

FISHING DERBY RULES 2019

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1) Derby participants must register at the CTA office located at the CTA Building, 16 Poplar Street or at Natural Resources Department located at Band Office, 1 Chief Louis Gull Street. After August 8, 2019 at 4:00PM, you may register at Chiiwetau Boat landing and Miquelon Beach located on Waswanipi Lake where the derby will be held. Registration fee is \$ 300.00 to enter in the fishing derby per participant. Deadline to register is Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 12:00 PM. You must be 16 years of age and over to participate in the derby.

2) All entry fees are non-refundable. No one will be allowed to enter if the payments are not respected as set out in clause 1. **YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED PARTICIPANT TO BE ALLOWED ON THE BOAT AND PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE YOU ARE ALLOWED TO FISH.**

3) Each group will depend on the maximum capacity of the boat for safety reasons (for example, if your boat limit is 4 people, then a maximum of 4 people will be allowed in the boat). Also, a participant with age over 18 must be driving the motor of the boat. Those under 18 years of age must have their legal guardian or parent sign a consent form in order for the individual to participate in the fishing derby. One fishing reel and rod and a second fishing rod will be permissible but not more than 2 fishing rods per person. Extra rods and reels will be confiscated and given to you at the end of derby. No other method of fishing will be allowed (Fishnet, night hooks, any kind of under water fishing...)

4) Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10, 2019, the fishing period will commence at 08:00 am and conclude at 08:00 PM sharp. Except for Sunday August 11, 2019, it will begin at 08:00 am to conclude at 04:00 PM sharp. If you fish outside of the derby hours then you will be immediately disqualified. **No exceptions will be allowed.**

5) **WALLEYE CATEGORY:** Only two (2) of the biggest walleyes must be registered and marked per day per contestant. Information pertaining to each fish entered will be recorded by each derby participant. The length of the walleye should be 15 inches or more to qualify for the measurement. **The winners will be determined by calculating the length and weight of the TOTAL 6 FISH.** Also, the fish must be released back into the water alive after measured, **CATCH AND RELEASE.** Furthermore, the participants must handle their fish when bringing it at the weight station for measuring and weighing and the participants shall return the fish back into the water after measuring and weighing.

The rules of the Quebec Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks (MFFP) for walleye fishing in zone 17 which includes the totality of Waswanipi Lake and Waswanipi River shall apply during the Derby. According to these rules, a Derby participant shall never have **in his or her possession** more than one walleye of more than 53 cm. **In his or her possession** means that a participant shall never have two (2) walleyes of more than 53 cm at the same time in his or her boat or in his or her live well, even if the two (2) walleyes are alive. If a participant catches a walleye of more than 53 cm, he or she can keep it in his or her boat or live well. If, during the same fishing outing, the participant catches a second walleye of more than 53 cm, the participant shall immediately release alive one of the two walleyes of more than 53 cm. To be able to register two (2) walleyes of more than 53 cm, a participant shall come to register a first walleye of more than 53 cm alive at one of the measuring points, release it back alive and go out again on the water and, if the participant catches a second walleye of more than 53 cm, the participant can come back to register his or her second walleye of more than 53 cm at one of the measuring points and release it alive. Some verifications will take place at the measuring points to ensure that each participant does not have more than one (1) walleye of more than 53 cm in his or her boat or live well. This rule of never have **in his or her possession** more than one (1) walleye of more than 53 cm shall apply to all participants, Native or non-Native.

6) **PIKE CATEGORY:** Only one (1) pike will be registered and marked per day per contestant. The information pertaining to each fish entered will be recorded by each derby participant. The length of the pike should be 25" or more to qualify for the measurement. **The winners will be determined by calculating the length and weight of ONE FISH ONLY (the biggest).** (Please release anything below 25 inch back into the water alive and uninjured). The pike must be alive when measured.

7) **The winner of Biggest Walleye of the tournament, \$10,000.00 cash prize, will be chosen by calculating the weight and length of one walleye only caught in any day of the fishing tournament (the same walleye can be used to win in Walleye Category Prizes, not the daily cash prizes).**

8) **ALL DERBY PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXCHANGE OR DONATE THEIR CATCH. YOU MUST CATCH YOUR OWN FISH. YOU MAY REGISTER YOUR FISH AT EITHER OF THE THREE MEASURING STATIONS LOCATED AT WASWANIFI OLD POST LANDING, MIQUELON BEACH OR AT THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE AT SAND BAR.**

9) Fish Finders are allowed as well as live wells and aerated containers. No weapons such as rifles and bows and no binoculars shall be allowed in the boats.

10) Derby participants are only allowed to fish around the Waswanipi Lake, Waswanipi river up to the first rapids (Ou-Chi-Maw rapids) marked by ribbons and right after the high bridge marked by ribbons.

11) The competitors may not go ashore without permission of an official and/or other boat nearby.

12) Each boat must be inspected prior to the start of **each derby day at the measuring points, Old Post Landing and Miquelon Beach.** Officials may inspect/board your boat at any time during tournament hours to ensure integrity of the derby. Each boat must have its **colored sticker** in a conspicuous place given by the officials after the boat is inspected. **No exceptions allowed.**

13) No fishing will be allowed within 100 meters (300 feet) of the measuring station. Enter measuring station slowly and depart in the same fashion.

14) **If failed to comply with the rules and regulations of the fishing derby, participants and/or the boat will be disqualified from the derby. If you notice any violation of the derby rules, notify an official immediately in writing and give them the violator's boat number and boat description.**

15) **Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or drugs will be tolerated at anytime during the derby hours. The offending boat and its occupants will immediately be disqualified from the competition and unable to win any prizes listed for the derby. For greater clarification, and out of possible confusion, all beers and beverages in the extended family of alcoholic beverages, like light beer, .5% beer or non alcoholic beer or wine, are also strictly prohibited and catching a boat or an occupant with them will bring the same sanction as if it contained alcohol. Furthermore, any empty containers of alcohol beverages and/or drug paraphernalia found in boat, the boat will be disqualified.**

16) In the event of fraud or rule violation discovered during the derby or subsequent to the awarding of any prizes, the coordinator or judges or derby committee reserves the right to change their decision or immediate disqualification will result and/or prosecuted. Furthermore, you shall be banned from other initiated derbies by the derby committee and/or its affiliates. The derby winners shall return the prizes if discovered fraud was perpetrated and/or cheating and must compensate any damages resulting from his or hers fraudulent activity.

17) Each derby participant understands and agrees to comply with all rules and regulations as set by the Waswanipi Old Post Fishing Derby Committee.

18) Any rules discussed and/or posted in any form that may contradict the official rules of the derby, this official list hereby supersedes those discussed and/or posted.

Precautions to be taken:

It is highly recommended to wear life jackets for each person.

It is recommended to always check if it's clear when casting a fishing rod.

It is recommended to have enough snacks, water or non-alcohol drinks when on board.

It is recommended to advise someone of your destination and time you plan to return.

It is recommended upon passing other derby participants to slow down and fish 30 feet away from other participants.

RELEASE: It is expressly understood that all derby participants enter at their own risk. The Waswanipi Old Post Fishing Derby Committee or the coordinator or any other person (s) or organizations affiliated with the derby committee will not be responsible for any damage, theft, personal injuries, accidents or even death. Each derby participant must be cautious at all times during this derby 2019 event.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN AND A SAFE FISHING DERBY 2019