

Ice Alaska & World Ice Art Championships

RULES & GUIDELINES



2025 WORLD ICE ART CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fairbanks, Alaska

Multi-block (MB), Double Block (DB) & Single Block (SB)

COMPETITION DATES

DETAILS	TIME	MB	DB	SB
Arrival of participants		Feb 12	Feb 20	Feb 25
Final Check-in	12.00pm - 5.00pm	Feb 13	Feb 21	Feb 26
Site set-up	AFTER final check-in	Feb 13	Feb 21	Feb 26
Orientation & Safety Meeting	4.00pm	Feb 13	Feb 21	Feb 26
Design and Title DEADLINE	5.00pm	Feb 13	Feb 21	Feb 26
Competition START TIME	8.00am	Feb 14	Feb 22	Feb 27
<i>Competition Hours: 24 hours a day, every day during your event</i>				
Competition END TIME	10.00pm	Feb 19	Feb 24	Mar 1
Judging starts	10.15pm	Feb 19	Feb 24	Mar 1
Sculpture lights & colour adjustments	8.00am	Feb 20	Feb 25	Mar 2
Awards Ceremony	8.00pm	Feb 20	Feb 25	Mar 2
Departure Day		Feb 22	Feb 27	Mar 4

REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be 18 years of age to enter the competition.*
- Applications will be available online on the Ice Alaska website by September 1st. Participation will be confirmed by email within 7 days of receiving your **PAID** application. Standard registration charges will apply until January 20th then the **application fee will double**. Accommodation after this time is **NOT GUARANTEED** (See ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL ASSISTANCE more information)
- Teams will be accepted and site selection determined on a “1st come basis” - (first to complete **ALL** the registration requirements for the team) which are as follows -
 - Application, short biography (Optional 50 words or less) & entry fee from **EACH** team member
 - Drawing and optional artist statement from the captain
- Teams will be notified of their site location once the:
 - final title has been received
 - the “original artwork” has been received
 - liability waiver forms have been hard copy signed.
- If you are a new applicant, include a summary of your ice carving experience and sample of your work.

*All minors are required to have written parental or guardian consent

SITE SET-UP DEFINITION

No equipment or tools are permitted onto sites until the day prior to the Competition AND registration is completed. Once registration is complete, Artists may work in their site to do the following -

- Build and organize their work table
- Hook up their power
- Request to have ice blocks positioned
- Choose and label additional blocks (if required) for sculpture.
- Set up scaffolding
- Remove snow and debris if necessary - no hand or power tools allowed.

NO SCULPTING OF THE ICE BLOCK/S is permitted and disqualification will apply.

COMPETITION	MB	DB	SB
Maximum number of sites	12	20	20+
Maximum Team size (Artists)	4	2	1
Maximum number of blocks	9	2	1
Allotted time in hours*	110	62	62
Maximum height**	18' (5.49m)	12' (3.66m)	10' (3.05m)
Site size***	30'X 30' (9.1m x 9.1m)	20'X20' (6.1m x 6.1m)	15'X15' (4.6m x 4.6m)
Block Size****	6'x 4'x 26-30" (1.8m x 1.2m x 7.9 – 9.1m), 63 cubic feet of clear ice minimum		

* Allotted time INCLUDES CLEAN UP time. Ice Alaska reserves the right to reduce total time due to severe weather.

** Maximum height depends on how far the front of your sculpture is, to the front edge of your site. Keep public safety in mind. (See *Judging Criteria & Scoring*).

*** Not all sites are square and extra work area is usually limited.

**** Ice thickness is determined by weather conditions. Teams will be notified of final thickness within 1 week of the start of the MB Competition. Teams may request additional ice to compensate for thinner ice.

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

- Water barrels - Insulated water barrels (4-5) are scattered throughout the work areas. Rope is available for separating your site from the public.
- Sleds, snow scoops, grain shovels, and rakes can be checked out if desired.
- Use of heavy equipment is available during all competitions, temperature permitting. Operators will be available between noon and 10:00pm, or earlier if the temperature is above -20° F (-29°C), and later by arrangement with the operator.
- Drying rack and a warm-up area will be available 24 hours a day.
- Extra consumables - chain, bars, electrical cords etc.... will be charged to the Artists from the Tool Shop Co-Ordinators. Winterization and/or repair of personal tools - \$10.00 per item.

