



7TH WORLD ICE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

7 - 14 MARCH 2010

RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN, USA

FIPSED Member Nations, National Fishing Federations and National Ice Fishing Teams,

The United States is honored to extend our official invitation to all international ice fishing teams for the 7th World Ice Fishing Championship to be held in Rhinelander, Wisconsin on 7-14 March 2010. You are cordially invited to compete in the FIPSeD 7th World Ice Fishing Championship. This invitation is open to all FIPS-ed recognized member nations and national fishing federations.

All versions of this invitation are official and sponsored solely by the Captain of the USA Ice Team. **If you require a paper copy of this invitation for visa and travel requirements, please send your complete address via email to jpmcdearmon@gmail.com.**

The official website of the 2010 7th World Ice Fishing Championship is www.usaiceteam.com. All information regarding the fishing ground, detailed schedule and information regarding tourism in Chicago, Illinois can be found on the web site.

The USA Ice Team is honored and excited to host our international ice fishing friends in the first WIFC to be held in America. We want to thank every team for their kindness, consideration and patience as we attempt to make the first ever American WIFC event something all participants and fans will remember and be proud of for a lifetime. We look forward to hearing from you!

Regards,
7th WIFC Organizing Committee

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Venue Information – Rhinelander, Wisconsin

The city and people of Rhinelander, Wisconsin are exceptional hosts to ice fishers and the qualification tournaments for the USA Ice Team. Information for the city and area of Rhinelander, Wisconsin can be found online at www.rhinelanderchamber.com

The official fishing ground for the 2010 7th WIFC will be Boom Lake. Information regarding the fishing ground on Boom Lake will be posted online in the near future at www.usaiceteam.com

Holiday Acres Resort, located on Thompson Lake and just 5 miles from the official fishing ground, will provide lodging, dining and ceremony facilities to all competitors. Additional information regarding lodging may be found online at www.holidayacres.com

Fish Information – Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Species

Several species common to Boom Lake include:

Five (5) Species of Panfish

- White Crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*)
- Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)
- Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)
- Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)
- Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

Other Species

- Yellow Bullhead (*Ictalurus natalis*)
- White Sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)
- Creek Chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)
- Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)

Catch Limits

- Panfish species are limited to a combined total of 25 fish per person, per day
- Other species (Rock Bass, Bullhead, Chub, Shiner and Sucker) have no daily bag limit

Hook Baits

Acceptable baits include:

- Wax Worms (*Pyralidae* larvae)
- Mousies (*Eristalis tenax* larvae)
- Maggots (*Calliphora vomitoria* larvae)*
- Wigglers (*Ephemeroptera* larvae)

Maggots will be provided to all competitors **free of charge.*



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Ground Baits

The use of ground bait is currently under review by FIPSeD. We will notify all registered international teams with any information and with any approved sources of ground bait.

Team Composition

WIFC Official Team Composition

- Maximum 6 Fishers (5 Primary + 1 Reserve)
- 1 Coach
- 1 Team Manager

Non – Official Team Support Personnel, National Media and Others

Teams may bring additional support personnel in addition to the WIFC Official Team

Financial Considerations

WIFC Competition Fees

Teams are required to provide a list of team personnel and the day you will be arriving in the USA.

The number of traveler's times the number of days (#fishers x #days x \$98USD = Total Due) will determine your total fee for the 7th WIFC (8 people arriving Monday = \$6272.00USD). This fee is used to cover the following: Food & Lodging, fishing license, computer support, emergency response and rescue personnel, transportation, trophies and event operational costs.

Incidental Costs While in Chicago, Illinois

The organizers recommend an additional \$100 USD per person, per day for food, incidentals and ticket prices for attractions while in Chicago. Bus transportation will be provided from the hotel to central locations advantageous to tourism. Beyond this, public transportation (train or taxi) costs are the responsibility of each attendee.

Official Championship Tournament Information

The Official Championship Tournament dates are 11 – 14 March 2010. The USA Ice Team, as the hosting team, is inviting interested ice fishers to participate in additional activities prior to the Championship. Those interested should examine the official website at www.usaiceteam.com or the schedule of events in the official itinerary below.



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Championship Itinerary and Schedule Information

Note: times are for planning purposes only and may be flexible

Saturday March 06, 2010 – Arrive in Chicago

- Travel to [Chicago](#), Illinois [O’Hare International Airport](#).
- Travel by 50+ passenger motor coach bus to hotel to unload personal baggage and fishing gear.

