# Entry Packet

Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition

January 29 - 31, 2016

At the Minnesota State Fairgrounds

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival is *The Coolest Celebration on Earth™*, and the Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition is one of its COOLEST events. If you are age 18 or older, YOU can join in the fun!

Held annually in St. Paul since 1987 (with only a few years skipped due to lack of snow), the competition showcases three-member teams from throughout Minnesota. The teams have two and a half days to transform blocks of snow into works of art. The winning team receives $1,000, a trophy, and an opportunity to represent Minnesota at the National Snow Sculpting Competition held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. National winners advance to the International Snow Sculpting Competition, held throughout the upper Midwest and Canada.

Winner or not, all snow sculpting teams get a healthy dose of laughter, creativity, fresh air, and friendship! And it all happens at the nation’s oldest winter festival, the Saint Paul Winter Carnival!

## Why You Should Enter

It’s FUN! Plus, sculptors are showered with great stuff, including:

* The opportunity to win trophies, cash prizes, and represent Minnesota (as the winning team) at the National Snow Sculpting Competition at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
* A Thursday night welcome reception
* Cool competition wearables
* Complimentary breakfast, lunch, beverages, and snacks during the competition

## How To enter

* Assemble your three-person team.
* Develop a creative concept for your sculpture.
* Submit your competition entry packet, including:
	+ A completed competition entry form
	+ A check for your $75 entry fee (per team; non-refundable)
	+ A concept sketch of your planned sculpture
	+ A signed waiver for each team member

**All entry packet materials are due by January 15, 2016.**

# Rules and Schedule

## Rules

* Team members must be 18 or older (a National Competition requirement).
* The team's captain must be a resident of the State of Minnesota. Non-Minnesota residents may participate as the additional team members.
* No team member substitutions may be made after the official start of the competition.
* Teams may not receive outside assistance at the competition site, except as approved and/or provided by competition officials.
* Only snow, water, and ice from the competition site may be used. No colorant may be added to the sculptures. No media may be brought in from outside the competition site.
* Only hand tools are permitted. Teams may not use powered tools of any kind.
* Molds are not allowed unless the molded snow is to be manipulated by the teams beyond the molded form. Stamps which impress a letter or shape are prohibited. Armatures are also prohibited.
* Sculptures should be family-friendly and non-political in nature.
* Violations of any specifications are grounds for disqualification by the competition judges and organizers.
* The competition officials and the Saint Paul Winter Carnival do not guarantee the condition of the snow blocks.

## Schedule

**Friday, January 29, 2016**

* 8:00 a.m. Competition begins
* 10:00 p.m. Competition site closes

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

* 9:00 a.m. Competition site opens
* 10:00 p.m. Competition site closes

**Sunday, January 31, 2016**

* 9:00 a.m. Competition site opens
* 11:00 a.m. People’s Choice voting opens
* 1:00 p.m. Competition ends\*
* 1:30 p.m. People’s Choice voting closes
* 2:00 p.m. Awards ceremony

\***Special note for returning teams:** We have extended the competition by one hour on Sunday to help reduce the time delay between the competition’s conclusion and the awards ceremony.

**Visit** [**mnsnowpark.com**](http://mnsnowpark.com/information-for-sculptors.html) **for additional information for sculptors:
competition culture ▪ important things to know ▪ comprehensive sculptors’ schedule**

# Awards and Judging

## Awards

* **1st Place** – Selected by panel of judges. Winning team receives $1,000 cash, trophies, and the opportunity to represent Minnesota at the National Snow Sculpting Competition held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.\*
* **2nd Place** – Selected by panel of judges. Winning team receives trophies and $500 cash.\*
* **3rd Place** – Selected by panel of judges. Winning team receives trophies and $250 cash.
* **Artists’ Choice** – Selected by the competing teams by popular vote (anonymous). Winning team receives trophies.
* **People’s Choice** – Selected by site visitors by popular vote (anonymous). Winning team receives trophies.
* **Vulcans’ Choice** – Selected by the Vulcan Krewe. Winning team receives trophies.

\*If the team winning 1st Place is unable to participate in the National Snow Sculpting Competition, the 2nd Place team will represent Minnesota. No substitution of team members is allowed except in cases of documented illness or injury.

## Judging Criteria

The panel of judges evaluates sculptures on a combination of factors, including:

* Degree of difficulty
* Execution (clean lines, proportions, overall completion, etc.)
* Artistic expression
* Creativity

Each judge selects a first, second, and third place sculpture. Point values are assigned to each placement. 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place award winners are determined by combined point totals.

**Judges needed!** Interested in judging? Know someone who would be an asset to our judging panel? Contact us to learn more, or visit the Saint Paul Winter Carnival website to sign up.

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# Entry Form

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### Team and Sculpture Information

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| Team Name |
| Sculpture Name |

### Instructions

Complete the form digitally (save to your computer, complete, save again) **OR** print the form and print neatly and legibly.

