

# 2012 SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL MULTI-BLOCK ICE CARVING COMPETITION CONTEST RULES

**Qualification/ Age:** Open to all applicants with the ability and equipment to carve ice and who will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on January 26, 2012.

**Application and Release:** A completed and signed official Application and Release form must be filed with the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation (SPFHF), 429 Landmark Center, 75 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102, no later than January 16, 2012, for each person who wishes to become an Applicant.

**Teams:** Up to four eligible contestants—submitting an application as a team—may collaborate on a single sculpture of ice. Awards will be made for the carving as a single entry in the Contest with the team thus sharing the prize and honors. You/We may refer potential contestants that want to be on a team. Please contact SPFHF for details.

**Selection of Contestants:** Applicants will be screened by a Selection Committee and selected to participate on the basis of proposed sketches which become the property of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival upon submission with the applications. The Contest is limited to **twelve** entries.

Sculptures may not contain sexual or political themes. The Selection Committee will not select any proposed sketch deemed in its sole discretion to contain inappropriate political themes or to be inconsistent with community standards.

**Contest Event:** Contest begins **January 26, 2012 at 9 a.m. and ends January 28, 2012 at 9 a.m. The contest will run from Thursday to Saturday morning.** Contestants will receive information by email or mail on pre- and post-contest meeting times and locations on or near **January 20, 2012.** All competition ice is to be carved on the premises, and within the specified time limits. Sculptures may be started no earlier than 9 a.m. January 26, 2012. **Judging will begin at 9 a.m. January 28, 2012.** Contestants must have removed all tools and left the Contest Area prior to the start of judging.

A contestant's sculpture must be consistent with the sketch that was proposed and selected by the Selection Committee. Any sculpture deemed inconsistent with the selected sketch is subject to disqualification.

Rules officials may allow flawed blocks of ice to be replaced before the event begins. If a block breaks during the competition, rules officials may authorize a replacement under the following conditions:

- a. The break is determined by the rules official(s) to have been caused by another team, competitor, or helper of another competitor, competition worker or spectator.
- b. Original time restriction will still be in effect (no extra time given for broken block).
- c. Replacement of ice is subject to availability of ice.

Participation in the Contest will be at the sole risk of the contestant(s). The Saint Paul Winter Carnival bears no responsibility for property or personal loss, damage or injury suffered in connection with participation in the Contest.

**Ice Provision:** Each contestant or team will be furnished with 20 blocks of artificial ice approximately 10 inches thick, 20 inches wide and 40 inches long. This ice is TOTAL USABLE ICE. Finished sculptures must be entirely of ice. Sculptures must be no more than twelve (12) feet above the ground, and no wider than 12 feet by 10 feet. ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS WILL RESULT IN POINTS DEDUCTIONS OR DISQUALIFICATION.

Snow must be made from the blocks provided. CO2 and dry ice may only be used as a freezing agent, not as a prop to create "smoke." NO OTHER FREEZING AGENTS WILL BE ALLOWED. No foreign materials may be left on the finished sculpture. No artificial props, lights, coloring or containers may be used.

**Lighting:** Each contestant or team will be furnished with up to two (2) floods lights on a single stand (tree) and the necessary electrical hook-up. Additional lighting may be used while carving, but 500 watts or under.

**Tools:** Contestants must furnish their own tools and clean-up rakes. Chain saws or similar tools are permissible only at the sole risk and full liability of the users, and only if the use is minimized. Water will be provided; however, bring your own buckets. No stakes may be placed in the ground (including tent or canopy stakes).

**Safety:** Each competitor is responsible for his/her own safety as well as the safety of other competitors and the general public. Remember SAFETY FIRST! The rules officials have the right to stop you from carving if something is deemed unsafe. In addition, each competitor is responsible for the safety of his/her carving. The Saint Paul Winter Carnival cannot be responsible in the event your carving is destroyed or damaged by the public, another carver, or staff members.

**Violations:** Violations of any of these rules may result in penalties, including point deductions or disqualification. A schedule of warnings, deductions and disqualifications will be explained by the rules official prior to the competition.

**Judging:** A panel of judges engaged by the Saint Paul Winter Carnival will score the works. Judging will take place after 9 a.m. on January 28, 2012. Total points will determine standing. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held on January 29, 2012.

Judging criteria are as follows:

- DESIGN
  - Creativity / Originality
  - Completeness of Design
- EXECUTION
  - Initial impact
  - Attention to detail
  - Technical difficulty
  - Utilization of ice
  - Finishing
  - Site cleanup
  - Sculpture matches design

The lead judge has the final jurisdiction on all questions of rules and judging. Judges reserve the right to withhold prize awards in any of the listed award categories. **All decisions of the judges are final.**

**Awards:** Awards will be:

1st Place:	\$2000
2nd Place:	\$1000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	\$500
Peoples Choice:	\$250
Carver's Choice:	\$250

**Returned Fees:** FEES REBATE: All Teams signed up (postmark) on or before January 9, 2012, will receive \$210.00 (entry fee) back at the end of the Competition. A maximum of 9 (nine) teams will qualify. This is a first come first serve system, no exceptions.

**Signage:** Any outside signage is not allowed on the sculpture or on the grounds with out the prior authorization of the Rice Park Committee Chairperson and/or the Foundation office.

**Parking:** Meter parking is available for up to 2 members of each team. Parking Pass Required. Must get an approval and a pass from Ice Carving Committee Chairperson and/or the Foundation Office.