Sunday March 07, 2010 – Arrive in Chicago

- A complete list of tourism options will be posted on www.usaiceteam.com.
- One of the specific options is to attend a Chicago Blackhawks professional hockey game. This will be an additional \$100-\$125 per person. The additional cost will secure a private suite including drinks and food.
More information at <http://www.unitedcenter.com/suiterentals/BudLightLegendsLounge.asp>
- Other specific options include some of the finest natural museums in the United States, live music venues for jazz, blues and rock.

Monday March 08, 2010 – Tourism in Chicago

- A complete list of tourism options will be posted on www.usaiceteam.com.
- Site seeing in Chicago, Illinois and opportunity to rest.
- Buses will transport interested persons to pre-determined locations in downtown Chicago. Personal transportation around Chicago will be the responsibility of each competitor.
- Buses will pick up competitors at the pre-determined location to return to the hotel.

Teams that do not want to site-see in Chicago should arrive no later than Monday evening 8 March. The buses to the Rhinelander fishing grounds leave early Tuesday Morning 9 March.

Tuesday March 09, 2010 – Travel to Official Fishing Ground, Rhinelander, Wisconsin

- Buses depart hotel en route to the official Championship fishing grounds.
- En route to the official fishing ground at Rhinelander, the buses will make a meal and shopping stop at [Cabela’s](#), one of America’s premier fishing outfitters.
- Following the meal and shopping stop, competitors will travel directly to the resort hotel at the official fishing ground in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.
- Hotel check-in and Team registration
- Evening meal at resort
- Evening live entertainment



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Wednesday March 10, 2010 – Unofficial Pre-Fishing

- 06:00 – 07:30: Group breakfast
- 07:30 – 08:00: Local fishing ordinances meeting (Team Captains, Coaches, Managers)
- 08:00: Departure from Resort to unofficial pre-fishing area
- 08:30 – 12:00: Pre-fishing outside official tournament zones
- 13:00: Lunch at the lake (Hot Soup and Sandwiches, Beverages)
- 14:00: Return to resort
- 18:00: Evening Meal
- 19:30 – 21:30: Bus Trip to the [Wal-Mart](#) Supercenter Store for any shopping needs
- 21:30: Return to resort.

Thursday March 11, 2010 – Official 2010 7th WIFC Opening Ceremonies

- 06:00 – 07:30: Group breakfast – buffet style
- 08:00: Departure from Resort to unofficial pre-fishing area
- 08:30 – 12:00: Pre-fishing outside official tournament zones
- 12:30: Lunch at the lake (Hot Soup and Sandwiches, Beverages)
- 15:30: Return to resort
- 18:00: Official Opening Ceremony and Banquet
- 21:00 – 24:00: Live Entertainment at resort

Friday March 12, 2010 – Official Pre-Fishing

- 06:00 – 07:30: Group breakfast – buffet style
- 08:00: Departure from Resort to official pre-fishing area
- 09:00 – 12:00: Official Pre-Fishing.
- 13:00: Lunch at the lake (Hot Soup and Sandwiches, Beverages)
- 14:00 Return to the Resort to rest and prepare for the “Festival of Flags”
- 17:00: World on Ice Parade Staging. Teams transported to downtown Rhinelander.
- 17:30: World on Ice Parade. Teams arranged in order of 2009 WIFC rank.
- 18:00: Evening meal.
- 19:30: Return to Resort
- 20:00: Captains Meeting
 - Call – Over of the Nations.
 - Declaring Teams.
 - Nation’s numbers drawn by lot
 - International Jury selection
 - Distribution of competitor gift bags



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Saturday March 13, 2010 – Official WIFC Competition – Round One

- 06:00 – 07:30: Group breakfast – buffet style
- 07:00: Captain’s Meeting – Round One Fishing Sections drawn by lot
- 07:45: Departure from Resort to official fishing area
- 08:15: Official Inspection, bait control and allocation of fishermen at sections
- 08:55: First Signal – Competitors enter fishing sections
- 09:00: Second Signal – Official Start of Round One
- 11:55: Third Signal – Five Minute Warning to End of Round One
- 12:00: Fourth Signal – Official End of Round One. Tournament officials collect catch from competitors.
- 12:30: Official Weigh-in begins
- 13:30: Lunch at the lake (Hot Soup and Sandwiches, Beverages)
- 14:30: Official posting of Round One results
- 15:30: Return to resort.
- 18:00: Evening meal.
- 19:00: Fireworks Display over Boom Lake
- 19:30: Captain’s Meeting – Round One Summary

