



# GRAND RIVER CASINO & RESORT'S 2025 ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES



1. Eligibility: Must have a valid SD fishing license and be 18 years of age unless accompanied by parent or guardian.
2. Fish Limits: Teams may have State regulations for limit of Walleye. Teams can weigh in 4 Walleye (2 fish 20 inches and over and 2 under). Fish CANNOT be frozen; any frozen fish will not be weighed.
3. Boundaries: East train bridge, south US hwy 12 bridge, west slip hill point across to east shore line, Smiths bay south point across to west shore line.
4. Fishing Hours: 8am to 6pm Saturday, February 1, 2025.
5. Both team members MUST be present for launch at GRC. If a team member misses their number while being launched that team will be set aside until all teams have been launched. Team number may be picked up once the last team has left the building. If a team number isn't picked by 10am, you will be disqualified for prize eligibility.
6. Anglers MUST return their numbered board to Grand River Casino (if no fish to weigh) by 6pm (CDT). If you are late, you are disqualified. (This rule is for your safety to ensure that we know all contestants have checked in). Teams are responsible to notify the tournament Directors listed, if they cannot make it in for the weigh-ins on the scheduled time. If teams do not notify any of the directors listed, they will be disqualified from prize drawings.
7. Bad Weather - if inclement weather, there will be no refunds on entry fees. If we are not able to fish on Saturday, there will be drawings to select prize winners at Grand River Casino.
8. Anglers must be off the ice by 4pm the Friday evening of the rules meeting. Nobody on the ice until 8am Saturday.
9. Both team members must be within 25-yard radius of their center point or occupied shack. Distance between teams is 25 yards of an occupied shack unless right-of-way team approves. Right-of-way team would be the first team to that spot.
10. Tournament fishermen cannot fish with non-tournament fishermen. Each team member can fish a maximum of four (4) lines.
11. Stay away from bridges and pressure ridges. Know your ice thickness when navigating.
12. You may only use a standardized hook and line system with artificial bait or live bait to include: (less than 12 dozen) flathead minnows, creek chubs, white suckers, and golden shiners. If using more than 12 dozen or any other bait, you will have to have an Importation Permit from SD GF&P. No Spearing or Snagging Fish. We will be looking at all fish.
13. You are the best marshal. We will have marshals on the ice, but if you see anything suspicious, just call Garret (605.848.1298) or Scott (605.848.9011) and it will be checked out.
14. Four wheelers, Utv's, Snowmobiles, electronics and ice shacks (no more than 2 shacks per team) are allowed.
15. The Pro Tournament Precision Ruler will be used as the official tournament ruler. Fish will be measured on both sides and tails will be pinched. Any mangled, mashed, or mauled fish will be weighed at the discretion of the weigh-in official and tournament coordinator. All decisions of the weigh master and tournament coordinators are final.
16. All teams MUST register online for the 2025 tournament. Registrations will be accepted ONLY at the Grand River Casino's website. **Deadline to register is January 27th, 2025.**
17. Mandatory Rules/Safety meeting: On Friday January 31, 2025 all anglers must attend the rules meeting at Grand River Casino & Resort. Meeting will begin at 6pm (CDT) in the banquet facilities of the Lodge. All teams must check in at the rules meeting before 6pm (CDT). Check in will begin at 4pm (CDT).
18. Participation Agreement and waiver: I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by rules established by tournament organizers. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of these rules and have read and understand them. Tournament sponsors shall act as referee in all disputes and his/hers decision based on his/hers interpretation of the rules will be final and without legal appeal. I hereby release Grand River Casino, its managers, employees, promoters, tournament directors, sponsors, and organizations assisting in the tournament operations and their agencies, from any death, injuries, liability, theft, fire or any loss occurring during the event.