



Save the date for Sunday, January 30, 2011! The Big Creek Hardwater Open is a team tournament event with an entry fee of \$65 (includes a \$10 donation to Recycled Fish) and an optional \$5 for the Berkley Big Fish Award. Team winning the Berkley Big Fish award will win the cash pot award along with \$250 worth of Berkley merchandise for both anglers!

The Recycled Fish Big Creek Hardwater Open will be an exciting day on the ice as anglers from around the ice belt go head-to-head on one of the most popular ice fishing destinations in Central Iowa. Big Creek is teeming with bluegill, crappie, walleye and the occasional perch, everything needed to provide for an exciting day of fishing on the ice.

The tournament is limited to 100 teams, fishing within an established boundary on Big Creek Lake. Anglers will encounter a number of species, including crappies, bluegill, perch, walleye, largemouth bass and the potential for any number of other fish to come under the hole. However, the target species here is bluegill and crappie as we weigh in the best of 5 crappie and 5 bluegills.

Pre-fishing is welcome on Saturday, January 29, 2011. A hot lunch will be provided Saturday around noon for an optional donation to Recycled Fish.

There will be a mandatory rules meeting the evening of Saturday, January 29 at 7PM at:

Fatboyz Saloon & Grill
200 SE Gateway Dr Ste 106
Grimes, IA 50111
515-986-0355

. Door prizes and silent auction will be included in the evening's activities.

All participants will have a valid Iowa fishing license, or must be exempt from that requirement as determined by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. All laws of the State of Iowa must be observed at all times. Receiving a fishing violation citation will result in immediate disqualification.

Anglers may bring as many rods onto the ice as they wish, but may only fish with one rod at a time. Each team must remain within 30 paces of his/her team mate during the entirety of the tournament event.

Teams may not fish any closer than 30 feet from another team.

Participants may drill as many holes as they wish. However any open hole may be fished by any competitor as long as they maintain the 30 foot rule.

Electronics (flasher / sonar / video systems) are allowed.

Live bait is allowed.

Portable shacks / fish houses are allowed, and teams will be required to have their tag visible at all times.

Snowmobiles and ATVs will be allowed pending safe ice.

Cars and trucks are allowed only in special circumstances and must be pre-approved by Recycled Fish. *(Please contact Recycled Fish tournament director Ben Leal prior ten days prior to event for approval.)*

Tournament launch site will be at the marina boat ramp and there will be mandatory fish house and equipment inspections before participants are allowed to proceed onto the ice. Inspections will begin at 6:30 am. Any area that is big enough to hold a fish (like, but not limited to buckets, coolers, bags, storage compartments, electronics, clothing and fish shelter) must be open and ready to be inspected.

All fish must be caught and each team at the weigh-in station by 2:00PM on the day of the contest. Fish must be weighed alive, dead fish will not be counted. Anglers are welcome to retain legal fish although a release pit is provided for anyone who wishes to release their catch alive.

Recycled Fish thanks you for supporting our efforts to protect the environment and requests that you remove refuse—including cigarette butts—from the ice when you leave.

Failure to comply with any contest rules subjects contestants to disqualification and removal from competition site, as determined by contest officials.

A paper copy of these rules will be available on-site at the tournament.

(Final payout will be determined by the total entry field on the day of the tournament. Estimated payout schedule will be available 30 days prior to event)