



Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce

Winter Fishing Weekend & Tournament – Saturday February 4th 2012

Mandatory Rules Meeting: Friday February 3, 2012 BestWestern Ramkota, Pierre.
Check-in from 4pm to 630pm for social & exhibits. Drawings & rules meeting at 7pm.
All teams need to check in by 630pm.

Tournament Rules and Participation Agreement

1. Eligibility: Two-person teams. Team entry fee is \$100. Each participant must have a valid SD fishing license and be 18 years of age, unless accompanied by parent or guardian. Each participant will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability form at the Rules Meeting.
2. Fish Limits and Lengths: Follow State regulations for limits and lengths (some dams/lakes have restrictions on bass length for example). Each team will be allowed to weigh in no more than 6 fish. All fish must be presented in a bucket of fresh water. Fish CANNOT be frozen. Walleye must be at least 15" minimum length.
3. Fish Categories: prizes will be paid for the most weight and largest fish (by weight) in each fish category. Fish categories include: **1) Walleye** (includes Sauger/Saugeye); **2) Northern Pike**; **3) Panfish** (Perch, Blue Gill, Sunfish, Crappie); **4) Bass** (Largemouth, Smallmouth, White). A prize for the largest "other" fish will also be paid (catfish, salmon, trout, carp, etc).
4. Boundaries: Any publically accessible waters (no private dams).
5. Fishing Hours: 7am to 5pm. Team must pick up its numbered stick at the BestWestern Ramkota Hotel in Pierre at 630am. Be prepared to show your ID as tournament committee will be randomly checking ID's to ensure both contestants are present when picking up their stick. If stick is not picked up by 730am, both anglers are disqualified for any prize eligibility. Both contestants on each team MUST pick up their numbered stick at the Ramkota together and MUST return their numbered stick to the Ramkota together. (This rule is for safety and to ensure that all contestants have checked in.) The numbered stick is required to weigh in. Weigh in will be located at Capital Motors at 5pm, 518 East Sioux Avenue. If either team member is late for weigh in, the team is disqualified.
6. Weather: In the event of inclement weather on the day of the tournament, there will be no refunds on entry fees. Weather-permitting, the fishing tournament will be held on Sunday February 5. If not able to fish on Sunday, there will be drawings at the Ramkota to select prize winners.
7. Tournament anglers must be off the water/ice by 4pm the day of the Rules Meeting. No tournament anglers may be on the water/ice until 7am Saturday when the tournament officially begins.
8. Both team members must be present at the Rules Meeting and must be present to win prizes. Anglers also need to have an ID in order to collect prizes.
9. Both team members must be within a 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 anglers cannot fish with non-tournament anglers. Each team may use the maximum number of lines allowed by state regulations. Refer to the GFP Fishing Handbook for number of lines allowed.
11. Anglers may use only a standardized hook and line system with artificial bait or live bait. Live bait is limited to less than 12 dozen of the following: fathead minnows, creek chubs, white suckers and golden shiners. If using more than 12 dozen or any other type of live bait, anglers must possess an importation permit from SD GFP. No spearing or snagging of fish allowed. Tournament committee will examine all fish brought to weigh-in.
12. You are the best marshal for a tournament. Tournery marshals will be stationed at various locations, but if you see anything suspicious, please report it to tournament officials so it can be investigated. A tournament hotline phone number will be provided at the Rules Meeting.
13. Four-wheelers, electronics and ice shacks (no more than two ice shacks per team) may be used.
14. 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 measure master, weigh master and tournament director are final.

Participation Agreement: I understand this is a professional sporting event, governed by the rules that have been established by tournament organizers. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of these rules, read them and understand them. In addition to terms of entry and competition, these rules relate to the safety of all participants as well as the fair sporting conduct of this event. The Tournament Director shall act as referee in all disputes and his/her decision based on his/her interpretation of the rules will be final and without legal appeal. I understand there are never refunds for tournament entry fees.