

# **TIP-UP TOWN USA 2017 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 (**Exception Northern Pike**)

Fish must be caught from Houghton Lake during the weekends of Tip-Up-Town USA 2017. The dates are January 20-21-22 and January 27-28-29. All fish entries must be weighed in on a 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 2:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. **ENTRANTS MUST BE IN LINE BY 1:00pm ON SUNDAY, PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE "GAMES ON STAGE" LOCATION.** 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 State fishing regulations apply to this contest with the exception of the following! #1-All panfish must be a minimum of (7) inches in length.

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## **INDIVIDUAL "LARGEST FISH" CATEGORY**

There are a total of five classes!

Walleye, Northern Pike, 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: Prize assortment (Ice Rod etc)

Second Place: Prize assortment (Ice rod, or reel, or tip-up, etc)

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## **LARGEST "TOTAL CATCH CATEGORY"**

There will be three classes in the Total Catch Category:

1. Walleye ( 5 Fish Limit)
2. Northern Pike( 5 Northern Pike Limit- only one over 24")
3. Pan Fish Catch Combo. (Pan fish Combo includes Crappie, Perch, and Bluegill/Sunfish)

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

First place prize Walleye Catch: Prize Assortment

First Place prize Northern Pike: Custom Pike Spear each weekend

First place prize Pan Fish Combo: Prize Assortment

**Second place for above categories:** Prize Assortment

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 awarded on the Sunday of both weekends. **All prizes are subject to change.**

**Every Fisherman entering will receive one red ticket, stick around for the Grand Prize Drawing!**

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