

# **Burden Lake Ice Fishing Contest**

## **February 20th, 2010**

### **CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The contest is scheduled for February 20th, 2010 from 9 am - 3 pm on Burden Lake, sections one and two. You may pick your spots anytime after 7 am. No lines in the water until 9 am.
2. If inclement weather causes cancellation, the contest will be held on February 21st 2010. Official cancellation notices will be posted on the First Dyke Road and will be found on the Burden Lake Association Web Page.
3. Entry fee for the contest is \$15 per person. Children 12 years and younger are free. No refunds will be given for any reason.
4. Prizes will be awarded for the weight of the heaviest legal fish per species. In the event of a tie, the first registered fish will take the prize. No contestant will be eligible for more than one contest prize. No age limits to win a prize. A special category for youth under 13 years of age will distribute a non-monetary prize. This category will be the most in number of fish caught.
5. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days. Transportation, taxes and any expenses incurred are the responsibility of the contest winners.
6. Contestants must fish within the designated area of Burden Lake. Contestants must register prior to fishing. Registration Tags must be visible at all times. Contestants cannot register any fish without a tag. Contestants can move to a different location within the contest area. Contestants must stay 30 feet from each other. There is a 3 hole per person limit. Contestants may register as many fish as they like but only the heaviest fish registered will qualify for a contest prize.
7. Contestants will not be allowed to bring motorized vehicles within the contest area. All reasonable attempts will be made to keep ALL motorized vehicles used by non-participating individuals off of the contest area.
8. No shelters of any kind will be allowed. Contestants and their fishing holes must be within view from all sides of the contest area at all times. Please dress warmly. The Lake is very cold and often windy.
9. All fish entered must be brought to the weigh-in station immediately. The fish must be ALIVE. This is a catch and release contest. Any fish that are dead, frozen or have been tampered with will be disqualified. Fish can only be registered by their rightful owner. The exception would be for disabled persons unable to transport the fish to the weigh-in station.
10. All New York State fishing regulations and laws must be followed. Any fish caught illegally will be disqualified.
11. All fish must be caught and the contestant must be in line at the weigh-in station by 3 PM on the day of the contest. Contestants are responsible for verifying the weight of the fish at the time of weigh-in. There will be a leader board located in the registration/weigh-in station area.
12. Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property. The registration signature of each contestant declares an agreement to hold harmless, the owners of property, the Burden Lake Association, The Burden Lake Preservation Corporation, it's participants, volunteers, and organizers from any and all liabilities, damage, claims, suits, judgments, cost and expense arising out of any and all loss, damage, injury or death to persons, property or vehicles.
13. The contestants must adhere to all local parking requirements. You are encouraged to carpool.
14. Limited food and beverages may be available for a small donation.
15. All contestants and others hereby consent by registration signature, to the use of any photographs or likeness of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest, including but not limited to, print, television, website, etc.
16. Failure to comply with any contest rules subject's contestants to disqualification and will be removed from the competition site. The right to refuse to sell and/or revoke a ticket to anyone is here by reserved by the contest officials.
17. Please respect the property of Lake residents. Help protect the environment. Please practice Carry-In-Carry-Out protocol.