Chautauqua Lake Ice Derby 2022

Rules and Regulations

Derby Rules

Six (6) Fish categories exist:

Walleye, Yellow Perch, Crappie, Sunfish, White Perch, Silver Bass

- 1 All entries are to be submitted electronically, and must include a two (2) photos of the catch.
- 2 First photgraph shall be one of the fish while on the ice with a recognizable landmark in the background
- 3 Second Photograph shall be of the fish on a measuring "bump board", with derby badge visible in the picture as well
- 4 Fish shall be measured mouth closed, and the length must be legible in the photo. Tail may be fanned or pinched
- 5 State minimum lengths apply to all fish that have such protections.
- 6 Fish must be measured to the nearest 1/4 inch
- 7 Submit entries to derby.entry@weloveoutdoors.org, subject line Chautauqua Ice Derby Entry. Please include your angler number
- 8 Anglers may enter one, or all cateogories, and may submit multiple entries per category, but only the largest entry per category will count
- 9 Top two largest fish will win prize money. Payouts are the same for each category of fish
- 10 Each anger will be assigned a derby number upon enerting the derby, and this number must be included in your catch entries for consideration
- 11 Fishing begins at midnight, January 15, 2022, and all fishing shall cease at 12:00 PM, or noon, Sunday, February 27, 2022
- 12 Entry deadlines for fish consideration is 1:00PM, Sunday February 27, 2022
- 13 In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker will be earliest entry. If a tie exists for 1st place, the tie breaker is earlier entry, and the later entry moves to 2nd place
- 14 Anyone caught cheating, using a "doctored" measuring device, or fishing a different water than Chautauqua Lake shall be disqualified
- 15 In the event we get no safe ice, same derby shall be fished from shore or boat
- 16 No refunds of derby entry fees
- 17 Contestants must be entered in the derby 24 hours before entering a catch. This is to reduce the chances of catching a good fish, then entering the derby
- 18 Contestants may enter the derby until end of day (4:30PM), Saturday, February 12, 2022

The "Legal" Stuff

- 1 Derby is open to all anglers. Anglers under 16 years of age require parental consent to enter
- 2 Anglers 16 years of age and older are required to have a valid NYS Fishing License, anglers under age 16 do not need a fishing license per NYS Law.
- 3 Contestant or parent/ legal guardian agrees fishing is at your own risk, and assume all responsibility therein
- 4 Contestant or parent/legal guardian agrees to release from all harm and liability, the organizers, sponsors and fellow contestants of this derby.
- 5 Contestant or parent/ legal guardian agrees to consent to the use of submitted photographic content of their catch, and images of themselves in any current and future promotional efforts of this derby
- 6 Contestant or parent/legal guardian agrees to follow all rules and regulations, both for the derby, and all applicable NYS Fishing Regulations, minimum keeper sizes, etc.
- 7 If contestant is under age 16, parent or legal guardian agrees to release from harm or liability, the organizers, sponsors and contestants of this derby
- 8 Violations of NYS Fisheries regulations, or derby rules shall result in immediate disqualification from the derby, with no refund of entry fee provided

Send your photo entries to