



Jensen Lakes Homeowner's Association Ice Fishing Rules and Regulations Winter 2025/2026

Overview

The ice fishing season at Jensen Lakes begins each year once JLHOA staff confirm that the lake ice is safe. Safety is determined through ice-depth testing at key points across the lake, and a minimum consistent thickness of eight inches is required before opening. Even after the season begins, JLHOA staff continue to monitor ice and weather conditions daily. Updates on openings and current conditions are shared through the JLHOA website, social media platforms, and email.

Website: <https://jensenlakeshoa.ca/>

Instagram: [@jensenlakeshoa_hoa](https://www.instagram.com/@jensenlakeshoa_hoa) & [@jensenlakes](https://www.instagram.com/@jensenlakes)

Email Contact: info@jensenlakeshoa.ca

Ice fishing is reserved for JLHOA members and their permitted guests. All residents and their guests are covered under the HOA's private fishing license, so no personal license is required. Anglers must follow JLHOA fishing regulations, which are reviewed annually to ensure a healthy fish population. The lake is stocked with tiger, rainbow, and brook trout, and it is strictly prohibited to introduce any other species.

To protect safety and minimize noise and environmental impact, only manual and electric ice augers may be used; gas-powered augers are not allowed. Portable, non-permanent shelters such as fishing tents are permitted, but they must be removed at the end of each day. Permanent structures or overnight shelters are not permitted under any circumstances.

Residents are expected to maintain courtesy and safety by keeping a reasonable distance from others and avoiding fishing near areas designated for lake maintenance or skating. At times, JLHOA may close sections of the lake for maintenance, safety checks, or snow removal. All users are responsible for packing out their trash and properly disposing of fishing lines and supplies to protect the lake's ecology.

Any dangerous behavior, broken equipment, large cracks, or thin ice should be reported **immediately** to the JLHOA: info@jensenlakeshoa.ca OR 780.347.0460. Violations of these rules or unsafe conduct may result in suspension of lake access by the JLHOA.

Document Summary

1. General Ice Fishing Rules: These rules ensure safe, enjoyable, and environmentally responsible fishing at Jensen Lakes. All participants must adhere to membership requirements, equipment guidelines, and designated area restrictions.

2. Catch-and-Keep Program: The program allows eligible members to keep a limited number of fish while remaining compliant with *general fishing rules* and household limits. The Catch-and-Keep Program will be active for those who are eligible year round unless otherwise posted. Catch-and-Keep may be paused if fish quantities become low.

Violation of the following rules and regulations may result in temporary suspension of your JLHOA membership and it could potentially result in the restriction or loss of your fishing privileges at Jensen lakes as determined by JLHOA Management.

ALL FISHING IS DONE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

1. General Ice Fishing Rules

The following rules are in place for the safety and enjoyment of all Jensen Lakes residents. Please read through the rules and regulations carefully before fishing at Jensen Lakes.

Eligibility:

- ❖ Membership cards are mandatory. **No Exceptions.**
- ❖ Residents must be in good standing with the JLHOA (i.e. all fees paid and no rule infraction warnings on file).
- ❖ Guests are not permitted to fish without a member present.

Equipment Guidelines:

- ❖ **ALL** bait is **strictly prohibited**. No live bait, no power bait, food (Including bread), or any bait of any kind is not allowed.
- ❖ Single barbless hooks **ONLY**. No treble hooks.
- ❖ Absolutely no lead weights.
- ❖ Unattended equipment will be confiscated. No unattended lines are permitted.
- ❖ Only one rod is permitted per person.
- ❖ No casting nets allowed.
- ❖ JLHOA staff reserve the right to inspect fishing equipment and containers for prohibited items which may result in the confiscation of the items
- ❖ Only manual and electric augers are permitted. (Augers are available to sign-out in the maintenance building - membership card required)
- ❖ Only propane heaters, no gas or open flames are permitted
- ❖ **TEMPORARY** tents/ice shelters are permitted, but must be taken down before leaving.
- ❖ No motorized vehicles are permitted on the lake at any time
- ❖ Holes must **NOT** exceed 12 inches in diameter
- ❖ All garbage, equipment, supplies etc. must be cleaned up and removed before leaving the area

Designated Fishing Areas & Restrictions:

- ❖ Fishing is permitted **ONLY** in the ice fishing zones (visit www.jensenlakeshoa.ca for updated maps) and be a **MINIMUM** of 15 feet away from any skating paths, rinks, docks, or shoreline

- ❖ Access and closure restrictions must be adhered to for the safety of all staff and residents (Visit www.jensenlakeshoa.ca for current ice restrictions and closures)
- ❖ Care must be taken to release the fish safely back into the water.
- ❖ If a fish is not expected to survive, it must be removed from the lake and disposed of off-site and a JLHOA staff member must be notified.
- ❖ There is to be no gutting of fish on park grounds.
- ❖ Instructions from the JLHOA staff must be followed while on the premises.
- ❖ The JLHOA may change these rules without posted notice.
- ❖ All park rules, including alcohol consumption and smoking, are still in effect.

2. Catch-and-Keep

All 'General Fishing' Rules still apply while participating in the Catch-and-Keep program along with the following:

- ❖ **All MEMBERS** must be 18 years or older to be eligible.
- ❖ Eligible members wishing to participate in the "Catch-and-Keep Program" must register with the JLHOA Team with their membership cards.
- ❖ Prior to exiting the park, members must have their "keep" inspected and logged by the JLHOA staff.
- ❖ "Catch & Keep" will allow households to bring home 6 fish per month, with a maximum of 2 per day.
- ❖ A registered adult member may choose to include a minor's, or guests fish as their reported "keep".
 - The minor's and guests' "keep" will count towards the adult members' household daily and monthly limit.

Important Things to Know:

MINIMUM ice thickness requirement is **8 inches** to support **foot traffic and ice fishing**.

Be careful and attentive at all times. If you see any large cracks with pooling water on the lake's ice surface please notify JLHOA staff immediately.