COMPETITION	MB	DB	SB
* Scaffolding frames	10	5	3
Workbench – made from scaffolding	1	1	1
** Power - 120 volts, 60 amp spider box with min 4 outlets	1	1	1
Work Lights -1 work stand, 2 LED, 1000 lumen per sculptor	1	1	1
*** Display lights	6	3	3
Water buckets	2	1	1
**** 16 gauge electric cord	4	2	2
**** 14 gauge electric cord	4	2	2

* There are 2 types of scaffolding. It will be explained at the Safety Meeting.

** 240 volts can be made available upon request, when you apply.

*** Some display lights are color programmable and can, if you wish, be embedded within your sculpture.

**** Each cord comes with 1 three-way splitter. The 16 gauge cords are used for lighting and will destroy your equipment if you plug your equipment into them. The 14 gauge cords can be used for all equipment.

SITE SELECTION

See Registration and Eligibility.

Ice Alaska's sculptor support team will do their best to accommodate close or adjacent locations for your sites if you are competing in multiple events. Teams requiring 240 volts electricity are limited to sites with the new electric installation. No team will be told the location of their site until their registration packet is completed in full.

JUDGING CRITERIA & SCORING

**** The total score will be out of 1000 = 10 categories x 100 points each ****

The highest score for each category is 100.

Scores of 900 or higher are of extraordinary work.... that of a master craftsman.

Scores of 800 to 899 are of exemplary work.... that of a true professional.

Scores of 700 to 799 are of exceptional work.... quality but needing refinement.

Initial Impression

Originality, Creativity & Artistic Intent

Composition, Balance & Flow

Degree of Difficulty

Utilization of Ice

Completion of form and appearance

Proportion, Symmetry & Scale

Advanced Techniques and Craftsmanship

Accuracy & Precision of Details

Overall Impact

*****Important Extra Information*****

Non-compliance of the following will result in a deduction/s off your final score -

Stanchions - 100x points off your total amount

3 - 5 stanchions per site. Each stanchion must be 24" - 30" (61-76cm) high

Rope must be used to string between the stanchions by the end of the competition. This is to ensure public safety after the Artists have left the site.

Whilst your stanchions will not be included in your art piece score, you will be penalized for NOT completing this step.

This stanchion **does not apply** rule to the Collegiate, Youth & Snow competitions. Everything INSIDE the roped area will be judged and scored. Everything OUTSIDE the roped area will not BUT, you will be penalized if you do not include your rope & stanchion obligations.

Height - 100x points off your total amount

If your piece goes over the allocated height (see Site Set-Up Definition), your piece will be penalized.

Title plaques must not be more than 30" (75cm) tall if they are outside the roped area.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Teams and/or individuals may be disqualified from that Competition for the following reasons -

- Sculpting the ice block before the starting horn is sounded.
- Staying or re-entering their competition site after the ending horn has sounded and before the judging process has been completed.
- Carving or creating ice or snow pieces by team members or non-team members, off the competition site and/or out of competition time.
- The use of extra or replacement team members during Competition. All team members must be registered prior to the Competition. Changes or replacements will render the team ineligible for judging. A team may continue with fewer members and still be eligible for judging.
- Additional items if they come up will be discussed at the Safety Meeting.
- The use of colored lights during the judging process. The colors may only be turned on sometime during the day following the Award Ceremony.

Teams and/or individuals may be disqualified from the grounds and the rest of the Competitions for the Season, for the following reasons -

- Obnoxious use of alcohol, drugs, and/or smoke related items on the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. Both Ice Alaska and the TVSF have a **Zero Tolerance** for the illegal use of drugs and alcohol consumption on site, this includes marijuana even though it is legal in Alaska.
- Acts of Violence against another person whether they be an Artist, Volunteer, Administrator or the Public that the Board deems intolerable.
- Wilful damage of others' property.
- Additional items if they come up will be discussed at the Safety Meeting.

COMPETITION JUDGES

All Season judges will be chosen by the Ice Alaska Judging Panel, which is made up of Board Members who are classed as Artists and the Sculptor Support Team.

