report all teams suspect of cheating. Cheaters will be publicized and forever banned from tournament.
- E. No need to excessively crowd out fellow anglers. Just use common sense.

<u>15% of teams paid</u>		<u>8 places</u>
1st	\$	3,500.00
2nd	\$	2,000.00
3rd	\$	1,000.00
4th	\$	750.00
5th	\$	500.00
6th	\$	300.00
7th	\$	250.00
8th	\$	200.00
Total Payout	\$	8,500.00

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- A. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/roosterrunicetourney
- B. Website: www.liebelsguideservice.com/Rooster-Run.html

Rooster Run Registration Form:

Please Write Legibly and Fill Out Completely! (Unreadable/incomplete applications will not be accepted!)

Team Member #1: _____

Fishing License #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

****Signature:** _____

Team Member #2: _____

Fishing License #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

****Signature:** _____

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\$200 entry fee per team.

Big Fish Options: Prizes awarded for each day. \$20 per species

Largest Walleye/Sauger _____

Largest Northern _____

Total Money Included _____ **(\$240 for entry into everything)**

Team Number: _____

Mail entry forms and make checks payable to:

Matthew Liebel

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Entries must be postmarked by Feb 9th, 2018. Registration may be allowed at the rules meeting (by tournament officials discretion) if we have not met our maximum of 50 teams. NO REFUNDS AFTER FEB 12th.