

Champlin Trout Fishing Contest- 2025

Champlin Trout Pond (10377 French Lake Rd. N.)

1. All participants are required to abide by all MN State Licensing requirements and be in possession of a trout stamp if required. Licenses and trout stamps will NOT be available on-site.
2. By registering for and participating in this event, all participants acknowledge and agree that they have reviewed, understand, and will abide by the rules as posted on our official website.
3. Absolutely no refunds will be given after January 31, 2025. Any refunds issued prior to January 31, 2025, will be subject to a \$10 cancellation fee.
4. The contest is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., February 8, 2025, at the Champlin Trout Pond. Should the contest be postponed for any reason the make-up date will be Saturday, February 15, 2025. No refunds will be given if you are unable to attend the pre-published make-up date, however, you may give your tag to someone else if you are unable to attend. If the City is unable to host the event for any reasons, refunds for the entry fee will be issued.
5. Entry fee for the contest is \$35 for residents, and \$45 for non-residents. Registration will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 10:00 am. Registration will be available online at secure.rec1.com/MN/champlin-mn/catalog. The maximum number of participants will be 500.
6. All contestants and other spectators hereby consent to the use of any names, photographs or likenesses of themselves to be used in the promotion of our contest, including but not limited to print, radio, television or any other media.
7. If you catch a Northern Pike, do NOT release it back into the trout pond. You may bring it to the judging area for disposal if you do not wish to keep it for yourself.
8. No pets allowed in the contest area.
9. The use of alcohol and tobacco is strictly prohibited.
10. Participants are not allowed to enter the fishing contest area prior to official check-in on the day of the contest; check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m. Any item found within the contest before check-in begins will be held by City Staff until the conclusion of the tournament.
11. Participants must enter the contest area through the designated area. All bags, buckets, bait, containers, etc. may be subject to inspection prior to entering the contest area. Contest officials and police personnel have the right to inspect all items, including outerwear.
12. Each participant must have a contest ticket, which must remain visible. **This will be mailed to you and must be displayed on your outerwear for admittance.**
13. Participants may fish only in the contest area during the contest and may use only the holes provided. No spears or ice augers are allowed. Ice chisels are recommended as holes are pre-drilled.
14. There is a one hole maximum per registered participant.
15. Participants can move to, and fish in, other unoccupied holes in the contest area once the contest is underway.

16. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. If both are participants in the contest, they must fish at immediately adjacent holes.
17. Glass containers are not allowed in the contest area and will be confiscated by event staff.
18. Shelters will be permitted. Any person, shelter or item on the ice is subject to search. Contest officials have the right to remove any person, or item from the contest area.
19. Heaters, chairs, bait pails, depth finders and underwater cameras are allowed.
20. Participants may leave the contest area, however, must re-enter through main entrance area.
21. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the contest area other than those of contest officials and police personnel.
22. Contest results remain unofficial until verified by the judging committee.
23. All protests or disputes relating to any matter involving the rules and/or the event must be registered with the judging committee before the completion of the event.
24. Only official drones are allowed in the contest area. All private drones will be removed, and the owners may be disqualified from the contest.
25. No minnows will be allowed for bait.
26. City of Champlin Staff are ineligible to win prizes in this contest.
27. Participants are permitted to catch, register, and keep up to a maximum of 3 trout.
28. All Participants must have their fish measured and recorded by 11:05 a.m. on the day of the contest.
29. There will be up to 3 official judges within the contest area that will serve as the official judging/measuring committee. Registered fish must be caught from a hole located in the contest area, during contest hours. Frozen fish are ineligible. Judges shall have the right to verify all fish are legally caught. The decision of the judge is final. Participants are responsible for verification of measurement of the fish at time of recording.
30. Failure to comply with any contest rules will be grounds to disqualify and remove participant from contest area as determined by contest officials. Contest officials reserve the right to refuse sale and/or revoke a contest ticket to anyone.
31. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of registrations. Prizes will be awarded for the three largest trout. If there is a tie at a winning measurement, the top place will be awarded to the first fish caught at that length. Subsequent fish at that length will be given the next place.
32. Raffle prizes will be given out. Please see prize boards during event to see if you have won a prize. The number on your admittance ticket will serve as your raffle number. The 3 largest raffles prizes will be drawn live at the end of the fishing contest. You MUST be present to win.