



35th Annual

PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP

April 14 – 16, 2023

**Pembina Curling Club
1341 Pembina Highway
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Fish Rules

Please consult the General Competition Rules, Skill Levels, Awards, Judging and Registration for important information.

The fee schedule may be found in the General Rules.

Division W Natural Finish Fish

- Category 1 Natural Finish Fish – Realistic
- Category 2 Natural Finish Fish – Stylized or artistic

- All entries must be of a species native to North America.
- Carvings are not required to be life-size.
- Carvings can have either a smooth or wood-burned finish.
- Only transparent stains and clear finishes may be used. Opaque paints are not allowed.
- The wood grain must be visible through the finish.
- Glass eyes or other inserts are not allowed **except inserted wood fins**
- Stylized or Artistic is open to any interpretation or style provided the finished carving is not a true-to-life carving.

Division X Fish Decoys

- Category 3 Realistic decoys
- Category 4 Working Decoys

- All Fish Decoys must be weighted with an attachment point and **will be swimming in this competition**. A water tank will be available for the swimming competition.
- Fish decoys may have adjusted pectoral and pelvic fin positions to accommodate decoy performance.
- Realistic Fish Decoys are a lifelike rendition of the species. Maximum detailing allowed.
- Working Fish Decoys must reflect the traditional style of decoy used for fishing through the ice as used in a spear house. Minimal detailing allowed.

Division Y Decorative Fish

- Category 5 Decorative Salmonids
- Category 6 Decorative Warm-water gamefish
- Category 7 Decorative Tropical Fish
- Category 8 Decorative Open Ocean fish

- All carvings of North American species, both freshwater and saltwater, will be accepted.
- Habitat must be made by the carver; however natural bases may be incorporated.
- Decorative fish are to be textured and painted and will be judged against the live subject.
- Glass eyes are accepted.
- Larger species may be reduced in size to a minimum of 45 cm (18 inches) but will be judged against the mature anatomy of the life-size species.
- Salmonids include: salmon, trout, chars, freshwater whitefishes, and graylings
- Warm-water gamefish include: walleye, pike, bass, sunfish, carp, catfish, etc.
- Tropical reef fish include: wrasses, butterflyfish, angels, damselfish, squirrelfish, groupers, eels, and other primarily reef-dwelling species.
- Open ocean fish include: sharks, rays, mahi mahi, tuna, etc.

Division O Purchase Awards

Category 1 Maple & Bass Enterprises Purchase Award

This purchase award offers \$500.00. The criteria this year is “**Best Wildlife Sculpture suitable for the 2024 Prairie Canada raffle piece**”. The carving can be from any Category of the competition, but a maximum of 16” size. Carvings will be judged for merit and on its ability to generate revenue. The carving will not be floated. The entry judged as first in this category will become the property of the Prairie Canada Carvers’ Association and the carver will receive the \$500.00 prize. This carving becomes the PCCA raffle piece for next year. **Please advise your intention at registration. There is no entry fee for this category.**

Category 5 LakeFish Net & Twine Fish Purchase Award

This purchase award offers \$600.00 for the best **Northern Pike** carving. The winner will receive the \$600.00 prize and the carving becomes the property of LakeFish. Carvings will be judged according to Prairie Canada’s Division Y guidelines. The fish must be a length of between 20 and 26 inches. The entry fee for this category is \$20.00.

Category 6 Winnipeg Building & Decorating Fish Purchase Award.

This purchase award offers \$500.00 for the best realistic **Walleye** carving. The winner will receive the \$500.00 prize and the winning carving becomes the property of Winnipeg Building and Decorating. Carvings will be judged according to Prairie Canada’s Division Y guidelines. The fish must be a length of between 17 and 20 inches and should be typical Lake of the Woods/Canadian Shield colouring. The entry fee for this category is \$20.00.

Division M Cocktail Carvings - must fit into a four-inch cube (excluding base)

Category 4 Fish

- This category allows participants to demonstrate their abilities at micro-miniature carving. Entries become the property of Prairie Canada Carvers' Association and will be auctioned off during the show. All proceeds will be retained by Prairie Canada Carvers' Association to provide working funds for future competitions.
- Do not enter if you wish to keep your carving.
- Entries may be carved of wood, antler, bone or stone, and glass eyes may be used.
- All species of North American fish are accepted.
- Full detailing and painting is allowed.
- There is no limit to the number a person may enter. Skill levels do not apply.

All entries that meet the Cocktail criteria are competing for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. The **Best of Show cocktail carver (all categories) will receive \$100, a Best of Show Plaque and a Best of Show ribbon.**

Prairie Canada Carving Competition appreciates the support of the carving community in donating carvings to our Cocktail Auction. This continues to be a major fund-raising activity for PCCA. The last auction (2019) raised a total of \$1,995.00. We invite all carvers to contribute one or more pieces and to join in the fun of the auction on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to mention the auction to friends, families and collectors of your work!

Please note: if winning artists wish to donate their ribbons back to the show for re-use next year, please leave them at the front desk when you pick up your work on Sunday.