



<b>Event</b>	2026 Lake Chaparral Ice Fishing Derby		
<b>Date</b>	Saturday, February 21, 2026	<b>Time(s)</b>	10:00am – 1:00pm

To assist with the overpopulation of perch in Lake Chaparral, we are hosting the annual Lake Chaparral Ice Fishing Derby – help us encourage a healthy ecosystem for the lake by catching all the perch you can!

### Rules and Regulations

- Each participant is entitled to a maximum of two (2) guests to also participate in the event.
- Members of the public who wish to participate must pay a \$10 entry fee per person.
- Combining catches between participants is not permitted and will result in disqualification.
- All participants are responsible for the proper and safe disposal of any [yellow perch](#) caught; perch are not to be returned to the lake once caught.
- **All other fish (trout and carp) are catch and release only.**
- Ice-fishing is not permitted within 10 metres (30 feet) of any prepared ice surfaces (skating path, hockey rinks), lakefront properties, docks, or shorelines.
- Ice-fishing holes must be a minimum of 5-feet (1.5m) apart.
- All additional fishing rules and regulations, including the types of fish found in Lake Chaparral, can be found by clicking [here](#).

### Registration

- The registration form is located on our website and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).
- A completed registration form must be submitted prior to **Wednesday, February 18th** by emailing [manager@lakechap.ca](mailto:manager@lakechap.ca) or by dropping off a physical form in-person.
- Members not registered for participation in the Ice Fishing Derby will not be entered to win any of the available prizes.

### Other Notable Items

- We strongly recommend all participants dress appropriately for the weather conditions.
- Participants must bring their own equipment – the LCRA will not be supplying ice-fishing equipment or cold weather gear.
- We strongly encourage all participants to use caution and safe practices when accessing the lake ice and while fishing.
- The LCRA Concession will be making mobile rounds to groups of ice fishers – payment types accepted include debit, credit, and cash.

### Prize Categories

- Adult (over 18 years of age) - Largest perch caught; smallest perch caught; most perch caught.
- Youth (under 18 years of age) - Largest perch caught; smallest perch caught; most perch caught.

### Q&A

#### ***Are worms and maggots considered live bait?***

**A:** For the LCRA, these are considered live bait and are not permitted for use. This is done in line with many other lake communities – using live bait has been shown to increase mortality rates in catch & release fish (trout, carp). They go for the bait with more intensity, resulting in the hooks being swallowed and lodging deeper in the fish; attempting to pull the hooks out at this stage tends to result in excessive damage or death.

***Where on the lake can I fish?***

***A:*** You can fish anywhere on the lake with the following exceptions: ice fishing is not permitted within 10 meters (30 feet) of any prepared ice surfaces (skating path, hockey rinks), lakefront properties, docks, or shorelines. All ice fishing holes must be a minimum of 5 feet apart from each other.

***Does the LCRA have an auger I can use to drill my ice fishing hole?***

***A:*** The LCRA does not provide any equipment or gear for use during this event. If you do not have an auger, we recommend utilizing a rental or reaching out to your nearest ice fishing group on the lake to see if they are comfortable with you borrowing theirs.

***I've missed the deadline – can I still fish?***

***A:*** If you are an LCRA member, or a guest of an LCRA member, you are more than welcome to fish and partake in the day's activities. Unfortunately, you will not be entered for the prize categories.

***I'm a non-member, can I continue to fish after the Derby is over?***

***A:*** For this day only, we are allowing registered non-members to continue fishing and enjoying the lake for the remainder of the day, until close. If you'd like to make it a full day for yourself or your group, you're more than welcome!