



Office of the Sheriff

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A WINTER EVENT HELD ON THE ICE

The following is a list of general requirements that are made and conditions of the Water Surface Use Permit for an EVENT held on the ice. There may be additional requirements due to unique concerns with a particular event:

- 1) APPLICANT must obtain and pay for a Comprehensive General Liability Insurance policy in the amount of \$500,000 per person and \$1,500,000 per occurrence for Death and Bodily Injury. All policies shall provide that they shall not be canceled, materially changed or not renewed without thirty days prior notice thereof to the County. The policy shall contain an endorsement which shall provide coverage under the indemnification provision of this permit. The policy shall name the County of Washington as a certificate holder. The APPLICANT agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Washington County, its officers, employees and agents for any and all claims arising out of the APPLICANT'S activities related to the EVENT provided under this permit. No other provision of this permit shall serve to limit in any way the obligations of the APPLICANT to indemnify and defend the County under this clause and nothing herein is intended to waive the liability limits contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466. A Certificate of Insurance must be supplied to the Sheriff's Office at least ten days prior to the event. The Washington County Risk Manager will verify that the insurance requirements are met before the permit is issued.
- 2) APPLICANT shall provide the Washington County Sheriff's Office with a performance deposit of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). The deposit must accompany the completed application and must be a cashier's check. The deposit will be returned to the APPLICANT if the conditions of the permit are met. If they are not met, the Sheriff's Office will arrange for plowing, trash removal or any other services that are necessary to restore the area to an acceptable condition. The total cost of restoration shall be the responsibility of the APPLICANT and the cost of the services will be taken from the deposit and any balance returned to the APPLICANT. However, if the cost of the restoration or clean-up exceeds \$1,000.00, the APPLICANT will be liable for such cost.
- 3) The APPLICANT must contact the local enforcement agencies whose jurisdictions will be affected by the traffic, spectators or participants of the EVENT.

- 4) The APPLICANT must make arrangements for emergency medical services at the site of the EVENT.
- 5) The APPLICANT must provide an adequate number of approved toilet facilities for use by participants and spectators.
- 6) The APPLICANT is responsible for the restoration of the EVENT area to an acceptable condition, which will include but not be limited to removal of all debris, litter and trash from the EVENT area immediately after the EVENT.
- 7) The EVENT is not to interfere with any public accesses to the lake.
- 8) All snow berms or piles created for the EVENT must be leveled immediately following the EVENT. If the EVENT runs more than one day and the berms and piles are left overnight, they must be marked with reflective markers at fifty foot intervals.
- 9) The APPLICANT will be responsible for ensuring the ice thickness is adequate to support all participants, spectators, vendors, contest officials and any vehicles involved with the EVENT. A minimum thickness of no less than 18 inches of good quality ice must be present at the event area on the named body of water.
- 10) Any holes in the ice must be drilled a minimum of fifteen feet in all directions from any other hole.
- 11) Parking on the ice will be at the discretion of the Sheriff's Office. In no case will spectator or participant vehicles be allowed within 500 feet of a fishing contest area except vehicles with handicapped license plates or other official handicap placard may park within 500 feet of the contest area.
- 12) The APPLICANT must have proper permits for the sale of food or alcohol on the ice and shall provide copies of these permits to the Sheriff's Office prior to the EVENT.
- 13) A Minnesota State Department of Natural Resources permit is required for any fishing contest when entry fees exceed \$25.00 and prizes exceed \$25,000 or when the number of participants exceed 30 for open water and 150 for ice fishing. See the DNR website or call the DNR Information Center (651-296-6157) for more information and to get costs for a permit.
- 14) If the conditions listed above are not met, the permit shall be revoked.