

RULES AND GUIDELINES

2027 Season



Fairbanks, AK

☆ Multi-Block (MB) ☆ Double Block (DB) ☆ Single Block (SB) ☆

1. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

DETAILS	TIME	MB	DB	SB
Artist Arrival		Feb 13	Feb 21	Feb 26
Final Check-in with Sculptor Support	12.00pm - 5.00pm	Feb 14	Feb 22	Feb 27
Site set-up	AFTER final check-in	Feb 14	Feb 22	Feb 27
Orientation & Safety Meeting	2:00pm	Feb 14	Feb 22	Feb 27
☆ Competition START TIME	8.00am	Feb 15	Feb 23	Feb 28
◆ Competition Hours: 24 hours a day, except final day is 12 hours ◆				
☆ Competition END TIME	8:00pm	Feb 20	Feb 25	Mar 2
Site Cleanup & set lights	8:00 pm	Feb 20	Feb 25	Mar 2
Judging begins	8:15pm	Feb 20	Feb 25	Mar 2
Sculpture lights & colour adjustments	Before awards	Feb 21	Feb 26	Mar 2
Awards Ceremony	8.00pm	Feb 21	Feb 26	Mar 2
Departure Day		Feb 22	Feb 27	Mar 3

2. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ ONLINE Applications will be available on the Ice Alaska website by **August 15th.**
- ❖ Participants must be 18 years of age or have written parental or guardian consent to

enter the competition.

- ❖ Ice Alaska recommends MB Captains to have experience with ice stacking and bonding techniques, a sense of structural engineering, and team leadership. Other captains and teammates need only a desire to sculpt ice, however it's helpful if they have had some experience working with ice, chainsaws, and safety techniques.
 - ❖ Applicants must submit the online form AND send in concept drawing, bio, and artist statement(s) to Sculptor Support by November 15th. If a new applicant, please include a summary of your ice carving experience and 2-3 photos of your work.
 - ❖ All applications will be reviewed by December 1st. Sculptor Support may request additional information during this period.
 - ❖ Applicants who require a visa should request letters and communicate their requirements to Sculptor Support during this time.
 - ❖ Standard registration charges (\$50.00 per person) will apply until November 15th. Beginning November 16th the application fee will double (\$100.00 per person)
 - ❖ Teams will be accepted based on available competition space and timely completeness of registration.
 - ❖ Acceptance will be confirmed by email December 1st.
 - ❖ Accommodation after December 1st is NOT GUARANTEED (See ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL ASSISTANCE for more information).
 - ❖ Artists must finalize registration 1-2 days prior to competition. Site location will be handed out once hard copies of liability waiver forms have been signed and all other requirements and information is complete.
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3. SITE SET UP DEFINITION

No equipment or tools are permitted on the sites before final check in and waivers have been signed. Artists may work with Operator for block placement in advance but may not set up tools until 2 days prior to competition. Once paperwork is complete, artist may do the following, up to three days prior to their competition:

- ❖ Build and organize their worktable
- ❖ Hook up their power
- ❖ Set up scaffolding
- ❖ Remove snow and debris from blocks on site - no power tools allowed. Nail boards can not be used to prep a block during site prep, you may only remove snow/debris from the block.
- ❖ Manicure their site as needed, including watering the ground if desired.
- ❖ Request to have ice blocks positioned

- ❖ Choose and label additional blocks (for MB sculpture)
- ❖ Switch out one block (for Double or Single)

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

4. COMPETITION REGULATION

COMPETITION	MB	DB	SB
Number of sites	12	15	15
Max Team size	4	2	1
Max number of blocks	9	2	1
Allotted time in hours ¹	132	60	60
Maximum height ²	18' (5.49m)	12' (3.66m)	10' (3.05m)
Site size ³	30'x 30' (9.1m x 9.1m)	20'x20' (6.1m x 6.1m)	15'x15' 4.6mx4.6m)
Block Size ⁴	Minimum 6'x 4'x 26-30" (1.8m x 1.2m x 0.66-0.76m) 63 cubic feet = 1.77 cubic meters of clear ice.		

¹ Ice Alaska reserves the right to reduce the total time due to severe weather.

Allotted time INCLUDES CLEAN-UP time. (60, 30, 15, 10, 5, & 2 minute warnings given before competition end horn sounds).

² **Maximum height** depends on how far the front of your sculpture is from the front edge of your site. Keep public safety in mind. (*See Judging Criteria & Scoring*).

³ **Not all sites are square** and the extra work area is usually limited.

⁴ **Ice thickness** is determined by weather conditions and different harvests. Teams will be notified of the final thickness within 1 week of the start of the MB. Teams may request additional ice to compensate for thinner ice.

5. EVENT EQUIPMENT

- **Sleds, snow scoops, grain shovels, and rakes** can be checked out from the Tool Trailer.
- **Blue rope** is available for separating your site from the public.
- **Water barrels** - Insulated blue barrels (4-5) are distributed throughout the work areas.
- **Heavy equipment** is available during all competitions, if the temperature is above -20°F

(-29°C °C).

- **Operators** will be available between noon and 10:00 pm, or earlier (temperature permitting), and later by arrangement with the operator.
- A **drying rack** in the artists hall will be available while competitors are on site. A **warm-up area** will be available 24 hours a day.
- **Extra consumables - chain, bars, electrical cords**, etc, are available for purchase from the Sharp shop and will be charged to the Artists from the Tool Shop Manager(s).
- **Electrical Winterization** and/or repair of personal tools - **\$20.00 per item**.

