

# WCSX “Cold As Ice” Fishing Tournament Rules

Decisions of WCSX management with respect to the Event as defined below are final.

The WCSX “Cold as Ice” Fishing Tournament (“Event”) is open to participants who reside in the state of Michigan and have a valid Michigan fishing license. Any participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

## Tournament Registration and Check-In

To register for the Event, go to the Cold as Ice page located at [www.wcsx.com](http://www.wcsx.com). Deadline to register online is February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 4:00pm Eastern Time (“ET”). Walk up registrations are welcome on the day of the Event, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, until 9:00am ET. No participants will be permitted to register after 9:00am ET on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. **Pre-registered participants must be checked in by 9:00am ET at the WCSX booth located in the warming tent prior to fishing.**

Entry fee, regardless of age, is twenty-five dollars (\$25) per person for pre-registration, OR thirty dollars (\$30) per person for walk ups day of the Event. Any paid participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who has also paid an entry fee. If the Event is canceled due to weather or unsafe ice conditions, entry fees will be refunded by WCSX. A WCSX representative will contact all participants with refund information within ten (10) days of Event cancellation announcement. Entry fees may not be transferred; no participants substitutions permitted.

All participants must check-in, depart from and return to the Day Sail area of Lake St. Clair Metro Park. Event representatives will inspect equipment before participants depart onto the ice. All participants must sign participant releases prior to fishing. A parent or legal guardian must be present and sign a participant release on behalf of a participant under 18 years of age.

## Fishing Rules and Regulations

- **This is a Perch, Pike or Pan Fish Tournament!**
- **Event Location:** Lake St. Clair Metro Park Day Sail Area
- **Fishing Boundaries:** Lake St. Clair Only (U.S. side only)
- **Date/Time of Fishing:** Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 7:00am ET-3:00pm ET.
- **Entries:** Each participant must submit the following to be eligible to win any prize: (i) ten (10) Perch; (ii) one (1) Pike; (iii) one (1) Walleye; and/or (iv) five (5) Pan Fish. Fish will be inspected by the judges to confirm eligibility.
- **Weigh in** will begin at 12:00pm ET and will end at 3:00pm ET at the LCSWA tent next to the WCSX warming tent at Lake St. Clair Metro Park. **FISH MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 3:00PM ET TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.** The designated Event director is the final decision maker regarding weights and species identification.
- Prizes to be awarded to the entrant with the heaviest ten (10) Perch, heaviest one (1) Pike, heaviest one (1) Walleye 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.
- This is NOT a team tournament. All judging based on individual performance. No sharing, combining of fish among participants.
- Fish must be fresh (caught during the Event). Anglers are responsible for the condition of their fish.

- All legal fishing methods will be permitted including spearing.
- Fish may be inspected before weighing in. Disqualified fish will not be weighed in.
- Members of the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association Fish Committee will act as judges.

## Prizes

Cash Prizes will be awarded. Cash prizes will be awarded in the form of company check processed within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days made out the winning participant as follows:

**Ten (10) Perch by Weight** (participant must submit exactly ten (10) perch to qualify):

1<sup>st</sup> Place: five hundred dollars (\$500); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: three hundred dollars (\$300); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: one hundred dollars (\$100)

**One (1) Pike by Weight** (participant must submit exactly one (1) pike to qualify):

1<sup>st</sup> Place: three hundred dollars (\$300); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: two hundred dollars (\$200); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: one hundred dollars (\$100)

**One (1) Walleye by Weight** (participant must submit exactly one (1) walleye to qualify):

1<sup>st</sup> Place: three hundred dollars (\$300); **No 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Place prize in this category.**

**Five (5) Pan Fish (Bluegill, Crappie, Pumpkinseed & Sunfish) by Weight** (participant must submit exactly five (5) pan fish to qualify):

1<sup>st</sup> Place: three hundred dollars (\$300); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: two hundred dollars (\$200); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: one hundred dollars (\$100)

All winners will be determined after weigh-in and will be announced at the awards ceremony taking place at the WCSX booth located in the warming tent at approximately 4:00pm ET. Participants may win in more than one (1) category. Official electronic scale reading will determine weight. In the event of a tie, the participant 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 Conditions

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.

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

Any and all protests must be submitted verbally and then in writing no later than five (15) minutes after the Event official closes the scales. This means once the Event is over, it's over. Any participant submitting a protest must have at least one (1) witness to confirm the alleged violation (other than the person submitting the protest). In order to file a protest, participant must see an Event official no later than 3:45PM ET. The Event 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 twenty-four (24) hours after the prize is awarded, an alternate winner may be selected at the Station's discretion. Winners who fail to respond within twenty-four (24) hours of prize notification are deemed to be waiving their prize claim and the prize will be forfeited.