**Entries are not complete without payment.** Entry fees are non-refundable.

**See additional instructions on page 2.**

### Team Member Information

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| **TeamCaptain:** | Name (at least first and last) | Are you age 18 or older?[ ] Yes [ ] No  |
| City and State of Residence | sweatshirt size (men’s) | T-Shirt size (men’s) | Glove size (men’s) |
| Email address | Phone Number (mobile preferred) |
| **Teammember:** | Name (at least first and last) | Are you age 18 or older?[ ] Yes [ ] No  |
| City and State of Residence | sweatshirt size (men’s) | T-Shirt size (men’s) | Glove size (men’s) |
| Email address | Phone Number (mobile preferred) |
| **Teammember:** | Name (at least first and last) | Are you age 18 or older?[ ] Yes [ ] No  |
| City and State of Residence | sweatshirt size (men’s) | T-Shirt size (men’s) | Glove size (men’s) |
| Email address | Phone Number (mobile preferred) |

### Artistic Background / Snow Sculpting Experience

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| Briefly describe any artistic background, previous awards, and/or snow sculpting experience for your team. (You may include a spearate page if preferred.) |

### Special Needs

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| If your team will have excessive water requirements (i.e. more than 90 gallons) or other special needs, please specify them here. |

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## Additional Instructions

### Entry Submissions

* **By email (preferred):**
	+ Send the following files in one email to mnsnowsculptingcompetition@gmail.com:
		- Completed competition entry form
		- 8.5" x 11" concept sketch of your planned sculpture (good-quality scan or digital photo)
		- Signed waiver for **each** team member (good-quality scan or digital photo)
	+ AND mail a check (payable to Fire & Brimstone LTD) in the amount of $75 WITH your team name noted
* **By mail:**
	+ Place the following items in one envelope:
		- Completed competition entry form
		- 8.5" x 11" concept sketch of your planned sculpture
		- Signed waiver for **each** team member
		- Check (payable to Fire & Brimstone LTD) in the amount of $75
	+ Mail to:
		- Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition
		c/o Kendra Myers
		775 Van Buren Ave
		St. Paul, MN 55104

### Team Photo

* Please also email a photo of your team (if possible) to mnsnowsculptingcompetition@gmail.com for publication on mnsnowpark.com.

### Team or Sculpture Alterations

* You may change any of your team/sculpture information up until January 15, 2016, by contacting mnsnowsculptingcompetition@gmail.com. Changes made after that date may not be reflected on printed materials.

## How We Use Your Information

* **Professionally printed sign placed by your sculpture**
	+ Team name
	+ Sculpture name
	+ Team members’ names
* **Meet the Teams page on mnsnowpark.com**
	+ Team name
	+ Sculpture name
	+ Team members’ names
	+ Team members’ cities of residence
	+ Team photo (if provided)
* **Sweatshirt, t-shirt, and glove sizes**
	+ To inform our order specifications if we select one of these items as the competition wearable this year
* **Sculpture concept sketch**
	+ To verify that your sculpture will be family-friendly (i.e. not sexual or suggestive) and non-political
* **Artistic background**
	+ To give competition organizers a sense of your previous experience

# Waiver Agreement

Imperial Order of Fire & Brimstone

I, the undersigned, have agreed for my own benefit to participate in various events and activities held during the year of 2016 in connection with and/or under the direction of the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, which puts on the Saint Paul Winter Carnival and the City of St. Paul and the Imperial Order of Fire and Brimstone, Ltd.

I understand that inherent in my participation in such events and activities, such events to include without limitation, participation in the above event is the risk of serious personal injury and property damage. I understand that the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, which puts on the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, and the Imperial Order of Fire and Brimstone, Ltd will not provide me with protection against such injury and damage, and I assume all risk of such injury and damage to myself and all other under my direction and control, and to my property and all other property under my direction and control. I hereby waive and release any claim I have or may have in the future against the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, which puts on the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, and any of their officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers, as well as the Imperial Order of Fire and Brimstone, Ltd for any personal injury, property damage or other damage I may sustain, whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence of such officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers, or organizations affiliated with the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, the Imperial Order of Fire and Brimstone, Ltd which occurs during or as a result of participation in any of the events and activities held in connection and/or under the direction of the above referenced entities. Furthermore, if in the event I agree to operate a vehicle in connection with any of the events and activities held in connection with and/or under the direction of the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, which puts on the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, and the Imperial Order of Fire and Brimstone, Ltd, I represent that I am validly licensed to drive such a vehicle in the events and/or activities and that I have purchased automobile insurance as required by Minnesota law.

I also agree to obey the rules put forth by the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation and the Imperial Order of Fire and Brimstone, Ltd, relating to my participation, including (but not limited to) rules governing the consumption of alcohol, before and/or during events.

Date Participant’s Signature

 Participant’s Name (Please PRINT)

**All participants must sign and submit this form to the Imperial Order of Fire & Brimstone prior to the event or when checking in.**