



## 2012 Official Tournament Rules

1. The tournament is scheduled for February 12, 2012, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 PM on Swan Lake at Heartland Acres in Independence IA. Contestants are not allowed inside fishing area prior to 1:00pm but may continue fishing after weigh in. Weigh in begins at 4:15PM. Contestants may fish at their leisure after all have weighed in.
2. Should inclement weather cause cancellation on February 12, an attempt will be made to hold the tournament on February 19, same time and place. Team captains will be contacted with official cancellation notices if needed.
3. Contest prizes will be awarded based on combined total weight of all bluegill and / or crappie caught per team. In the event of a tie, prizes will be split between the teams involved.
4. Bluegills and Crappies are allowed to be kept. All other fish must be released.
5. Each person will be allowed to fish two lines maximum, per Iowa law. You may weigh as many fish as you want, but only the heaviest fish per team will qualify for a competition prize. No team will be eligible for more than one competition prize. There is no age requirement on tournament participation.
6. All fish entered must be brought to the weigh-in station before the end of the contest. Judges shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decisions of the judges are final.
7. All fish must be caught and the contestant en route to the weigh-in station by 4:00 p.m.
8. Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.
9. Prizes will be awarded at the close of the event. At minimum one representative from your team must be present to win.
10. All laws of the State of Iowa will be abided by. Each contestant must have a valid Iowa fishing license.
11. Contestants are required to park in the areas provided. There is no on-ice parking for contestants.
12. All bait fish must be four inches or smaller. Any bait fish over four inches will not be allowed on the ice.
13. Coolers and large containers are discouraged, and are subject to be checked. Shelters, underwater cameras, heaters, chairs, bait pails, ice augers, and depth finders are allowed. No licenses sold on the lake. Contestants are responsible for drilling their own holes.
14. Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects contestants to disqualification and removal from competition site, as determined by contest officials.
15. 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.
16. All alcohol must be purchased through the Event Center. Other beverages will also be available for purchase through the Event Center.