

North Dakota 4-H Sportfishing



4-H Ice Challenge Fishing Derbies

Registration: Participants (6-18 years old) must register on 4-H Online to join the 4-H sportfishing program. There is no fee. (www.ndsu.edu/4h under Register for an Event.) Please register for each Ice Challenge youth will fish and identify the lake for each derby. You only have to do this once. Members are 8 and older, Clover youth are 6-7 years old.



1. Download the FishDonkey app <https://www.fishdonkey.com/app> on your phone.
2. Join “4-H Ice Challenge”.
3. You will be required to register for each ice tournament and pay a fee of \$10 through the FishDonkey fishing app.

Fishing Dates:

February 20-21
March 6-7
March 13-14

Registration Deadline:

February 18
March 4
March 12

Fishing Hours:

The first of the three events of the 2021 4-H Ice Challenge Fishing Tournaments is February 20 and 21. Youth must be registered by Thursday, February 18 at midnight. The derby is two days and will commence at 8:00 am and finish at 7:00 pm. on Saturday and Sunday. Youth cannot submit fish caught before 8:00 am or after 7:00 pm. You can join the tournament either day at any time after 8:00 am until the end time. Youth may choose a different lake for each tournament weekend. Ice fishing activities only, no open water fishing such as on Nelson Lake, Garrison Tailrace, or open rivers. All decisions regarding tournament activities are the discretion of the tournament director.

Submission of Entries:

(PLEASE PRACTICE SUBMISSION BEFORE THE DERBY) Anglers will submit their catch through the FishDonkey app only. The app is free to download on a phone. Participants can fish any lake in North Dakota open to ice fishing and frozen. Participants have identified a lake for this tournament date. We will not publish the lake name.

Youth must send a picture of the angler with the fish and a picture of the fish measurement according to FishDonkey requirements. (They have instruction and pictures how to do it on the app.) The fish must be measured on the fish ruler designated



for the 4-H Ice Challenge. The yellow 30 inch ruler is available through Fish Donkey. To measure a fish longer than 30 inches, youth can use the combination of the fish ruler and a carpenter measuring tape. The fish must have its color and appear fresh caught. Do not throw them on the ice and measure them after a day of fishing.

We are not responsible and will make no concessions for those who try to submit early or late. The submission pictures are time stamped.

Prizes/Awards

The prizes for fish caught will be determined by length. Each contestant is allowed to enter a stringer of three fish in perch and crappie divisions. The awards are for the top 3 individuals with the largest stringer in inches. The walleye and northern pike divisions are for largest individual fish. The angler can be awarded only one place/prize in each of the fish species. Places are awarded 1st through 3rd in each category. In the event of a tie, persons will receive comparable prizes.

At this time, awards are fish trophies for top places and medals for 2nd and 3rd. This may change according to donations or prize sponsorships.

Leaders in each fish category will be posted periodically as submitted. While we support catch and release, legal fish keeping is up to the individual.

Youth Fishing Requirements:

Youth must be 6 -18 years old and registered in 4-H Online system of our 4-H program at ndsu.edu/4h. There is no charge for registering. Youth can legally have four lines. Youth must be in attendance and in control of the fishing lines. Adults may help land a big fish but must not take control of the line from the youth.

Safety Thoughts:

Anglers should not venture out on ice that has not been tested without an adult. The 4-H program recommends that anglers follow COVID safety guidelines of masks and social distancing when necessary. North Dakota State University, NDSU Extension Service or North Dakota 4-H are not responsible for accidents or COVID safety compliance by individuals.

Cancellations or Postpone:

In the event of a dangerous storm that appears to be statewide, a cancellation will be issued. If a section of the state appears to be safe, the tournament will go on as planned. We will send email notification if weather or other events become an issue.

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