

The BIG JIG Ice Fishing Derby

Event Rules

CFE License No.600625

February 13-15, 2021

Town of Sylvan Lake

RULES

This derby is catch and release ONLY. Harvesting fish will result in disqualification. Use only barbless hooks.

Eligible species include walleye, burbot, lake whitefish, and yellow perch.

Northern pike are ineligible. If caught, release immediately – any photographs of pike submitted will result in disqualification.

The maximum depth permitted to fish is 7.5 meters (24.5 feet)

In the event of disqualification, any entry fees will be forfeited and not refunded.

1. Getting Started

- A. The Big Jig is an online tournament run through **Angler's Atlas** website and their mobile app **MyCatch**.
- B. Anyone can participate in the Big Jig Ice Fishing Derby and it is for all ages. Registration is currently only able to support individual registration. For those without a personal cell phone (such as children) the participant will need to submit through a parent's account regardless of whether the parent is participating in the tournament or not.
- C. There is a \$35 registration fee to enter the tournament. The tournament runs:

Saturday, February 13 from 6am – 9pm

Sunday, February 14 from 6am – 9pm

Monday, February 15 from 6am – 3pm

Catches may be submitted through the My Catch app for judging anytime during that period.

- D. In order for catches to be sent properly, you must use the **same login email and password** for both Angler's Atlas website and the MyCatch app.
- E. All contestants must register for the tournament through this URL <https://www.anglersatlas.com/search/tournaments>
- F. You will receive an automatic email confirming that you have entered the tournament and that your payment has gone through.
- G. Once accepted into the tournament, download the free **MyCatch mobile app** and login to activate the tournament on the app again using the same login email and password that you used to register in the tournament. (<https://www.anglersatlas.com/mycatch>)
- H. Protecting anglers' privacy is a priority, and any location data collected during the tournament will not be released to the public. Our promise to anglers is "**Secret Fishing Spots Stay Secret**". See below for further details.
- I. By registering and participating in the tournament, all participants agree to abide by the rules and regulations they have received as set out in the Big Jig Fishing Derby Event Rules and Competitive Fishing Event License issued by the Government of Alberta.

2. Catch Reporting Rules

- A. This event is catch and release only. Eligible species include lake whitefish, burbot, yellow perch, and walleye. Recognize fish species using the information below:
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-game-fish-species.aspx>
<http://www.albertafishingguide.com/fish>
- B. Northern pike are ineligible. If a northern pike is caught, it must be released immediately. Any submitted photos of northern pike will result in disqualification.
- C. In order for each catch to qualify, a photograph of the fish must be taken using the **MyCatch** app, and cannot be uploaded from a photo gallery or other source.
- D. All contestants must have GPS enabled for their catches to qualify. Your location data will be protected. For more information, see details below.

- E. All length based prize categories require the use of a 'bump board' or other measuring device that clearly shows the length of the fish. The nose of the fish must be aligned with the start of the measuring device, with both the nose and the tail clearly visible in the photograph.
- F. For species diversity categories, the photo must show the entire fish so it can be identified by tournament organizers.
- G. The app works out of call range, and catches will synchronize with the server once the user opens the app when back in cell range or through a wifi signal. If the catches are not synced by the prizing deadline, they will not qualify for prizes.
- H. Catches that are submitted will be reviewed at least once per day during the week (it will likely be more frequent than that!) and less often on weekends. Once the submissions are reviewed, they will be immediately visible on the appropriate leaderboards.

