

TIP-UP TOWN USA 2012 FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The aim of the Tip-Up Town USA Fishing Contest is to promote ice fishing on Houghton Lake. We wish to create a good-natured competitive event that rewards both dedicated fisherman and novices alike.

Contestants must have a Tip-Up-Town USA badge to enter the Fishing Contest. Pre-registration is not required. The Officials' decision will be final in all cases. Officials will not accept any fish with sunken eyes, freezer burn or spear holes.

Fish must be caught from Houghton Lake during the weekends of Tip-Up-Town USA 2012. The dates are January 20-21-22 and January 27-28-29. All fish entries must be weighed in on a rope stringer which will be supplied at the Official Weigh Station at time of entry.

The Official Fish Station will be open both weekends - Saturday 10:00am until 4:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. **ENTRANTS MUST BE IN LINE BY 1:00pm ON SUNDAY.** Officials will identify the last person in line at that time. Each weekend is a separate contest. Fish from the first weekend are not eligible to be entered in the second weekend contest and may be marked to prevent this from happening.

All current fishing regulations apply to this contest with the exception of the following! #1-All panfish must be a minimum of (7) inches in length.

INDIVIDUAL "LARGEST FISH" CATEGORY

There are a total of six (6) classes!

Walleye, Northern Pike, Rock Bass, Crappie, Perch, and Bluegill/Sunfish! Only one entry per class per individual. (Bluegill and Sunfish are a combined class in both the Single and Total Catch categories)

Largest Fish Classes will be determined by weight. In case of a tie, length will determine the winner. Prizes will be awarded on the Sunday of both weekends:

First Place: \$25.00 Gift Card

Second Place: 15 Tickets (redeemable at Family Fun Tent)

LARGEST "TOTAL CATCH CATEGORY"

There will be two classes in the Total Catch Category:

1. Walleye and Northern Pike Combo (5 Fish Limit not to exceed more than 2 Northern Pike)
2. Pan Fish Combo. (Pan fish Combo includes Rock Bass, Crappie, Perch, and Bluegill/Sunfish)

There will be a first and second place winner in each class.

First place prize Walleye & Northern Pike: Power Auger each weekend

First place prize Pan Fish Combo: Tent Shanty each weekend

Second place prize both categories: \$25.00 Gift Card

A 25 fish limit is applied to the panfish combo class. Winners in this class will be determined by total weight of all fish entered up to 25. Prizes will be awarded on the Sunday of both weekends.

**All kids (12 and under) participating will receive 10 Tickets
(Tickets are redeemable at the Prize Redemption Center in the Family Fun Tent)**
