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DEATH FROM ABOVE!

**1st Annual Pike Fishing Contest
Official Rules**



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3839

Contest Rules

Definitions

Contestant - A button holder who has purchased a button to enter a northern pike in the contest.

Entry - A contestant can enter (2) northern pike per button. Northern Pike is the only species eligible for registration. Contestants must follow all state laws and regulations concerning fishing and limits.

Minnesota North Central Zone - Anglers can keep 10 Northern Pike but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches. All pike from 22 to 26 inches must be released and will not be accepted for registration. Be sure to check current regulations before fishing.

Official Contest Headquarters -
Jenkins VFW Post 3839
3341 Veterans St. in Jenkins, MN off Highway 371N

Rules

*This is a family friendly event. In the spirit of military decorum contestants will act in a respectful manner at all times while on VFW property. Disorderly behavior will result in disqualification.

*Contestants are required to follow The Honor System - To maintain the integrity of the contest a contestant must catch the fish that is registered. There is to be no sharing of buttons, a non-contestant cannot gift a fish to be entered. This is a skill based contest with the button holder taking pride in meeting the rules to legitimately win a prize.

*All contestants must purchase a button to participate in the contest. Limited to one button per person.

Contest Rules (Cont.)

*Buttons will be on sale from Monday December 22, 2025 until midnight on Friday February 20, 2026.

*All Pike caught for the contest must be registered at the Jenkins VFW.

*Contestants may fish any lake in the North Central Northern Pike Zone.

*Northern pike caught in any Minnesota State Park are not eligible for the contest.

*All State of Minnesota Game and Fish laws apply, all fish entered must be legally caught by hook and line or taken by spearing.

*Contestants over 16 years to 89 years of age will be required to produce a valid angling license if requested.

*Contestants must register (2) northern pike to be entered into the prize board. Prizes will be awarded to the contestant according to the combined length in inches of (2) northern pike. First place will be awarded to the longest combined length of (2) northern pike with 2nd place being the second longest combined length of (2) northern pike, etc.

*All fish registered must be under 22 inches or over 26 inches. State law allows for one pike from 22 to 26 inches while spearing but for the purposes of contest registration contestants that are spearing must follow the same guidelines as anglers.

*All fish must be registered dead, a contestant cannot transport water to and from the lake per DNR regulations, fish should be kept in a container until registered.

*If a fish was noticeably caught before contest hours it will be disqualified from the contest.

Contest Rules (Cont.)

*Once a fish is registered it will be have it's tail clipped and must be removed from the registration area by the contestant and be properly disposed of according to state law. No tail clipped fish may be registered.

*Prize categories will be:

Adults 16 and over

Youth under 16

*Medals will be awarded for the single longest and shortest Northern Pike in the following categories:

Adults 16 and over

Youth under 16

Veterans

*Prize board will be posted at the Jenkins VFW club and on the Jenkins VFW Post 3839 Facebook page.

*Prize winners need not be present to win, all winners will posted on the Jenkins VFW Facebook page and in the club after the contest.

*By purchasing a button and participating in the event, all contestants acknowledge and agree that they have reviewed, understand and will abide by the rules as posted. Participants willingly agree to comply with the rules for participation in the contest.

*Producers and promoters of the contest and the Jenkins VFW Post 3839 are not responsible for thefts, accidents or injuries incurred while participating in the contest.

*In case of safety concerns due to extreme weather, the contest director reserves the right to alter the contest dates and species. Contestants will find essential information on the Jenkins VFW Facebook page.

*Have fun, be safe and tight lines!

Event Schedule

Friday February 20

Fishing Hours Start - Sunrise

Registration Open - 10 am

Opening Ceremony - 1 pm

Registration Closed - 6 pm

Saturday February 21

Registration Open - 10 am

Registration Closed - 6 pm

Sunday February 22

Registration Open - 7 am

Fishing Hours End - 10 am

Registration Closed - 11 am

Prizes and Awards posted at the
club and on the Jenkins VFW
Facebook page starting at Noon