3. Tournament Location and Times

- A. Tournament boundaries are within the limits of the water body of Sylvan Lake. Catches may be made from public or private property along the shoreline of the water body as well.
- B. The tournament runs from:
 - Saturday, February 13 from 6am – 9pm
 - Sunday, February 14 from 6am – 9pm
 - Monday, February 15 from 6am – 3pm
- C. All catches made within the start and end times must be synchronized with the Angler's Atlas server within the event times to qualify.
- D. All Covid-19 Public Health orders and Gathering Restrictions at the time of the event must be followed by all participants
- E. This is an ice fishing derby. Practice ice safety at all times! Only walk and fish where safe to do so. For ice safety information please see:
<https://www.lifesaving.org/public-education/water-smart-tips2/ice-safety-tips>
<https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/safety-procedures/ice-safety-tips/default.aspx#:~:text=Beware%20of%20ice%20near%20the,another%20vehicle%20on%20the%20ice.>

4. Awards & Prizes

- A. Proceeds from the tournament will be distributed as prizes in accordance with the prizing categories below.
 - a. Longest Catch Overall

- b. Longest Walleye
 - c. Longest Perch
 - d. Longest Burbot
 - e. Longest Whitefish
 - f. First catch on Saturday, February 13, 2021
 - g. First catch on Sunday, February 14, 2021
 - h. First catch on Monday, February 15, 2021
 - i. Smallest catch on Saturday, February 13, 2021
 - j. Smallest catch on Sunday, February 14, 2021
 - k. Smallest catch on Monday, February 15, 2021
- B. A participant can only win for one prize category. One participant cannot win multiple prizes. Where a participant places first in two categories simultaneously, that participant will be awarded the highest dollar value prize and win in that category.
- C. Awards will be announced on or by Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and anglers contacted directly using the contact information provided in the tournament registration process.
- D. In the case of a tie, the tie break will go to the person with the highest number of fish reported.
- E. Tournament organizers reserve the right to adjust entries.

5. Other Rules

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- B. The maximum depth permitted to fish is 7.5 meters (24.5 feet). Anglers entering catches outside of this depth will be disqualified.
- C. Anglers can only submit catches that they have caught themselves.
- D. Each contestant must have in their possession a valid fishing license for their respective jurisdiction or be exempt under regulations of their jurisdiction.
- E. Each contestant must conform to the fishing rules and regulations that are in place for the jurisdiction in which they are fishing.

- F. Promoters and organizers assisting in the tournament operation are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or any loss to any contestants.
- G. Any angler found to be cheating will be disqualified from the tournament.
- H. All rules have loopholes. It is our intention to provide an honest sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded the spirit of the rule will prevail in all judgments.
- I. All questions or concerns relating to the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the NexSource Center Reception at 403-887-1192. Their decision will be final in all cases. No other person can be considered a spokesman for the rules during the tournament.
- J. Any contestant has the right to make a protest against another contestant by contacting an organizer through email prior to the close of the tournament. Their decision will be final in all cases.
- K. In the case of disqualification, any entry fees paid will be forfeited and ineligible for refund.
- L. To ensure the best chances of survival for the fish, all participants are to handle fish safely. See guidelines for safe fish handling below:
<https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/safety-procedures/fish-handling/default.aspx#:~:text=When%20handling%20a%20fish%20that,removing%20it%20from%20the%20water.>
- M. Refer to the leader board often and do not submit photos of fish smaller or larger than the leader in that category. This will help limit the impact on the fish caught and enhance the chances of survival in catch and release where the fish is put back into the water as quickly as possible.

6. Data Privacy and Fisheries Research

"Secret Fishing Spots Stay Secret" — This is our primary commitment to anglers who report their catches through MyCatch. So what does this mean in practise?

- A. Angler's Atlas does not release MyCatch GPS data to the public. It is treated as confidential and is provided to fisheries researchers under strict conditions.
- B. Every research team we work with must sign a data sharing agreement that sets the terms of use for the data.
- C. Data is anonymized before it is provided to the researcher.
- D. Researchers agree not to share the data with anyone else.

- E. Researchers cannot use the data for any purpose other than the research specified in the agreement.
- F. Exact location data cannot be published as part of the scientific research. Instead it has to be generalized to a larger region so the location cannot be reverse engineered.

These data privacy rules are designed to protect our anglers' private data, to conserve the fisheries, and to make sure we maintain a trusting relationship with our anglers into the future. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Angler's Atlas President directly by email (sean@anglersatlas.com).