

Hooked on Itasca: January 29th – February 7th, 2021

Rules

FishDonkey App

All registration and payment must be completed using the app. The [FishDonkey app](#) will be used to photo document fish and will generate live leaderboards. The leaderboards will update throughout the event as fish are submitted. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified.

Measuring & Photo Documenting

- All photos must be taken through the FishDonkey app and measurements must be on a valid measuring board.
- Fish should be recorded immediately and measurements noted by length.
- All submissions must include at least two photographs: 1) A pic of you holding the fish 2) A pic of the fish on the measuring board.
- Close the fish's mouth. The nose should touch the bump of the measuring board (the belly is facing you). The measurement photo needs to include the entire fish on the board.
- If the fish's tail is touching the graduation line on the board then that is the exact measurement. If the tail crosses a graduation line, round up $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- All participants must have their fish submitted before the end of the tournament (3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 7th).

Practice the FishDonkey App ahead of time

Watch a 1 minute tutorial on [How to Enter a Fish](#).

Test the app before you get out on the water.

1. Download the app
2. Join "Practice Entering a Fish"

FishDonkey in poor reception areas

The app will work without the internet. Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas. Tap on the name of the tourney. Once you see the button 'Enter a Fish', head out and fish away. Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas. Your Digital Livewell® (fish icon) will show you if there are fish waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard. When you get back to a well-connected area, open your Digital Livewell® and leave that screen open/active until all fish are "Received". If your pictures are missing from the leaderboard, this is what you

need to do. Until your pictures are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone, as the software will not accept your photos as originals.

Missing pictures on the leaderboard?

Open your Digital Livewell (fish icon) when you get back to an area with good reception. Leave that screen open until all fish are "Received". Never delete anything from your Digital Livewell.

Measuring Boards

All measuring devices must be commercially made. You are required to have a board with a 90 degree bend which marks 0, and at least ¼" lines. No handmade measuring boards, stickers, or tape measures allowed. No sliding, retractable, or foldable measuring devices are allowed unless approved by the tournament director. If your measurement is not clearly readable in your submission photo, it may not be accepted, or could be penalized.

Tournament Director

Your Tournament Director is United Way Executive Director Kimberly Brink Smith. If you need to reach your director, their contact info is in the "I" Info icon within your tournament in the app.

The interpretation and enforcement of the rules is at the sole discretion of the director. The tournament director may change rules or impose sanctions as they deem appropriate, including but not limited to: disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes, and prohibition from competing in future tournaments. All decisions made by the tournament director are final.

Sportsmanship

All participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of fishing could be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

Body of Water

Participants must fish on bodies of water located in Itasca County, Minnesota - United Way of 1000 Lakes' service area. Fishing has to be legal and in public waters only: no private ponds, streams, lakes, or rivers. Participants may fish in any water that is open

to public fishing.

Inclement Weather/Cancelation

Keep mobile phones on throughout the tournament in order to receive communication from the director in the event of postponement or cancelation. Due to the nature of tournament fishing, no refunds will be issued. This is at the discretion of your tournament director.

Tiebreakers

The tournament director will consider options for determining a tie, which could be 1) time of entry 2) the exact measurement instead of the 1/4" measurement 3) the next largest fish submitted by each angler. A tie could also result in shared prizes.

Claiming Prizes

Ensure that your correct address, email, and mobile number appear in your app profile for prize announcements and delivery. Prizes are the responsibility of the winners. Transportation, taxes, and incidentals are the responsibility of the winner.

It is the responsibility of the tournament director to disburse all prizes. Prizes are subject to change based on tournament participation and other factors.

From our terms and conditions, you have agreed to the following:

"FishDonkey makes no representations or warranties regarding the Service or the quality, features, conditions, rules, prizes, results, or other aspects of any tournament ORGANIZED THROUGH, OR hosted on, the Site. AS BETWEEN FISHDONKEY AND THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER, THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESULTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE TOURNAMENTS THEY ORGANIZE AND HOST USING THE SITE AND SERVICES."

As stated above, FishDonkey is not in any way responsible, but if you believe there is a problem with your tournament director or if something seems suspicious such as not paying out the funds or prizes, please contact FishDonkey and let us know ASAP.

Laws and Regulations

All federal, state, and local laws and all fishing and boating rules must be abided by.

Failure to comply with any tournament rules subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the competition, as determined by the tournament officials. The right to refuse sale and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.

Cheating

All protests must be brought to the director's attention before the end of the event.

Anyone caught breaking the law or disobeying the rules will be disqualified.

Fish must be hooked and caught live in a conventional manner. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared, etc.

Participants may be required to take polygraph exams as part of the tournament requirements. If deception is detected or the participant refuses to take the exam, the prize will be forfeited and the participant will be disqualified. Anglers taking a polygraph examination may be responsible for any and all costs incurred.

Safety

Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.

Questions?

If there are any questions about the rules, ask the tournament director.