

**Twin Rivers Council Presents
Catch - Photo - Release, Team Ice Fishing Tournament 2026**

Date: Saturday, February 14th 7am - 12pm (free fishing weekend, no fishing license required)

Location: Camp Wakpominee (Sly Pond) 185 Sly Pond Rd, Fort Ann, NY 12827

Longest Fish Categories:

1. Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)
2. Panfish (Bluegill, Sunfish, Perch, Rock bass)

Main Tournament Format

- One day, live in-person team event (two anglers per team)
- Catch-Photo-Release format
- *Panfish may be kept; however, Black Bass must be safely released.*

Main Tournament Registration Fee:

- Early Bird (1/01/26 – 1/31/26):
 - Credit/Debit Card = \$30.90 per person (\$61.80/team)
 - Bank Transfer or Check = \$30.00 per person (\$60.00/team)
- Regular:
 - Credit/Debit Card = \$36.05 per person (\$72.10/team)
 - Bank Transfer or Check = \$35.00 per person (\$70.00/team)

Register Online: Twin Rivers Council Event Page

- Registration opens on January 1, 2026
- Early bird registration closes at 11:59pm on 1/31/2026
- Registrations will be accepted until 11:59pm on Thursday, February 12th, 2026
- A pre-recorded rules video will be available online on the Twin Rivers Council Facebook page one week prior to the Tournament.

Prizes and Awards:

First, second, and third place prizes are awarded cash and/or prizes for the longest fish submitted in each category. Teams finishing in the top three will receive the following prizes:

First Place:

- Team will receive a cash prize equal to 20% of the total main tournament registration fees collected. ** If a team wins longest Black Bass and Panfish they receive 40% of the fees.*
- First Place Plaques for the Longest Panfish and Longest Bass
- Custom fishing tackle package designed by Adirondack Rod & Tackle

Second Place:

- Second Place Plaques for the Longest Panfish and Longest Bass
- Custom fishing tackle package designed by Adirondack Rod & Tackle

Third Place:

- Third Place Plaques for the Longest Panfish and Longest Bass
- Custom fishing tackle package designed by Adirondack Rod & Tackle

****Plaques designed and donated by Hometown Awards***

OPTIONAL Side Pot Tournament Format:

- The team with the longest combined total of their longest Black Bass and Panfish will receive a cash prize equal to 40% of the total Side Pot Registration Fees collected
- Custom ice fishing rods designed by Adirondack Rod and Tackle

OPTIONAL Side Pot Tournament Registration Fee:

- Early Bird (1/01/26 – 1/31/26):
Credit/Debit Card = \$41.20/team
Bank Transfer or Check = \$40.00/team
- Regular:
Credit/Debit Card = \$51.50/team
Bank Transfer or Check = \$50.00/team

Tournament Directors: Bryan Nunziato and Steven Nunziato

Awards Ceremony: Saturday, February 14th at 1:30pm in Gelder Hall

Boundaries: All of Sly Pond is eligible except for marked area cordoned off for scouts to fish

Team Check-In: Check in will begin at 6:00am at Gelder Hall. Tournament ID's will be provided.

Earliest Launch: 6:00am

Lines In: 7:00am, photos timestamped before 7:00am won't be accepted

Lines Out: 12:00pm, photos timestamped after 12:00pm won't be accepted

Last photo submission: 12:59pm EST on Saturday, February 14th (photos submitted at 1:00pm or later will won't be accepted)

Allowable Lines: Maximum of four (4) lines per team, four (4) tip ups or four (4) jig rods, or combination of jig rods and tip ups.

Permissible Bait: Artificial and local "non-invasive" live bait is allowed.

Minimum Length: 8.00 inches (Fish will be scored by 0.25" increments. If a fish measures slightly under the nearest 0.25", the measurement will be rounded down)

***Measuring Device:** Manufactured bump boards (e.g., Ketch, Hawg Trough, Scheels, Strikezone, EGO, Frabill, etc.). **No folding or homemade boards*

Criteria for Scoring:

- Markings on the measuring board must be visible and legible
- Photos must include the entire fish. No obstructions.
- Blurred photos will be denied
- Fish must face left and dorsal fin must be facing upward.
- Fish mouth MUST be closed. Open mouth penalty: 0.25" deduction
- Fish tail can be in any position but must be resting flat against the measuring board
- No restraint devices allowed
- Assigned 2026 TRC Tournament identifier (provided to the Anglers at tournament check in) must be completely visible and not touching the fish anywhere in submitted photo
- Fish must be measured alive and unharmed; dead/frozen fish entries will be denied.

Judging of Submitted Fish:

- Tournament photos will be judged by Tournament Director(s) or approved judges. Photos that do not meet requirements will be disqualified.
- The Tournament Directors and Staff will be solely responsible and retain the right to declare any photos unacceptable.
- After prizes are awarded, the Tournament is declared complete.
- Prizes will be awarded at 1:30pm on February 14th at Gelder Hall (prizes will NOT be shipped, prizes may be picked up at the Council office at 253 Washington Ave Extension in Albany by appointment).

Tie Breaker:

In the event of a tie, the earliest time stamp of the longest fish will decide the winner.

Use of ATVs: Participants may use their own ATV but must sign a waiver at check in. UTVs and Snowmobiles are not allowed on the property.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch will be available for purchase at Gelder Dining Hall

Participation Items:

- All participants will receive a commemorative Ice Fishing at Wakpominnee Twin Rivers Patch