

**Per Order of the West Brookfield Selectmen
LAKE WICKABOAG WINTER RULES**

1. All persons using the frozen lake do so at their own risk – and should not venture onto the ice until it is completely safe.

2. No speeding. Speed limits on the ice for powered vehicles are:
 - A. 10 MPH for cars, trucks, and motorcycles;

 - B. 45 MPH for snowmobiles and ATV's;

 - C. 5 MPH for all vehicles near shore (within 150 feet of shore).

3. No reckless driving. Powered vehicles must be driven on ice very carefully and responsibly. All state and federal rules and regulations apply regarding minimum operator ages, operator certifications, licenses, accident reporting, etc. No deliberate spinning, sliding, or racing is allowed, and all must yield right of way to unpowered vehicles.

4. No littering or polluting of ice permitted:
 - A. No fires on ice allowed unless built in a metal container which must be removed, with its ashes, from ice at end of day;

 - B. No wood, partially burned wood, or debris can be left on ice;

 - C. No bottles, cans, trash, etc. can be left on ice.

5. No cleared ice skating/hockey rink areas allowed beyond 150 feet from shore.

6. *No exposed fishing holes should be left in ice (fill them with ice chips/snow), nor should piles of ice chips from drilled holes be left on ice (smooth them out).*

The West Brookfield Police, the Massachusetts Environmental Police, and the Lake Wickaboag Harbormaster all have the authority to enforce all rules. Violators may be subject to a \$300.00 fine plus loss of lake privileges.

(Rules amended June 19, 2007)