

# Canadian Ice Fishing Championship

## Official Rules & Application

**Team members Must fill out our Tourism Impact Survey prior to registration.**

- 1/ Registration will be limited to the first 150 teams registered. All anglers must be at least 12 years old and if younger than 16, must be accompanied by an adult. (adult =18years or older)
- 2/ Each day will consist of 6 hours fishing time unless changed due to weather conditions (8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).
- 3/ Electronic sonar, cameras, and hydrographical maps can be used.
- 4/ All contestants are subject to inspection by official judges at check in and at any other time; all motorized equipment and related equipment must be in safe and proper running order and all contestants must wear their CIFIC identification badge at all times. (Ministry laws require you use a solid tow bar when pulling sleds, huts, etc on the ice)
- 5/ Contestants can fish anywhere within the designated fishing area.
- 6/ Contestants can fish with their partner; however partners cannot fish any further than 30 paces apart.
- 7/ 50 feet / 15.24 meters must be kept between fishing contestants (hole to hole). The first angler at a spot has the right of way.
- 8/ All fishing contestants must abide by the Province of Ontario Fishing Laws and any special rules announced by the Canadian Ice Fishing Championship organizers.
- 9/ Contestants must fish within the marked-off / designated fishing area, and cannot leave the marked-off / designated fishing area during the contest hours.
- 10/ The winning teams will be decided by the most points earned during the two days of fishing based on the scoring system of the CIFIC. If a tie in points occurs, the team with the most fish registered will win the Championship and First Prize money, with the other team winning the Second Prize money. If a tie in points occurs with teams 2nd to 10th, the two or more teams will split the proceeds of the two or more positions. If a tie in points occurs with team's 11th to 20th, the two or more teams will be entered into a draw to determine their position.
- 11/ Live bait can be used and chumming is allowed. No chumming prior to the commencement of the signal to start fishing. No bait allowed in your hut, prior to the commencement of the signal to start fishing. **NEW:** There are no limitations on the number of minnows allowed.
- 12/ Any fishing holes made by any contestant larger than 7 inches must be marked prior to leaving said hole. A small branch will do.
- 13/ Contestants will not be allowed to switch huts with any other contestants from another team.
- 14/ Only one line can be used with no more than four hooks on shallow water day and two lines on deep-water day.
- 15/ Teams will consist of two anglers. No substitutions will be allowed after the Rules Meeting.
- 16/ No alcohol or drugs will be allowed in the fishing area.
- 17/ A FIVE-GALLON PAIL PER ANGLER must be supplied by the contestants for each day's fishing, and must be half full of water with an aerator for perch day. (You will also need a bailing can to fill the bucket).
- 18/ Only Commercial Portable Fish Huts that comply with fire rating laws may be used. Approved configurations include Clam, Eskimo, Otter Ice Hut, Eastman's Ice Cube, Frabill, Cabala's Deluxe Ice Fishing Tent Kit, etc. Home built huts can NOT be used. Contestants are required to open the access to their ice shelter immediately when asked by a controller(s). Contestants MUST open the access to their ice shelter immediately at 2:00pm.
- 19/A BIG FISH DAY:**

All Trout, Ling, Pike, Whitefish, Walleye, and Bowfin will be scored 25 points for catching and 25 points for live release, plus one (1) point per inch. Only the aforementioned fish will be scored.  
Contestants MUST surrender the fish in their possession to the controller(s) when requested.
- 19/B PERCH DAY:**

Only Perch will be scored on this day. Teams will be allowed to weigh in only 15 perch at the end of the competition. Weigh-in score will be converted into a point system to match big fish day.  
(*This will be explained at rules night*). Teams can have up to fifteen (15) perch in their possession.
- 20/ At least one member of the registered ice fishing team MUST attend the 7:00 pm Friday night rules meeting.
- 21/ All teams (2 members) must check in at the CIFIC trailer for inspection, and verification prior to going on the ice. All teams MUST check in at the CIFIC trailer at the end of the competition each day. Failure to do so will cancel any points awarded that day.
- 22/ No AM/FM radios, stereos, audible devices, or pets allowed in or at the designated CIFIC fishing areas. (Does not include Cell phones and hand held personal radios).
- 23/ Any unsportsmanlike conduct, unsafe acts or failure to adhere to the tournament rules of the CIFIC can result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.
- 24/ NO trucks, cars or deemed highway automobiles can be used on the ice in the CIFIC for any application.
- 25/ OFFICIAL PROTESTS:**

