

## 2024 Wawa Ice Fishing Derby Official Rules and Regulations

1. Anyone registering in the Wawa Ice Fishing Derby cannot fish on the three Derby lakes (Wawa, Hawk, Manitowik) after midnight Wednesday February 28, 2024, until the official Derby start time on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, and are subject to the same penalties as those who have pre-registered.
2. Derby applications for new registrations will be accepted until Noon Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, or 1400 entries, whichever occurs first. Registration time is 10am - 10pm Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and 9am - noon, Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at the Michipicoten Memorial Community Center (arena), 3 Chris Simon Dr. To qualify for the Early Bird Draw, a registration form MUST be received or postmarked by Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, along with a cheque, cash, money order or online payment payable to the Wawa Ice Fishing Derby. Note: Post dated cheques will not be valid until date written on the cheque.
3. A valid fishing licence is required to have a fish weighted in the Derby, for all individuals requiring a fishing licence under provincial regulations. All participants will abide by the Ontario Fishing Regulations. All lines are subject to inspection by a Derby Board member at any time during Derby weekend. Participants MUST open the door of their ice hut when approached by Derby Official; failure to do so may result in disqualification.
4. Any participant breaking any of the Derby rules and/or any applicable Ontario laws will be disqualified. Participants who are disqualified will not be allowed to participate for a minimum of 5 years. Participants who are disqualified may be prosecuted under the Criminal Code of Canada for using fraudulent means to acquire prizes.
5. Derby fishing times are Saturday March 2, 2024, from 8am to 4pm, and Sunday March 3, 2024, from 8am to 1pm. Check in station times is Saturday March 2, 2024, from 7:30am to 4:30pm and Sunday March 3, 2024, from 7:30am to 1:30pm. **ANYONE FISHING OTHER THAN DERBY FISHING TIMES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
6. There is no minimum age for fishing, however, all minors must be always with a parent or legal guardian during the tournament, and a licence must be presented at time of weighing. Must be 18 or older to be eligible for Early Bird and Registration Draws.
7. Participants may use snowmobiles on all derby lakes. 4 wheelers are allowed ONLY on Wawa Lake and Hawk Lake. No other vehicles are allowed.
8. If conditions occur which are found to be dangerous to Derby participants, the Derby Board has the right to limit the number of lakes being used or deem the Derby to be terminated and the prizes given out by fish caught and/or random draw.
9. All participants must do their utmost to exhibit good sportsmanship and are responsible for their litter.
10. The Derby will take place on Wawa Lake, Hawk Lake, and Manitowik Lake. Each participant will fish with only 2 lines. A minimum distance of 200 feet from another flagged ice fishing hole is required. Only fish caught by a participant from their designated flagged holes will be deemed legal entries.
11. Participants MUST register at the Official Check-in Station on the lake which they are fishing and MUST check out when they leave the lake. Failure to check in or out on the lake will disqualify any fish from being entered into the Derby. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
12. All participants will put a flag bearing their participant number next to the holes in which the participant is fishing. This flag can be moved during the Derby hours and can be used to reserve the hole for the Derby. All participants' huts may be

inspected at any time by an authorized official of the Derby.

13. All fish (respecting Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations for Zone 7) that are kept by the participant for tagging must be brought live into the Check-In Station on that lake. Photo I.D. may be required for adults and a birth certificate for minors at the time of tagging. A tag will be attached to each fish only by an official. Species tagged and entered the Derby are restricted to Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, Whitefish, Rainbow Trout, or Speckled Trout and Splake. NOTE: Check-In Station Official has the final word in tagging the fish.

14. All fish caught must be tagged or released immediately. Live wells are NOT permitted. Each fish kept must have a tag affixed to it by the Derby Check-In Station Official (Derby limit is 2 of either Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, Whitefish, Rainbow Trout, or Speckled Trout and Splake each day, a total of 4 for the Derby, respecting catch and possession limits of Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations, zone 7).

15. All fish must be weighed in at the Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre by 6:30 pm. on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, and 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024. Fish that are tagged must be weighed the day they are tagged to be eligible for prizes. NOTE: A valid fishing licence and valid identification MUST be shown to Weigh-in Official when the fish is being weighed. Weigh-in times will be strictly enforced. Weigh-in Official has the final decision if the fish is eligible for a prize.

16. There are 6 major prizes (six identical prizes for each of the three fishing lakes). a. Participants who qualify for a major prize will be awarded only one (1) of the 6 major prizes. All prizes are final. b. The Early Bird and Registration prizes(s) are lottery prizes and are not major fishing prizes. c. Maximum number of prizes a participant could win is (4): 1 major fishing prize, 2 early bird prize (if the participant qualifies), and 1 registration prize. IN THE EVENT OF A LAKE CLOSURE, PRIZE FOR THAT LAKE WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRAW OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND WILL NOT AFFECT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PRIZES A PARTICIPANT IS Allowed. If there is more than one fish of the same weight eligible for a major prize, then the date and time that the earlier fish was tagged in at the Check-In Station will determine the winner. e. Fishing prizes will be awarded beginning at 5pm, Sunday, March 3rd, 2024. You must be in attendance to claim prizes. If you are unable to be there, then a letter of proxy must be signed in order for another person to claim your prize.

17. Each entrant, upon registration to compete in the Derby, agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Wawa Ice Fishing Derby, their agents, employees, co-sponsors and event volunteers from any liability, expenses, claims or demands that may arise from participating.

18. By entering the Derby and signing a registration form, all participants declare an understanding of all Derby rules, agree to abide by them, and agree to permit the Wawa Ice Fishing Derby to use photographs of them in publicity releases.

19. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Wawa Ice Fishing Derby Board of Directors  
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