

## Rules of the Matilda Villas Ice Fishing Competition "HÖNTSÄSARJA"

8.3.2025

1. § Competition Time: Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
2. § Category Description: For participants aged 18 and over. Team composition: 2-6 members.
3. § Minimum distance between competitors' ice holes: 5 meters. Use of 2D sonar and battery-powered auger is allowed.
4. § Each competitor may use only one (1) ice fishing rod per team member at a time. Competitors must move on foot within the competition area. Participants with mobility impairments may use skis or a sled with permission from the jury.
5. § All competitors must gather at the starting area by 10:15 AM for a mass start. Teams are released to fish one at a time starting approximately at 10:30 AM when drilling is permitted. The competition area is marked with orange snow markers. Fishing ends at 1:30 PM. Teams must return to the weigh-in station and register at the competition center by 2:00 PM. Latecomers will be disqualified.
6. § The winner will be determined based on checkpoints communicated by the organizer. Ranking is based on accumulated points. One fish must be brought for weigh-in; the method of acquisition is free. In case of ties for positions 1-3, the tiebreaker will be decided by draw. All caught fish (and team members) must be brought to the weigh-in station. Abandoning team members during the competition is prohibited.
7. § Competition Fish: All panfish, perch, pike, and zander (minimum size 42 cm). Trout minimum size 50 cm and fin-clipped. Caught fish must be immediately dispatched upon removal from the ice (except catch-and-release fish).
8. § Leaving trash on the competition area during the event is prohibited. All personal waste must be collected from the ice and disposed of or recycled appropriately.
9. § Ice auger blades must be covered while on the event area under penalty of disqualification. Baiting, such as using grains, worms, larvae, etc., is prohibited.
10. § Ice auger blades must be kept covered or in the ice while on the competition area. The battery of a battery-powered auger must be disconnected while moving within the area.
11. § The competition organizer has the right to remove any disturbance from the area. Good conduct enhances the competition results.
12. § The competition organizer has the right to inspect competitors' fishing equipment and backpack.
13. § Teams participate in the competition at their own risk.
14. § Protests must be submitted to the competition judge within 15 minutes after the end of weigh-in. The protest will be handled by the jury. A protest fee of €20 applies.
15. § Any violation of these rules or cheating will result in the disqualification of the competition performance after investigation by the jury.
16. § The jury consists of the competition judge and two alternate judges. The decision of the jury cannot be appealed.