There will be 3 judges and 2 alternates. All attempts will be made to ensure that at least 1 judge is from outside Alaska. Alternates will be excused if all 3 judges are present at the time of judging. Judges will work and score independently.

There is a **mandatory induction meeting for all new judges** with the Sculptor Support for those that haven't judged at ice Alaska in the last 3yrs. If required, 3 information sessions before the MB starts and 1 session while the MB is in progress for judges to be updated on judging criteria and understanding.

Judges will work and score independently but in the case of a tie - the judges will confer and decide on one winner.

Judges' results are final.

You will receive your score sheets after the Awards Ceremony.

PRIZES & HONORARIA JURISTS' CHOICE AWARD

**** If additional funds become available, they may be increased ****

All participants will receive a certificate from Ice Alaska, signed by the President of Ice Alaska. It will -

- state their name
- title of their sculpture
- level of achievement.

All the competitors will be recognized on the stage during the Awards Ceremony following the end of their competition.

The top 3 winners in each competition will receive medallions and prize money. Also see the Ice Alaska website for the amounts - which can change yearly.

COMPETITION	2025 SEASON						TOTALS
MB TEAM	1ST	TOTAL	2ND	TOTAL	3RD	TOTAL	\$ 25,200.00
4	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
DB TEAM	1ST	TOTAL	2ND	TOTAL	3RD	TOTAL	\$ 12,600.00
2	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
SB TEAM	1ST	TOTAL	2ND	TOTAL	3RD	TOTAL	\$ 6,300.00
1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
CHAMPION OF ICE							\$ 2,000.00
							\$ 46,100.00

SAFETY

Only Artists, Judges & Sculptor Support staff are allowed into the carving sites due to the size restrictions and the use of equipment. Everyone else must be on the public walkway only. Any exceptions to this rule **MUST** be cleared by the Co-Ordinator.

The following conditions can and will, if observed, stop your work until the problem is rectified -

- The height of the highest point of your sculpture must be equal to the minimum distance from the front of the sculpture to the front of your site where viewers can stand (*see Site Set-Up Definition*).
- If you are working more than 6 feet above the ground you must use stabilizers (scaffolding feet) and handrails.
- Excessive debris ice in your site.
- Only 1x tool at a time, per carver can be running.
- Cold weather and safety clothing and protection is recommended.
- Safe and proper lifting techniques are to be used when lifting heavy objects. There are Sculptor Support staff and Equipment Operators to assist you with your lifting requirements.

- Failure to sign the “Originality Artwork” Form and the “hold harmless” statement (the Waiver Form) at final check-in. This waiver form excuses Ice Alaska from all liability for potential injuries including death, theft, or damage to personal gear and equipment and Artistic infringement. It also gives Ice Alaska the ownership of all sculptures and exclusive rights of all pictures, photographs, videos, or reproductions, in any commercial application.
- Children and other public members are **NOT** allowed in the Artists Hall during the Competition times due to the high risk equipment that is stored in the building. This building is reserved for Artists, Admin and Ice Alaska Volunteers only.

MEALS

- Breakfast is provided by the hotel as a continental buffet. Please check with the hotel staff about times and availability.
- Lunch and dinner will be provided in the Artist Hall at the Fairgrounds. Hours will be posted. Snacks and drinks are provided in the same area around the clock.
- Non-sculptor add-ons (spouses or friends) who are not volunteers need to pay \$20.00 per meal eaten in Artists Hall. Please arrange this with Sculptor Support or the Co-Ordinator.

ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Both flights into Fairbanks and hotel rooms are very limited.

Ice Alaska will only book your accommodation when you have completed & paid competition registration. Ice Alaska has an Accommodation Sponsor and we will only be responsible for paying those room rates. If you leave your registration late and we cannot accommodate you with that host - you will be responsible for organizing and for paying for your own room somewhere else.

- Teams are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Fairbanks, Alaska.
- The host hotel will provide transportation between the Fairbanks Airport and the hotel. Please make prior arrangements or call them when you arrive.
- Ice Alaska will provide transportation between the Hotel and the competition venue - a phone number for this service will be emailed to you closer to competition dates.
- Foreign teams that require entry letters to the United States, please email your needs when you apply.
- Please see the Accommodation Policy for more details