

Klaus Nieder Memorial Ice Fishing Contest

Rules and Regulations

Sponsored by Danbury Area Chamber

1. The Tournament is scheduled for February 21nd, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Burlingame Lake, Danbury, Wisconsin. Contestants are allowed to fish the entire lake of Burlingame Lake and you may fish from your portable shelters and wheel houses. All fish must be caught by hook and line. No spears will be allowed. Artificial and live bait are allowed.
2. We will have six (6) fishing categories. The 6 categories are Bass, Northern Pike, Crappie, Sun Fish, Horned Trout (catfish) & Smallest fish for kids ages 12 and under. All other species will not be allowed. We will award prizes for the top fish caught in each category that will be determined by largest weight registered. In the event of a tie, the first fish registered takes priority.
3. Each person will be allowed to fish three (3) lines per person, three (3) lines maximum. Tournament anglers are eligible for category prizes and door prizes. There is no age requirement on tournament participation.
4. Contestants must fish on Burlingame Lake and will be required to show their tickets at time of weigh in.
5. All fish entering must be brought to the judge's stand immediately and every effort must be made to keep the fish alive. Frozen or dead fish are ineligible. Judges shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decision of the judge is final. Contestants are responsible for verification of weight of fish at time of weigh in. When the head judge deems the leader board correct, there will be an inspection period for all contestants to view the board and put forth any comments. After that time, the board will be "official" and no changes will be made.
6. Contestants and their fish must be in the weigh station by 2:00 p.m. No exceptions. Judges rule will be final.
7. Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property at all times.
8. All laws of the State of Wisconsin will be abided by.

It is the fishermen's responsibility to check current DNR rules for Burlingame Lake for all species as they may change after this release date of the rules.

9. No spears allowed. Heaters, chairs, bait pails, and depth finders are allowed. No licenses sold on the lake. The use of augers is allowed. Weighted lines without hooks or bait can be used to check depth prior to 8:30 a.m. No lines are allowed in the water from 8:31 a.m. to the start of the contest. Underwater Cameras are allowed.
10. Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects' contestants to disqualification and removal from competition site, as determined by contest officials. The right to refuse to sell and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.
11. The Klaus Nieder - Leader Board will be located at the weigh-in pop-up. All efforts will be made to keep the board up to date and accurate. Tournament results remain unofficial until verified by the head judge. After head judge deems leader board accurate contestants will have time to verify the results after which the results will become official and uncontestable. Under no circumstances will the leaderboard become official and uncontestable before 2:00 pm on contest day.
12. 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.
13. All registered fish will be immediately released at weigh-in area, unless the contestant wants to keep it. In which case the fish will be marked by tournament officials and remain the property of the contestant.
14. Contestants are encouraged to have a bucket with water to save fish on the way to the weigh station.
15. Danbury Area Chamber would like to thank you for supporting our efforts and request that You remove refuse, including cigarette butts, from the ice when you leave.
16. All prizes that are posted are subject to change without notice.
17. All participants hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm during all activities and releases the Danbury Area Chamber and all Sponsors from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from this event.