



## Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket Anglers (CIBA) Team Handbook Effective: 2026 Season

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### 1. Team Overview & Goals

**Goals:** - Teach anglers boater safety and effective fishing techniques. - Improve angling skills through hands-on instruction. - Foster a love for fishing as a lifelong sport. - Create a respectful and supportive team environment.

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### 2. Team Expectations

**All Anglers Must:** - Attend at least 1 registration meeting. - Participate in a minimum of 1 club derby. - Participate in at least 1 fundraiser per year. - Attend monthly meetings (as much as possible). - Respond promptly to email and Facebook communications. - Represent the team respectfully in public and online. - Wear life jackets when the big motor is on - including boat captains (no exceptions); Anglers 10 years old and under must wear life jackets at all times. - Wear jerseys at club derbies and volunteer events. - Carry a valid fishing license (16 years and older).

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### 3. Meetings

#### **Expectations:**

- One monthly meeting (September–August), occasionally two.
- Held 6–8 PM at Cambridge-Isanti High School Media Center.
- Mandatory sign-in for attendance tracking.

#### **Meeting Activities:**

- Guest speakers, fishing technique lessons, lure making, safety drills.
  - Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
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### 4. Club Derbies

- Run on a calendar year. Registration opens in October and closes December 31st.
- The official season begins January 1st.
- CIBA is a multi-species club.
- Derbies include both ice fishing and open water events.
- Anglers are responsible for providing their own equipment (rods/reels, tackle, life jackets, rain gear, etc.)

#### **Ice Fishing Derbies**

- Held once ice conditions are safe, typically on weekends.
- Anglers compete against other club members.

#### **Open Water Derbies**

- Weekly events held on pre-determined lakes.
- Anglers may fish **one night between Tuesday-Wednesday**
- Only fish from your first night will count towards the weekly derby. Attempts to upgrade fish on subsequent nights will not be allowed.
- Month-long derbies will continue throughout the season.

#### **JR/HS/BC Derby Nights**

- These are special one-night events where one junior, one high school angler, and one boat captain team up to compete against other teams in the club.
- The goal is to host the event once monthly, depending on participation and interest.

#### **FishDonkey App**

- All club derbies are tracked using the FishDonkey app.
- Anglers should have access to a cell phone with the app installed while fishing.

#### **Boats**

- A personal boat is not required to participate, although it is helpful.
  - The club will make every effort to pair anglers with boat captains so no one is left on the dock.
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## 5. Travel Tournaments (SATT, B.A.S.S., TBF)

**Participation:** - Requires advance registration through designated team channels. - Anglers may choose their own partners. - If needed, the club will try to pair anglers without a partner or boat captain.

**Preparation:** - Bring your own food, drinks, and appropriate clothing (including life jacket) - Be respectful to boat captains and their equipment.

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## 6. Boat Captains

**Expectations:** - Ensure safety and provide guidance during events. - Be respectful and supportive of youth participants. - Encourage learning and responsible fishing practices. - High School anglers who have their boater safety are allowed to boat captain themselves. They must provide the club with a copy of their boater safety license.

**How to Volunteer:** - Reach out via the website or contact listed coaches.

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## 7. Fundraising & Volunteering

### **Requirements:**

- 1 fundraising event per year

### **Purpose:**

- Raise funds for team expenses and build community relationships.

### **Attendance:**

- Be on time and participate actively.
  - Event details will be communicated in advance.
  - 24 hour cancellation notice must be made to the organization you are volunteering for to allow them time to find a replacement.
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## 8. Angler of the Year (AOY)

### **Awarded Based On:**

- Club derby performance
- Meeting attendance
- Fundraising and volunteering participation

### **Awarded at:**

- Year-end banquet
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## 9. Discounts & Perks

- Team members receive exclusive access to sponsor discounts.
  - Sharing discount codes outside of team members is prohibited.
  - Abuse may result in loss of access to discounts.
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## 10. Communication

- **Facebook Group:** CIBluejacketAnglers (for updates and announcements)
  - **Website:** [www.cibluejacketanglers.com](http://www.cibluejacketanglers.com)
  - **Email:** [CIBluejacketAnglers@gmail.com](mailto:CIBluejacketAnglers@gmail.com) (used for formal communications)
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## 11. Contacts

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