

SUN VALLEY LAKE FISHING REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE April 1, 2026

I. GENERAL RULES FOR YEAR ROUND

- 1) No “Real” fish or fish pieces (such as minnows-alive or dead) to be possessed and/or used as bait.
- 2) Remains of all dressed fish shall **never** be disposed of into the lake.
- 3) No person shall seine, or net or trap fish from the lake for any purpose.
- 4) No person shall introduce or stock any fish into the lake without written approval of the Board of Directors and the Fish and Water Quality Committee.
- 5) No Fishing tournaments are allowed without prior written approval of the Board of Directors and the Fish and Water Quality Committee.
- 6) No unattended fishing lines shall be used in the lake. Unattended fishing lines are subject to confiscation.
- 7) No commercial guiding is allowed on the lake.
- 8) The Fishing Committee and the Board encourage members to report anyone fishing on the lake who does NOT appear to be an Association member to the office or Lake Manager.
- 9) Please remove all trash fish caught while fishing, including gar, green sunfish, etc. and dispose of them properly. Report removal to the office to help with lake management.

II. AUTHORIZED PERSONS

- 1) ‘Authorized person’ include: Member-lot owner, Member-lot co-owner, and children who are 16 years of age or older. Proof of age may be requested and verified.
- 2) For LLC properties and other properties with multiple co-owners: All co-owners must be listed in the Member record/office and a maximum of two co-owners can be self-designated as ‘Authorized persons’ for any given day of fishing privileges.
- 3) ‘Authorized persons’ does not include: Guests, Children’s spouses, other family members or relatives.
- 4) An ‘Authorized person’ must accompany and remain present with any/all others who fish on the lake.
- 5) ‘Non-Authorized persons’ are allowed to remove fish from the lake, but those fish are included in the Authorized persons’ daily limits for each species of fish caught and retained.

III. DAILY CATCH LIMITS PER AUTHORIZED PERSON

Each household is allowed two limits per day on all species as long as two 'Authorized Persons' are present and fishing. If only one 'Authorized person' is fishing, then one limit per household is allowed.

Species	Limit	Notes
WALLEYE	3	16" minimum length, with only one fish >21"
LARGE MOUTH BASS	20	Must not measure more than 15", Bass >15" are catch/release only
CATFISH	3	No size limit
CRAPPIE	12	No size limit
BLUEGILL	20	No size limit
MUSKIE	0	Immediate release required; Intentional fishing banned July 1 to Aug 31
YELLOW PERCH	10	8" minimum length
RED EAR SUNFISH	0	New Species development

IV. ICE FISHING – SPECIFICS

- 1) All the previously stated rules and limits apply.
- 2) All fish caught while ice fishing shall be immediately returned to the lake unless you plan to dress them.
- 3) All 'Authorized persons' fishing must be registered with the Association office and have on their person a current SVILA-issued Ice Fishing Permit card.

V. RULES ENFORCEMENT

- 1) SVILA employees, Fish and Water Quality Committee members, and Board Members may, at any time:
 - a. 1) Board and inspect boats
 - b. 2) Inspect ice fishing shacks/equipment for suspected violations of the above rules.
- 2) These SVILA representatives may then issue citations for these violations and will inform that person of the citation and potential fines/penalties incurred.
- 3) The person committing the violation may have this action reviewed, per protocols established in the SVILA bylaws and through the Hearing Committee.

VI. VIOLATIONS AND FINES

- 1) Any violation of the above rules will result in a minimum \$250 fine.
- 2) Catch violations include:
 - a) Fish sizes over and/or under limits previously stated limits in Section III
 - b) Excessive numbers of fish per beyond the previously stated limits in Section III
- 3) Violations by any 'Non-Authorized person' will be assessed to the Property owner(s).
- 4) An immediate fine of \$500 will be assessed for any use of real fish (alive or dead) for bait.
- 5) ANY second or subsequent violation within one year results in suspension of all Member fishing privileges for one calendar year, from the date of violation notification.