

Rules of the Official Matilda Villas 2025 Ice Fishing Competition

Competition Time:

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Categories:

- Women
- Men
- Youth
- Children

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Fishing Area Guidelines:

- Minimum distance between competitors' ice holes: 5 meters.
- Use of 2D sonar and battery-powered augers is allowed.

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Fishing Equipment and Movement:

- Each competitor may use only one (1) fishing rod at a time in the water.
- Baiting (e.g., dropping grains, worms, or larvae into the ice hole) is strictly prohibited.
- Competitors must move on foot within the competition area. Participants with mobility impairments may use skis or sleds with permission from the jury.
- Prohibited: Jigs with more than one (1) single- or multi-hook, except for balance jigs which may have up to two (2) fixed single hooks and one detachable single- or multi-hook below the body (not a mormyshka). Hooks must not be attached to the line between the jig and the rod.
- Additional weights are allowed but must be positioned above the hook. Mormyshkas are treated as hooks. Allowed baits are worms and larvae, but the bait must be attached to the jig's hook.

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Competition Fish:

- All panfish, perch, pike, and zander (minimum size 42 cm).
- Trout minimum size 50 cm and fin-clipped.
- All fish must be immediately dispatched upon removal from the ice (except for catch-and-release fish).

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Trash Management:

- Leaving trash in the competition area is prohibited.
- Collect and dispose of all waste properly after the event.

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Schedule:

- Mass start: 9:30 AM.
- Fishing starts after the signal at 10:00 AM. Drilling is allowed at that time.
- The competition area is marked with orange snow markers.
- Fishing ends at 2:00 PM.
- All participants must return to the weigh-in station by 2:30 PM.
- Latecomers will be disqualified.

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Determination of the Winner:

- The winner is decided based on the total weight of the catch.
- In case of ties for positions 1-3, the tie will be resolved by drawing lots.
- All fish to be weighed must be brought to the weigh-in station.

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Ice Auger Safety:

- The blades of the ice auger must be covered at all times under penalty of disqualification.

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Battery-Powered Augers:

- The blades must be covered or kept in the ice when not in use.
- The battery must be disconnected when moving within the competition area.

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Conduct:

- The organizer has the right to remove any disruptive participant from the event area.

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Inspection Rights:

- The organizer has the right to inspect competitors' fishing equipment and backpacks.

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Liability:

- Participants compete at their own risk.

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Protests:

- Protests must be filed with the competition judge within 15 minutes after the weigh-in ends.
- Protests will be reviewed by the jury, and a protest fee of €20 applies.

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Rule Violations:

- Any violation of these rules or evidence of cheating will result in disqualification after investigation by the jury.

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Jury:

- The jury consists of the competition judge and two alternate judges.
- The jury's decisions are final and cannot be appealed.