



## **2024-2025 General Fishing Rules and Regulations**

### **Document Summary**

#### **CURRENT FISHING SEASON: ICE FISHING**

#### **Catch and Keep is currently in effect for eligible members**

Please visit [www.jensenlakeshoa.ca](http://www.jensenlakeshoa.ca) for further information and updates.

**1. General 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.

**3. Ice Fishing Rules:** Ice fishing at Jensen Lakes is subject to general and catch-and-keep rules, with additional guidelines for safety, equipment, and designated areas to protect the ice and surrounding activities.

***Violation of the following rules and regulations may result in temporary confiscation of your JLHOA membership card 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 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, or any bait of any kind is 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.

#### Designated Fishing Areas & Restrictions:

- Fishing is permitted ONLY at the end of the fishing pier and in designated areas for non-motorized watercraft. (visit [www.jensenlakeshoa.ca](http://www.jensenlakeshoa.ca) for updated maps)
- Fishing is not permitted from the JLHOA boat/rental dock.
- Fish lines/hooks must not enter the designated swimming zone.
- Fishing within 5 meters of a private or shared dock is strictly prohibited.
- 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 cutting 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.

### 3. Ice Fishing

All 'General Fishing' and 'Catch-and-Keep' rules still apply along with the following:

- Propane heaters are allowed.
- Only hand-powered or electric augers are permitted. Strictly no gasoline powered augers are permitted. (Auger available to borrow in the maintenance building, membership card required)
- Fishing is not permitted in the areas surrounding the JLHOA boat and rental dock, shared docks, or private docks.
  - Designated Ice Fishing areas are indicated on the map. (See map below)
- Holes must be a minimum of 20 feet from any skating paths, rink area, or beach shoreline.
- Holes must not exceed 12 inches in diameter.
- Temporary tents/ice shelters are permitted, but must be taken down each night.
- Permanent structures of any kind are not permitted.
- Only JLHOA machinery and heavy equipment is allowed on the lake surface, no other motorized vehicles are permitted.

#### 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 a JLHOA staff immediately.



Jensen Lakes - 2024/2025 Ice Surfaces Map