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

¹ **There are 2 types of scaffolding.** It will be explained at the Safety Meeting.

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

³ Some display lights are color programmable. **No embedding of lights within your sculpture.**

⁴ Each cord comes with 1 three-way splitter. The **16-gauge cords recommended for lighting only**. They may damage your equipment if used for running tools. The 14-gauge cords can be used for both equipment and lights.

6. SITE SELECTION

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 of electricity are limited to sites with the new electric installation. No team will be given the location or allowed to set-up their site until their registration is completed in full.

7. JUDGING, SCORING & AWARDS

Please see online Judging Criteria publication for in-depth details for judging

Judging Categories

- ❖ Initial Impression
- ❖ Originality, Creativity, & Artistic Intent
- ❖ Composition, Balance & Flow
- ❖ Degree of Difficulty
- ❖ Utilization of Ice
- ❖ Completion of the Form and Appearance
- ❖ Proportion, Symmetry & Scale
- ❖ Advanced Techniques and Craftsmanship
- ❖ Accuracy & Precision of Details
- ❖ Overall Impact

Scores

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.

Important Information

**Non-compliance with the following will result in a deduction(s)
from your final score**

❖ **Stanchions - 100x points off your total score**

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

Blue rope must be used to string between the stanchions before Judging.

Stanchions ensure public safety after the Artists have left the site. While they are not included in your artistic score, you will be penalized for NOT installing your rope & stanchions.

❖ Everything **INSIDE** the roped area will be judged and scored.

❖ Everything **OUTSIDE** the roped area will not be scored.

❖ **Height 100x points off your total amount**

If your piece goes over the allocated height (see Competition Regulation under Maximum height), your piece will be penalized.

❖ **Title Plaques outside plot**

Plaques made of ice must not be more than 30" (76cm) tall if they are outside the roped area.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

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

- Sculpting the ice block before the starting horn is sounded.
- Staying or re-entering their sculpting site without permission after the ending horn has sounded.
- Entering the competition area while judges are working.
- The use of colored lights during the judging process.
- Carving or creating ice or snow pieces by team members off the competition site or out of competition time
- Any carving or creating by non-team members
- The use of extra or replacement team members during the Competition: all team members must be registered before 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.

Teams and/or individuals may be removed from the grounds and disqualified for the rest of the Competition for the following reasons:

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

Ice Alaska expects participants of the event to conduct themselves in a professional manner while involved in the competition and other event activities. We expect everyone to do their best in creating a safe environment and an atmosphere of respect. Please review the Participant Codes of Conduct that are published online for more information.

COMPETITION JUDGES

We are committed to achieving the highest level of judging excellence. To ensure fairness and consistency, we are actively working to eliminate artificially high or low scoring. Judges will be selected from a pool of qualified candidates, regardless of their geographic location.

Judges' names will be publicly associated with their scores to encourage accountability and transparency. All judges will be held to the highest standards in performance and professionalism.

There is a mandatory induction meeting for all new judges with the Head Judge for those who have not judged at Ice Alaska in the last 3 years. If required, 3 information sessions before the MB starts and 1 session while the MB is in progress will be conducted 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.

AWARDS

The World Ice Art Championships has three types of awards: The Participation Award, the Jurists' Choice Awards, and the People's Choice Award.

The Participation Award

Everyone who participates in one of the competitions gets a certification of participation award. All the competitors will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony following their competition.

The Jurists' Choice Awards

The winners are determined by a panel of three trained Judges. Medallions and cash awards will be awarded to the three highest scoring teams in the Multi-block, Double Block, and the Single Block Classics. Those who participate in all three competitions will compete for the title of Champion Of Ice - The person with the highest cumulative total score from the three competitions will receive this title.

The People's Choice Award

The viewing public can choose the one sculpture they like best. Voting begins in March after the three competitions are over and continues until the Ice Park closes. The winning team will receive a monetary award. The amount will be announced later.

PRIZE MONEY

See the Ice Alaska website for the amounts, which can change yearly.

8. SAFETY

Only Artists, Judges, Official Media Team & Sculptor Support staff are allowed into the carving sites. Due to the size restrictions and the use of equipment, everyone else must stay on the public walkway. Any exceptions to this rule **MUST** be approved by Management or the Event Coordinator.

The following conditions can and will stop your work until the issue is resolved:

- **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 1 tool at a time**, per carver, can be running.
- **Cold weather, safety clothing, and protection must be worn.**
- **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" and the "hold harmless" statements (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 to all pictures, photographs, videos, or reproductions, in any commercial application.

- **Children and other public viewers 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.
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9. MEALS

- ❖ **Breakfast** will be provided either at your lodging location or at the Artists Hall.
 - ❖ **Lunch and dinner** will be provided in the Artists 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 Event Coordinator.
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10. 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 the competition registration.** There are a limited number of sponsored rooms that can be arranged in advance. If your registration is late and we cannot accommodate you, you will be responsible for organizing and paying for your room.

- **Acceptance letter** will include information about transportation around Fairbanks (To & from airport, hotel, & competition site).
 - **Teams are responsible for arranging their transportation to and from Fairbanks, Alaska.**
 - **Foreign Applicants that require visas** and entry letters to the United States, please email your needs when you apply to sculptor support.
 - Please see the online **Accommodation Policy** for more details.
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FINAL WORDS

This is the last page of the **2027 World Ice Art Championship Rules and Guidelines**. Thank you for taking the time to read through it. If you have any questions about the content of this document, please contact Sculptor Support. We look forward to hosting you this year and wish everyone the best of luck!

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