

LAKE HOPATCONG KNEE DEEP CLUB ICE FISHING CONTEST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Check the Knee Deep Club Web Site or call Dow's Boat Rental at 973-663-3826 to confirm the date of each contest.
2. The contest entry fee is \$20 for Knee Deep Club Members and \$25 for non-members (\$20 entry + \$5 non-member fee) and must be submitted with the official contest entry form below.
3. The contest will begin at 6:00 AM on Sunday and will end at 4:00 PM.
4. Mailed-in entries must be received by the Club by Friday before the contest, regardless of the postmark. In-person entries can be made at either official Knee Deep Club Weigh Station until 8:00 AM on the day of the contest. **No one will be allowed to register after this time.**
NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. The Official Contest Weigh Stations are **DOW'S BOAT RENTAL** at Nolan's Point, **LAKES END MARINA** in Landing, and **WEST SHORE MARINE** in River Styx.
6. **CASH PRIZES** will be based on an 80% payback of entry fees for each of these three categories: Perch/Crappie, Pickerel and "All other Species (excluding Muskies)". A cash prize will be paid for the three heaviest fish in each of these categories.
7. Top finishers will be based on weight and any ties will be broken by which fish was weighed in first. A contestant may only win one prize in each category. If any of the Prizes are not awarded, the prize money will go to the club's stocking fund.
8. **Only fish caught through the ice on Lake Hopatcong may be entered. NO FROZEN FISH WILL BE WEIGHED IN.**
9. Contestants may fish any or all parts of the contest. All fish must be weighed-in during contest hours. No fish will be weighed in after 4:00 PM.
10. Any disputes must be resolved at the time of the weigh-in. The decision of the Contest Committee will be final and binding. The Weigh Master has the right to retain, cut open or inspect any fish.
11. **TAKE A KID FISHING:** A contestant may enter a child who is under age 16 in this contest for a \$5 entry fee. The child with the heaviest fish in each category will win a jigging rod and reel. Ties will be broken by which fish was entered first.

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ENTRY FORM

_____ \$20 KNEE DEEP CLUB M (Membership No. _____)

_____ \$25 NON-MEMBER ENTRY FEE _____ \$5 KID ENTRY FEE

Include this Entry Form with your check or money order payable to "THE KNEE DEEP CLUB"

Drop it off at one of our Weigh Stations or mail it to PO Box 404, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

_____ Check here and enclose an additional \$30 if you would like to become a member of the Knee Deep Club.

PRINT NAME: _____ PHONE # () _____

STREET/TOWN/ZIP: _____ Date: _____

*I have read the **LIABILITY RELEASE** printed
on the reverse side (PAGE 2) and/or the page which follows
this page on our website marked as PAGE 2.*

SIGNATURE: _____



KNEE DEEP CLUB

LAKE HOPATCONG

Sussex and Morris Counties



2026 Knee Deep Club Fishing Contest Schedule

February 1	Ice Fishing Contest # 1
February 15	Ice Fishing Contest # 2
March TBD	Ice Fishing Contest # 3
April 19	Pickeral & Trout Contests
May 2 & 3	Spring Walleye Contest
May 24	Panfish Challenge
June 21	Stew Lant Bass Contest
July 11 & 12	Summer Hybrid Striped Bass Contest
August 8 & 9	Catfish Contest
September 19 & 20	Fall Hybrid Striped Bass Contest
October 10 & 11	Fall Walleye Contest

FISHING CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

KNEE DEEP CLUB WEIGH STATIONS

1. DOWS BOAT RENTAL – NOLAN’S POINT
2. LAKE’S END MARINA – LANDING
3. WEST SHORE MARINE – RIVER STYX

LIABILITY RELEASE: In signing this agreement I hereby release Knee Deep Club, its officers, agents, employees and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses relating to injury of any persons or any property which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in conjunction with this contest. I further agree that I will never sue Knee Deep Club for damages on account of any injury or damage I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. In the event the Knee Deep Club is sued because of my actions, I expressly agree to indemnify and hold Knee Deep Club harmless from any liability whatsoever including court costs and attorney’s fees arising with respect to such actions. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue Knee Deep Club I also am waiving my rights of recovery from Knee Deep Club or its insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf.

I SIGNIFY BY MY SIGNATURE ON PAGE 1 OF THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE LIABILITY RELEASE