

# Fire and Ice Festival



Ice Carving Festival  
*A National Ice Carving Association (NICA) Sanctioned Event*

## Ice Carving Judging Criteria

The National Ice Carving Association has a standard of 10 different categories that are judged in competition Ice Art Work. There is a possibility of receiving 10 points in each. They are stringent guidelines that are judged by Certified NICA Judges. If the competitor receives 70 points and above he receives a Bronze Medal, 80 points and above Silver Medal and 90 points and above they receive the NICA Gold Medal.

1. First Impression: Does the sculpture stimulate or excite you at first sight
2. Utilization of Ice: How well has the total amount of Ice been utilized into the finished sculpture.
3. Technical Skill: Does the sculpture show the proper use of various tools.
4. Attention to Detail: In relation to the available carving time, has the sculptor utilized a maximum amount of detail work.
5. Finished Appearance: Does the sculpture have a clean and finished appearance that displays the qualities of Ice.
6. Structural Technique: How well has the sculptor utilized structural skills.
7. Proportion and Symmetry: Are features of the sculpture proportional and symmetrical as required by the design.
8. Design or Composition: Is the design properly composed and organized.
9. Creativity: Has the sculptor incorporated a new design, technique, topic or theme.
10. Artistic Impression: Is the sculpture aesthetically pleasing.