Sunday March 14, 2010 – Official WIFC Competition – Round Two

- 06:00 – 07:30: Group breakfast – buffet style
- 07:00: Captain’s Meeting – Round One Fishing Sections drawn by lot
- 07:45: Departure from Resort to official fishing area
- 08:15: Official Inspection, bait control and allocation of fishermen at sections
- 08:55: First Signal – Competitors enter fishing sections
- 09:00: Second Signal – Official Start of Round One
- 11:55: Third Signal – Five Minute Warning to End of Round One
- 12:00: Fourth Signal – Official End of Round One. Tournament officials collect catch from competitors.
- 12:30: Official Weigh-in begins
- 13:30: Lunch at the lake (Hot Soup and Sandwiches, Beverages)
- 14:30: Official results. Lakeside Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal award presentation with Country Flags and National Anthems for Media and Audience.
- 15:30: Return to resort.
- 16:00: Official weights and placements from Rounds One and Two posted at lodging and reception area.
- 18:00 – 22:00: Award Ceremony and 2010 7th WIFC Closing Banquet. Live entertainment following meal.



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Monday March 15, 2010 – Travel to Chicago O’Hare International Airport

NOTE: Teams requiring early departure must coordinate this requirement with the WIFC organizing committee NO LATER THAN 01 January 2010 to arrange for transport to Chicago O’Hare Airport. Teams requiring late departure on Tuesday 16 March must also coordinate with the Organizing Committee and will be required to pay the additional night lodging fee.

- 07:00 – 09:00: Group breakfast – buffet style
- 10:00 – Motor coach bus departure for Chicago O’Hare Airport. Departure flight arrangements should be scheduled no earlier than 17:00 to ensure adequate time for travel, potential winter weather delays, baggage check, transition through airport security (this is a long process) and terminal processing time.
- Teams will be provided with a packed meal for the return trip to Chicago.

Tuesday March 16, 2010 – Travel to Chicago O’Hare International Airport (Late Departure)

NOTE: Teams requiring late departure on Tuesday 16 March must also coordinate with the Organizing Committee and will be required to pay the additional night lodging fee.

- 07:00 – 09:00: Group breakfast – buffet style
- 10:00 – Motor coach bus departure for Chicago O’Hare Airport. Departure flight arrangements should be scheduled no earlier than 17:00 to ensure adequate time for travel, potential winter weather delays, baggage check, transition through airport security (this is a long process) and terminal processing time.
- Teams will be provided with a packed meal for the return trip to Chicago.



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Please type or print in block letters.

We are going to participate in the championship: ___ YES ___ NO

Country: _____

Federation: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Contact: _____

E-mail: _____

	Men	Women	Total
Number of Persons Attending:			

Registration fee is calculated on \$98.00 USD per person, per day.
(Duration in Days X Total Persons X 98 = Registration Fee)

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: Monday, 15 March 2010

Duration (Days): _____

Total Persons: _____

Registration Fee: _____

Payment is due on 1 February, 2010. Please make payment via wire transfer to the account below.

Routing/ABA Number: 121000248
Bank Name: Wells Fargo
Swift Code: WFBIUS6S
Beneficiary Name: Community Resource Bank
Account Number: 1096315
For Further Credit to: NAIFC Tournament Series, Inc. Account # 091917160

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Current passport numbers are required for each person. If a person's passport was issued from a country other than that of your team, please include the issuing country in the same field as the passport number (e.g. "##### Canada").

TEAM MEMBERS

	Given Name	Family Name	Passport Number	Date of Birth
Fisher 1				
Fisher 2				
Fisher 3				
Fisher 4				
Fisher 5				
Fisher 6				

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

	Given Name	Family Name	Passport Number	Date of Birth
Coach				
Manager				
Delegate				

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS

Name	Details

Please return this completed REGISTRATION FORM before 1 January 2010

By Fax: 320.229.0107

Or

By E-mail: jpmcdearmon@gmail.com

Please remember to bring your nation's flag for display, and a recording of your national anthem on CD.