**Jig’s Up Ice Fishing Contest Rules 2018**

Contest participants may fish only on Lake Wissota on Saturday, **February 10, 2018**, between 7am and 2pm. Each participant may register one fish per ticket; tickets are $25.00 with no limit on the number of tickets an individual can purchase or prizes they may win. Tickets may be purchased at Jigsup.org. *All state regulations and bag limits apply.*

Event sponsored by UWEC Recreation, Blugold Athletics and the Lake Wissota Lions Club. Visit **jigsup.org** for more information or contact UWEC Recreation at 715-836-3377.

1. Committee shall reserve the right to refuse any contestant at the Committee’s sole discretion.
2. Tournament Rules are subject to change/modification without notice at the Committee’s sole discretion.
3. There is no entry fee for the contest, however to be eligible for Fish prizes you must have a Fish ticket to register each fish. NO refunds will be given for any reason.
4. Anglers must be in line by 2 pm to register fish.  Contestants will be allowed to fish anywhere on Lake Wissota.  Ice Fishing Permitted ONLY.  One fish per Fish ticket purchased can be registered of any of the following species:  northern, walleye (**14”-18” may NOT be kept and only ONE over 18” may be kept**), bass (**LMB + SMB minimum 14”**), and pan fish (yellow perch, bluegills, crappies, pumpkinseed, sunfish).  Fish not listed here are ineligible for registration. Fish may be taken with tip-ups or by rod and reel.  There is no age requirement on contest participation, anyone over the age of 16 years must hold a valid Wisconsin Fishing license.
5. All fish entered must be alive and brought to a weigh-in station immediately. All fish registered will be marked so they cannot be registered again. Fish that are dead, frozen, or tampered with are ineligible. Committee shall have the right to verify that fish were legally caught. The decision of the contest officials is final. All weigh-ins may be videotaped for security purposes. The top prize winners may be required to take a polygraph exam. Cash prize winners of $500 or more may be required to take polygraph exams as part of the contest requirements. In the event deception is detected, the entrant’s prize will be forfeited.
6. All fish and raffle prize winners will be recorded on the day of the contest. *\*If less than 300 fish are registered, the remaining prizes will be drawn from all registered Fish Tickets.*
7. Cash prizes will be determined by the weight of a single registered fish. In the case of a duplicate weight, the contestant weighing the fish at the earliest time will hold the top place for that weight. Contestants are responsible for verification of weight of fish at time of weigh-in. Any contestant has the right to dispute another contestant by 2:00 pm – All decisions by Committee are final.
8. Prizes are the responsibility of the winners, including registration and taxes. Prizes valued at over $500 will require the social security number of the winner. Proper identification is required from all winners in order to complete the 1099-MISC form in accordance with State of Wisconsin tax law, “**FEDERAL AND STATE WITHHOLDING ON PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS** “ which can be found at http://www.bussvc.wisc.edu/acct/policy/tax/taxapp2.html.
9. Prize winners not present will be contacted within seven days and the prize will need to be claimed within 30 days of the event. All unclaimed prizes will remain the property of UWEC Recreation.
10. Any fish caught in the Kid’s Klub area will be marked and will NOT be eligible to register in the Jig’s Up Blugold Ice Fishing Contest, other prizes will be issued. If the tagged fish is caught in the Kids Klub area, it must be brought to the weigh-in and registered with a Fish Ticket to be eligible to win the truck.
11. Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects contestants to disqualification and removal from the competition site, as determined by contest officials. Right to refuse to sell or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved. All laws and regulations of the State of Wisconsin must be followed; any contestant 16 years or older must hold a valid Wisconsin fishing license.
12. In the event of weather cancellation, visit jigsup.org, the contest will NOT be rescheduled. Fish prize winners will be determined by a random drawing of Fish tickets purchased in advance. Prizes will be distributed as determined by contest officials based on the number of tickets sold.  Raffle winners will be drawn for all prizes.  Names of all Raffle and Fish winners will be posted on jigsup.org.
13. Contestants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property at all times. Each person attends the contest at their own risk and the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and the Lake Wissota Lions Club and their agents/independent contractors will not be liable for any personal injuries, damage, or loss sustained by the person including those caused by negligence of agents, employees, or other administrators of UW-Eau Claire.
14. All contestants and other bystanders consent to the use of any photographs or likeness of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest, including but not limited to: print, radio, television, websites, social media, etc.

***We thank you for supporting our efforts to protect the environment and request that you remove refuse from the ice,***

***including cigarette butts, when you leave.***

*\*The Ford Truck will only be awarded if the tagged fish is caught and registered by 2pm at the weigh-in station on the day of the event.*