

DERBY RULES & REGULATIONS

1. By entering the Derby, all participants declare an understanding of all tournament rules and agree to abide by them.
2. Any new official rule, conditions or deletions will be posted on elliottlake.ca/icefishingderby on February 24th 2023.
3. Pre-registration will be available at the Collins Hall located at 120 Hillside Drive North, Elliot Lake, ON, Friday, February 24, 2023 from 3:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.
4. Identification must be provided for registration. Participants must sign a waiver at the time of registration.
5. Any participant breaking any of the Derby rules and/or any applicable Ontario laws will be disqualified with NO refund.
6. All participants will abide by the Ontario Fishing Regulations and each participant is responsible for their own actions.
7. All holes will be pre-drilled. Contestants will not be allowed to drill their own holes. Holes may be cleared of ice (an axe or chisel is recommended). Chumming (any material scattered on the water or down hole) or depth testing is not allowed.
8. Fishing will begin at 12:00 pm and end at 3:00 pm, February 25th, 2023. **Participants will be granted entry to the Fish Derby area as follows; The first 100 entries will be allowed on the ice at 09:00 a.m. ; 101 – 200 entries will be allowed on the ice at 09:30 a.m.; 201 – 300 entries will be allowed on the ice at 10:00 a.m. and the tickets 301 – 400 will be allowed on the ice at 10:30 a.m. All other entries will have access to the ice at 11:00 a.m.** The winner of the "first on the ice" draw will be granted access to the derby area at 9:15 am to select their hole(s). Holding a hole for another contestant is not allowed. No one is allowed to put a line in the water under any circumstances before the horn sounds to commence the derby at 12:00 pm.
9. All Derby participants must be wearing Derby identification that will be given at the time of registration, and must keep identification on for the entire Derby. Only people with identification will be allowed into the Fish Derby designated area. Non-participants entering the fishing area could cause disqualification of a participant.
10. The Fish Derby area will be corded off and all participants must enter through a security gate where ID and containers will be checked.
11. No electronic equipment, which is designed for, or could be used to identify / locate fish on bottom structure, will be permitted.
12. Once a fish is caught you must bring it immediately to the judging area and a Derby Official will measure the length of the fish and the time it was registered. The longest eligible fish wins the grand prize. Grand Prize Example: 600 entries = \$60,000.00 x 50% = \$30,000.00 First Prize.
13. In case of a tie, time registered will be the deciding factor. The earliest eligible fish caught will win the Grand Prize.
14. All prizes are final and no cash substitutions or prize exchange will be allowed.
15. Registration form is valid ONLY after payment is received.
16. All species of sport fish will be eligible to win. Live bait is permitted, however all baits and hooks must meet applicable Ontario Fishing Regulations. (See Item #5)
17. The following will not be allowed - chumming, (any material scattered on the water or down the hole), fishing huts, portable fish houses, tarps, or shelters and NO snowmobiles within the derby area. Parking will be provided outside the derby area.
18. Any containers including packsacks, coolers will be inspected upon entering the Derby gates.
19. You are responsible for your safety and actions, at all times before, during and after the tournament.
20. Garbage barrels will be placed around the fishing area. Please use them. Horne Lake is our resource; please take care of it, NO littering.
21. Each entrant, upon registration to compete in the Derby agrees that he/she will not hold the Sponsors or Hosts liable for any kind of accident that might occur during this tournament.
22. If conditions occur which are found to be dangerous to Derby participants before the start of the Derby, the host will have the right to cancel the Derby and award all prizes based on a random draw.
23. If conditions occur which are found to be dangerous to Derby participants during the Derby, the Hosts will have the right to deem the Derby complete and all prizes will be awarded based on the leader board of fish caught at the time of completion of the Derby and/or using a random draw for any remaining prizes at the Hosts' sole discretion.
24. All participants must do their utmost to exhibit good sportsmanship conduct at all times during the Derby.
25. Fish must be live when brought to the Derby Officials. After recording the details a Derby Official will release the fish back into the lake. Live wells are recommended. Containers MUST have sufficient water in them prior to commencement of fishing.
26. NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed in Derby area. Contestants suspected of consuming alcohol or drugs immediately prior to, or during the event, will not be allowed in the fishing area or will be ejected by the Host security personnel.
27. All rules are subject to interpretation by the Hosts, at their sole discretion.
28. TO CANCEL/REFUNDS: Contact the City of Elliot Lake before 4:30 pm (EST) on February 17th, 2023 and your entry fee less \$20.00 will be returned. After 4:30 pm (EST) on February 17th, 2023 there will be no refund or cancellations. Registrations cannot be transferred without the express consent of the host at their sole discretion.
29. Any participant under the age of 16 years MUST be accompanied by an adult to collect any prizes.
30. The Hosts reserve(s) the right to substitute the Prize(s) in whole or in part in the event that all or any component of the Prize(s) is/are unavailable.
31. **Fishing licence or Status Card will be required for entry. Canadian residents under the age of 18 and over the age of 65 do not require a licence but must have government issued identification available as per Provincial guidelines**

PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF FAMILIAR WITH RULES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION!