



2020 SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL INDIVIDUAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

APPLICATION AND RELEASE

1. This year's contest will involve 2 full blocks of 100% usable ice for **professional** contest categories.
2. A complimentary shirt will be provided. See "Awards Dinner" form for details.
3. Applicants will provide their name and may provide the names of one additional carver and one helper. Refer to the roles of these persons in the rules under "contestant(s)" and "helpers."
4. Applicants whose entries are not accepted will be notified by letter or telephone.
5. Any selected contestant, who is not present by 9 a.m. on the day of the contest, will forfeit his or her position and will be excluded from the competition.
6. A sketch of the proposed sculpture and a sculpture title must accompany each application. The sketch will be the primary basis for consideration in the Selection Committee's review of applications for contestant selection, and, upon submission, will become the property of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival.
7. An entry fee payable to the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation must be included with this application. If the entry fee is not enclosed, the entry will not be accepted. **Professional fee \$55.00**
8. Application, release form, sketch and payment must be received no later than **January 13, 2020**. Send applications to:

Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation
Attn: Individual Ice Carving Competition
429 Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102
events@spfhf.org

PLEASE PRINT

Name & Age of Carver

Name & Age of Carver

Name & Age of Helper

Street Address

Street Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Day Phone

Day Phone

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Evening Phone

Evening Phone

Email address

Email address

Email address



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Release

I/We the undersigned, hereby request permission to enter the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Ice Carving Contest (hereafter "Contest") on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**, in the following category:

Professional Division

The contest area is Rice Park in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota. I/We know the risks and dangers involved in such activities, and that unanticipated and unexpected dangers may arise during such activities. I/We assume all risks of injury to my/our person(s) and property that may be sustained in connection with my/our participation in the Contest and associated activities in and about the premises.

I/We understand that the Contest will be governed by the official 2020 Saint Paul Winter Carnival Individual Ice Carving Contest Rules attached hereto, and I/We hereby agree to abide by those rules.

The Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation (Winter Carnival) has the right to use Applicant/Participant Project materials and any photos /renderings/videos of said project for any purposes that SPFHF seems reasonable.

In consideration of the permission granted to me/us to enter the premises and participate in the Contest, I/We hereby, for myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, administrators and assigns, release and discharge the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, the operators and sponsors of the Contest and their respective servants, agents and officers, and all other participants in the Contest, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort, for injury sustained to my/our person(s) and/or property during my/our presence on the premises and my/our participation in the Contest due to negligence or any other fault.

I/We certify that my/our attendance and participation in the Contest is voluntary and that I/we am/are not in any way an employee, servant or agent of the owners or operators of the premises or of the sponsors of the Contest.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE REQUEST AND RELEASE AT

_____ ON _____, _____
(City, State) (date) (year)

(signature, carver 1) (signature, carver 2) (signature, helper)

Power Tool entrants, please check one:

- I/We plan to use a chainsaw
- I/We do not plan to use a chainsaw

Sculpture title: _____
(with plan attached—required for contest site preparation)

Sculpture Description / Background:
(Not required but it would help if the carving has special meaning, significance or is abstract in nature)

Please retain a copy of this application for your records. Please review all contest rules before filling out form.



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Carver Awards Dinner and Shirt Order Form

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Location TBD

at 3:30 pm

Single block carvers receive one (1) complimentary dinner admission per carving

Single block carvers receive one (1) complimentary shirt

Size __S, __M, __L, __XL, __2XL, __3XL

Additional guests are \$15.00 each; additional shirts may be purchased, more info to come.

Deadline to RSVP for dinner is January 10, 2020

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 Yes, I will attend

Carver Names: _____

I will have _____ guests at \$15.00 each and have enclosed a check payable to Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation

Names: _____

No, I will not attend

Carver Name (s): _____



2020 SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL INDIVIDUAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION **PROFESSIONAL DIVISION** CONTEST RULES

- Qualifications/
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, 2020.
- 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, 429 Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102, no later than January 13th, 2020, for each person who wishes to become an Applicant.
- Contestant(s): Each entry may have up to two contestants. If an entry has two contestants submitted as a “team”, both may collaborate on the sculpture submitted. Awards will be made for the carving as a single entry in the Contest with the team thus sharing the prize and honors. Only the contestants and helpers are allowed in the carving area. You/We may refer potential contestants that want to be on a team. Please Contact SPFHF for details.
- Helpers: Each entry is limited to one helper who must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on January 26, 2020. The helper must be registered at the time of contestant application. A helper can lift, move, touch or hold the ice with only tongs or hands. A helper may clean any part of the carving area but not the ice carving itself. Only the contestants and helpers are allowed in the carving area.
- 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.
- 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.**
- Event
Date & Times: Contest date is **Sunday, January 26, 2020, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Registration and pre- and post-contest meeting times and locations will be emailed or mailed to selected contestants prior to the start of the contest.
- All competition ice is to be carved on the premises, and within the specified time limits. Sculptures may be started no earlier than 9 AM. All work on sculptures in both divisions must be stopped by 2 PM. No one may touch the carving ice or scrape ice after the time clock has stopped. Only tools can be removed from the carving area during a five-minute grace period after the time clock has stopped. Only the contestant(s) and one helper are allowed inside the roped-off carving area. Judging will begin for all divisions as soon as those areas have cleared.
- Entry
Consistency: 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.
- Ice Provision: All categories will be furnished with *two full blocks* of artificial ice. Each block will be approximately 10” x 20” x 40” in size. There is no requirement for a base; you may use the ice as you wish. This ice is TOTAL USABLE ICE. Finished sculptures must be entirely of ice.
- 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:
- 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.
 - Original time restriction will still be in effect (no extra time given for broken block).
 - 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.



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- Freezing Agents:** Use of chemical freezing agents such as Freon, butane and other propellants or hydrocarbons are considered hazardous to the environment and personal safety and are not permitted. CO2 and dry ice are the only accepted freezing agents and may only be used as a freezing agent, not as a prop to create “smoke.”
- Snow:** Snow must be made from the blocks provided. No foreign materials may be left on the finished sculpture. No artificial props, lights, coloring or containers may be used.
- 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. Those using chain saws will be assigned ice blocks in the same area. Chain saws and power tools may be used only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Water will be provided; however, bring your own buckets. No stakes may be placed in the ground.
- 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.
- Parking:** The Saint Paul Winter Carnival and the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation are not responsible for providing parking spaces or for any parking tickets received during the Contest.
- Judging:** **A panel of judges engaged by the Saint Paul Winter Carnival will score the works. Judging will take place from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. January 26, 2020. Total points will determine standing. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony following the judging. Judging criteria are as follows:**
- DESIGN
 - Creativity / Originality
 - Completeness of Design
 - Overall Artistic Impression
 - Presentation of the sculpture
 - Degree of difficulty
 - Finished Appearance
 - EXECUTION
 - Initial impact
 - Attention to detail
 - Technical skill
 - Finishing
 - Site cleanup
 - Sculpture matches design
 - Utilization of Ice
 - Precision
 - Proportion and Symmetry
 - Structural Technique

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

- Awards:** Professional:
- 1st - \$600
 - 2nd - \$400
 - 3rd - \$200

- Signage:** Any outside signage is not allowed on the sculpture or on the grounds without the prior authorization of the Rice Park Committee Chairperson and/or the Foundation office.

Advertising: Promotional advertising is strictly forbidden unless authorized by the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation prior to the event. Forms of advertising include, but are not limited to, logos, names of businesses/organizations, characters specifically tied to an organization's branding.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

Artistic Criteria

1.) Overall Artistic Impression – Initial walk through

This is your first impression. Judge this category first on all sculptures, then go back and finish the judging form for each sculpture. In the event a piece has fallen, use your memory to score it before judging the other categories.

- Does this sculpture stand on its own as a professional (Artisan) sculpture?

2.) Creativity

This refers to the uniqueness of the design. Keep in mind that very few designs are original. Instead look for a new treatment or interpretation of a previously known idea. Commonly used subjects without creativity should not score as well as a fresh presentation of the same subject.

- Does the artist demonstrate the ability to create meaningful ideas, methods, forms and/or interpretations of his/her subject?

3.) Presentation of the sculpture

- Does the sculpture evoke an emotional response in the viewer's eyes?
- Is the sculpture placed properly within the carving area? The best side of the sculpture should be facing the spectators.
- Is the sculpture placement safe to the public, other sculptors and sculptures?
- Has the carving area been cleaned (free of ice and tools) for the presentation of the finished product?

4.) Degree of difficulty

- Did the carver complete a challenging project? Consider factors such as how fragile, the physical balance and pushing the structural limitations of ice. A sculpture with twisting and turning components adds a higher degree of difficulty to the piece. Keep the carving conditions in mind; a design may become more difficult because of the weather conditions.

5.) Finished Appearance

- Is the final treatment of all surfaces well done? The surfaces can be smooth, polished, frosted, textured or crystalized (cracked).
- Did the sculptor carry out his intent on the surfaces? This category also includes the sculptures appearance from 360 degrees.

Technical Criteria

6.) Utilization of Ice

- How well has the available amount of ice been incorporated into the finished sculpture?
Score first on overall utilization.

A guideline for determining this is: 90% of the ice = 9.0, 80% = 8.0, 70%=7.0 and etc. Then take into consideration how well the ice was used. From your initial score you can score up or down from the base score depending on how well the ice is sculpted.

7.) Technical Skill

- Does the sculpture show proper and skillful use of a variety of tools?
- Are the details in the sculpture enhanced because of the tools used?
- Watch the sculptor, how do they handle the tools? Do they work safely?

8.) Precision

- How accurately are the elements of the design sculpted?
- How well do repeated elements resemble each other?
- Do components fit well together?
- Does the finished sculpture replicate the design sketch?

9.) Proportion and Symmetry

This refers to how accurately elements of the sculpture relate to one another in terms of relative size. Proportionalities should not be limited only to the individual elements but to the sculpture overall as well.

- Do symmetrical components mirror each other?

10.) Structural Technique

- Is the design created to fit the block of ice or is the ice appropriated to fit the design?
- Are the seams (welds) of component pieces integrated into the design?
- Does the sculpture contain vertical, horizontal and/or angled seams, the latter two are more difficult?

A good weld may be hard to see or find and has very little air trapped in the weld. A lesser weld will have air bubbles or air pockets in the weld, slush may also be seen in or around the weld as well.

A poor seam may have given way by the time you judge. Look at thin or fragile supports that carry a good amount of weight, ankles supporting a full body or a thin branch supporting a large bird.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Score in the 9's – Excellent sculpture, something you would award a gold metal for.

8's – Minor shortcomings, worthy of a silver metal.

7's – Average sculpture with shortcomings deserving of a bronze metal.

6's - Subpar sculpture with many flaws.

5's – Major flaws and shortcomings.