

# UPS/United Heroes League Ice Fishing Tournament 2019 Rules

1. The Tournament is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Mille Lacs Lake, at Nitti's Hunters Point. Contestants are allowed to fish the entire lake of Mille Lacs and you may fish from your shelters and wheel houses. All fish must be caught by hook and line. No spears will be allowed.
2. New for 2019 we will have four fishing categories. The 4 categories are **Walleye, Northern Pike, Perch**, and an **All Other** category such as (Bass, Sunfish, Tullibee, Ellpout etc.) We will award prizes for the top 5 fish caught in each category that will be determined by largest weight registered. In the event of a tie, the first fish registered takes priority.
4. Each person will be allowed to fish two lines per ticket, two lines maximum. You may register up to 2 fish but they must be in different categories. Tournament anglers are eligible for two fishing prizes and one door prize. There is no age requirement on tournament participation.
5. Contestants must fish on Mille Lacs Lake and will be required to show their tickets at time of weigh in.
6. All fish entered must be brought to the judge's stand immediately and be alive. Dead or frozen fish are ineligible. Judges shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decision of the judge is final. All prize winners may be required to be interviewed by the DNR or take polygraph exams as part of contest requirements. In the event deception is detected or the contestant refuses to take the exam, his/her prize will go to charity. Contestants are responsible for verification of weight of fish at time of weigh in. When the head judge deems the leader board correct, there will be an inspection period for all contestants to view the board and put forth any comments. After that time, the board will be "official" and no changes will be made.
7. **Contestants and their fish must be in the weigh station line by 4:00p.m. No exceptions** Judges rule will be final.
8. Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property at all times.
9. All laws of the State of Minnesota will be abided by. Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: Bass season is open May 12, 2018 through February 24, 2019; however, beginning December 1, 2018 through February 24, 2019, the Smallmouth Bass season is closed. The possession limit for Largemouth Bass is three, with only one Largemouth Bass over 21" in length. All Largemouth Bass 17-21" in length must be immediately released. Northern Pike: Beginning December 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, possession limit five, but only one Northern Pike over 30" is allowed in possession provided that the angler, on the same day, has also harvested two Northern Pike less than 30" in length from Lake Mille Lacs prior to harvesting a Northern Pike over 30". • Tullibee (Cisco): Possession limit ten. Walleye: Beginning December 1, 2018 through February 24, 2019, the possession limit for Walleye is one. All Walleye in possession must be from 21" to 23" in length, inclusive, or over 28" in length. All Walleye less than 21" or greater than 23" in length must be immediately released, except one over 28" allowed in possession. No culling or live-well sorting: Fish taken into possession are

considered part of an angler's bag limit and cannot be exchanged with another fish. However, when the season for bass is open, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass may be culled following statewide culling rules. No fish may be weighed unless Minnesota law allows it to be kept. Walleyes will only be weighed between 20 and 22 inches or over 28 inches. It is the fishermen's responsibility to check current DNR rules for Mille Lacs Lake for all species as they may change after this release date of the rules.

10. Prizes are the responsibility of the winners. Licensing, registration, transportation, taxes, and all incidental or consequential expenses incurred are the responsibility of the winners. Prizes must be claimed before the contestant leaves the ice, or no later than 6:00 pm on contest day. Door prizes that are awarded to people that are not present will be contacted by event coordinator to schedule a pickup at a later date.

11. Please call (612) 718-7523 for handicap access information.

12. Contestants are required to park in the areas provided. Watch for signs. Contestants are encouraged to carpool and use the buddy system.

13. No spears allowed. Heaters, chairs, bait pails, depth finders are allowed. No licenses sold on the lake. Every effort will be made to drill the holes the day of the contest, but ice chisels are recommended as holes may be drilled the day before. The use of augers are allowed. Weighted lines without hooks or bait can be used to check depth prior to 8:30 a.m. No lines are allowed in the water from 8:31 a.m. to the start of the contest. Underwater Cameras are allowed.

14. Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects contestants to disqualification and removal from competition site, as determined by contest officials. Right to refuse to sell and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.

15. The Hunters Point Leader Board will be located inside the tent. All efforts will be made to keep the board up to date and accurate. Tournament results remain unofficial until verified by the head judge. After head judge deems leader board accurate contestants will have time to verify the results after which the results will become official and uncontestable. Under no circumstances will the leaderboard become official and uncontestable before 4:30 pm on contest day.

16. All contestants and others hereby consent to the use of any names, photographs or likenesses of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest, including but not limited to print, radio, television or any other media.

17. All fish registered will be immediately released at weigh-in area, unless the contestant wants to keep it. In which case the fish will be marked by tournament officials and remain the property of the contestant.

18. Contestants are encouraged to have a bucket with water to save fish on the way to the weigh station.

19. UPS and the United Heroes League would like to thank you for supporting our efforts and request that you remove refuse, including cigarette butts, from the ice when you leave. Waste containers are provided.

20. Remember this tournament is for charity and we have gone outside the normal guidelines from other tournaments, so please play by these rules and have fun!