

MIDWEST OPEN



ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2013
&
SUNDAY,
JANUARY 27, 2013
at WAMPLERS LAKE**

2013 ENTRY PROCESS

The entry process will begin March 1, 2012

Due to the extreme demand for entry into the 2012 Midwest Open Ice Fishing Tournament, we are making changes as we take entries for the 2013 Midwest Open. We understand that these changes are going to change the look of the Midwest Open. We also understand there is no possible way to make everyone happy, so we hope the new entry format will be a more equitable solution for all those who want to enter the Midwest Open.

With the growth of the Midwest Open over the last 4 years we have had a lot of requests to either hold another event or expand the current event. We know if we were to do so we would have a watered down event. What we hope will happen is that other locations in the ice belt will see that a top notch Ice Fishing Tournament can bring excitement and fishermen to their location.

With that in mind, for the first time the Midwest Open is going to hold 5 spots open for the 2013 Midwest open for the top 5 teams from the 2012 Michigan Open, being held on Hamlin Lake near Ludington Michigan on February 4, 2012. This event is going to be patterned after the Midwest Open and will have a field of 100 teams.

As we go forward with the Midwest Open it is our goal to put on a world class ice fishing tournament, with ice fishermen from all over North America fishing for the top prizes in Ice Fishing and a chance to call themselves Midwest Open Champions.

Below, is the information for entry into the 2013 Midwest Open.

ENTRY PROCESS FOR THE 2013 MIDWEST OPEN

TOP 20

The Top 20 teams from the 2012 Midwest Open will have an automatic berth into the 2013 Midwest Open. Any change in partners between events will automatically forfeit your entry into the 2013 Midwest Open. Your team will still have to fill out an entry form within the entry period. Failure to do so will forfeit your entry.

6 PAST CHAMPIONS SPOTS AVAILABLE

All past Championship teams from either the Midwest Open or earlier Ice Team events are eligible. Any change in partner will automatically forfeit your team's entry into the 2013 Midwest Open. Any remaining spots from the Champions list will be put in the last chance draw. Your team will still have to fill out an entry form within the entry period. Failure to do so will forfeit your entry. Below is a list of past champions.

2002 – Ben Wright & Jeff Wright
2004 – Tim Tesmer & Tim Angel
2006 – Canceled due to Weather
2008 – Joe Pikulski & Myron Gilbert
2010 – Bob Richardson & Chad Hamlin

2003 – Glen Martin & Jim Martin
2005 – Ben Wright & Jeff Wright
2007 – Ben Wright & Jeff Wright
2009 – Ben Wright & Jeff Wright
2011 – Keith Kniffen & Ron Kniffen

5 SPOTS FROM MICHIGAN OPEN

The top 5 teams who qualify from the 2012 Michigan Open on Hamlin Lake in Ludington, MI. Your team will still have to fill out an entry form within the entry period. Failure to do so will forfeit your entry.

70 SPOTS FROM 13 ICE BELT STATES AND CANADA

We are going to take 5 teams from each of the following States. Each State's entrants will be placed in a hat and randomly drawn. Any State that does not have 5 entries will have their remaining spots placed in a last chance draw. The last chance draw will consist of all entrants that had not been chosen to enter the Midwest Open.

States: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and the Country of Canada

40 SPOTS FROM MICHIGAN

We are going to take 40 teams from Michigan. Again all Michigan teams will be put in a hat and randomly drawn. If Michigan does not have 40 entries all remaining Spots will be placed in the last chance draw.

9 SPOTS PLUS 20 RESERVES

Any remaining spots will be drawn from all remaining entries. We will maintain a list of 20 reserves to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

RULES OF ENTRY

Unlike in the past you will be required to state your partner at the time of filling out your entry form. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify your entry. Also any change of partner during the year will automatically cause the loss of entry into the Midwest Open. You will get a full refund of all entry fees if this happen. Making more than one entry will null and void your entry into the Midwest Open. This includes entering with a different partner. You may only enter one time with one partner. You may enter on line at the **Midwestopentournament.com** website or by calling **1-800-248-9318** for those outside Michigan and at **1-800-292-0857** for those who are calling from Michigan.

You will be required when filling out your entry form to enter a valid Credit Card to pay for the entry fee if you are chosen to be a contestant in the 2013 Midwest Open. Your card will not be charged unless your team has been chosen to fish the 2013 Midwest Open. Failure to put a credit card on your entry will make your entry null and void.

The entry process will take place starting March 1, 2012 and 9:00 a.m. Eastern time. The entry process will conclude at 11:59 p.m. on March 18, 2012 Eastern time.

The entry list for the 2013 Midwest Open will be posted no later than March 23, 2012 on the Midwest Open website.

We understand this is very different than the way we have taken entries in the past but we feel this is the fairest way to handle the demand that has come with this very exciting event.

Thank you and good luck.

Jim, Jan and Tom Kuitson