Protests must pertain to specific rules violations. Competitors wishing to make an official protest must do so by reporting to the Tournament Director immediately before weigh-in. A cash deposit of \$50 dollars must accompany all protests. The deposit will only be refunded if the protest proves valid.  
Protests will be heard by the Tournament Director ONLY, at such time and in such manner as the tournament director determines. All decisions of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding.  
Failure to abide by the official protest procedures will forever bar the angler from making the protest.
- 26/ BIG FISH CONTEST:**

A Big Fish plaque and cash prize will be awarded to the largest LIVE qualified fish measured over the weekend. Anglers can sign up for the \$20 Lunker pool only at registration. Moneys will be split between tying teams.
- 27/ Violators of any of the above-mentioned CIFIC rules shall be subject to:  
A/ a -25 point ticket, (25 points will be deducted from your final score).

B/ disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.

**28/**All decisions of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding.

**29/** No vehicles are allowed in the fishing area.

**30/** Anglers are responsible for counting their own fish.

Any fish turned in over the (MNR) legal limit will have their score deducted by the fish score times the number of fish.

**31/** Teams **MUST** confirm their Saturday scores at the CIFIC meeting place prior to 9:00pm, and prior to 5:00pm on Sunday. Teams who do not confirm their scores prior to the aforementioned times will accept the scores allotted by the CIFIC officials.

**LIABILITY RELEASE**

A. In signing this application, we understand and will abide by the rules set for this tournament and are enclosing entry fees. We hereby release the Canadian Ice Fishing Championships, its officials, the tournament hosts, sponsors, agents and all other contestants (hereinafter referred to as CIFIC et al) from any and all claims of injury and/or material and bodily damages in connection with the tournament. B. Covenant not to sue and waiver of subrogation. We further agree that we will never sue CIFIC et al for damages for any injury we suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. We expressly agree to indemnify CIFIC et al or any insurance carrier for all claims that they may pay on our behalf. Any and all litigation will be held in the country of residence of the organizers of this event, expressly, the Region of York, in the Province of Ontario. We state that we have personal medical/hospital insurance. I also agree to inspection of my equipment and submit to a search of personal tackle and clothing for concealment of game fish. An automatic disqualification and lifetime ban from all CIFIC events will be imposed upon being found at fault for any intentional rule violations. We agree that the Canadian Ice Fishing Championship Committee may photograph us, in connection with this tournament, and may use said photographs and our names in any commercial use without our written consent or compensation. **DISCLAIMER: THE CANADIAN ICE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP is no longer a "Not for profit organization", It is now "a for profit company".** The parent owner company is FULL LIMIT INC. Notice: Claims and cash amounts are subject to change. GST No 12439 069 1 Rt001

**TEAM NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>(Captain) Name</b> _____	<b>2) Name</b> _____
<b>Address</b> _____	<b>Address</b> _____
<b>Town</b> _____	<b>Town</b> _____
<b>Prov/State</b> _____	<b>Prov/State</b> _____
<b>Postal Code</b> _____	<b>Postal Code</b> _____
<b>Signature</b> _____	<b>Signature</b> _____
<b>Date</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____
<b>Phone No.</b> _____	<b>Phone No.</b> _____
<b>E-Mail</b> _____	<b>E-Mail</b> _____

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION & LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS ALONG WITH YOUR CHEQUE (in the amount of \$288.75 incl. GST) PAYABLE TO: "THE CANADIAN ICE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP"**  
**Mail To: THE CANADIAN ICE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP, 26756 Park Rd., Sutton, Ontario L0E 1R0**  
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