

MANITOULIN ICE SHOWDOWN – OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

1. The derby will take place on Manitowaning Bay and Lake Manitou.
2. Registered participants shall not fish on the derby lakes (Manitowaning Bay and Lake Manitou) between 12:01 am Thursday, February 7th, 2019 and the official derby start time of 8:00 am on Saturday, February 9th, 2019.
3. Derby fishing times are Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday, February 10th, 2019 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. ANY REGISTERED PARTICIPANT FOUND TO BE FISHING ON MANITOWANING BAY OR LAKE MANITOU OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
4. Cash only, on-site ticket sales will be located at the Manitowaning Bay-Bayside Resort check-in station and the Lake Manitou-Holiday Haven Road check-in station until noon on Saturday, February 9th, 2019. Registration is complete when payment is received.
5. The derby will have 300 pre-drilled holes at Manitowaning Bay-Bayside Resort which will be spaced 30 feet apart. Participants may drill their own holes, including inside or beside ice huts, but must maintain a distance of 30 feet from another flagged hole; this distance may be reduced if agreed to by all affected parties.
6. Each participant may fish with a maximum of two lines. A minimum distance of 30 feet from another flagged ice fishing hole is required; this distance may be reduced if agreed to by all affected parties.
7. A non-registered individual may not be fishing in a group of registered participants. If there are non-registered individuals found to be fishing with a party of registered participants, the registered participants will be disqualified from the derby.
8. This is a family event, absolutely NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED or INTOXICATED PERSONS. Any alcoholic beverages will be confiscated.
9. All lines and huts are subject to inspection by a derby official at any time during the derby. Participants MUST open the door of their ice hut when requested by derby officials or conservation officers; failure to do so will result in disqualification.
10. Any participant requiring a fishing licence, as per provincial regulations, is required to have a valid fishing licence to participate in the derby. All participants will abide by the Ontario Fishing Regulations.
11. Any participant breaking any of these rules and regulations and/or any applicable Ontario laws will be disqualified. Participants who are disqualified for cheating will receive a lifetime ban. Participants who are disqualified may be prosecuted under the Criminal Code of Canada for using fraudulent means to acquire prizes.
12. There is no minimum age for participating in the derby, however, all minors must be with a parent or legal guardian at all times during the derby.

13. Participants may use snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles on both derby lakes; however, participants are asked to please respect the fishing areas and other participants by keeping vehicle usage to a minimum.
14. All participants must do their utmost to exhibit good sportsmanship and environmental stewardship and are responsible for removing all their belongings, including their litter, at the end of each day.

CHECK-IN STATIONS

15. There will be check-in stations on Manitowaning Bay at Bayside Resort, Buzwah Fisheries, and Manitowaning Marina; and on Lake Manitou at Sandfield, Scotch Line Road, and Holiday Haven Road.
16. Check-in station times are Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, February 10th, 2019 from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm.
17. Registered participants **MUST** register at an official check-in station on the lake which they are fishing by noon on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 and/or by 10:00 am on Sunday, February 10th, 2019. Registered participants may only fish that lake at which they are registered for the day and may only weigh in their fish at one of the check-in stations at the lake at which they are registered for the day. Participant failure to check in will disqualify their fish from being entered into the derby.
18. All participants will be provided with a flag(s) bearing their participant number which they will be required to place next to the hole(s) in which they are fishing. If using a hut, the flag(s) must be placed next to the hut, visible to derby officials. This flag(s) can be used to reserve hole(s) for the derby and may be moved during derby hours; however, it may only be moved to another location on the same lake that the participant is registered at for the day.

WEIGH-IN

19. All fish (respecting and abiding by Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations) that are kept by the participant for weigh-in must be brought live into the check-in station. Frozen fish will be deemed ineligible. A valid derby ticket and valid picture identification **MUST** be shown to a derby weigh-in official when the fish is being weighed. Only fish caught by registered participants, from their designated flagged hole(s), will be deemed legal entries. Weigh-in officials have the final decision whether the fish is eligible for a prize.
20. Each fish weighed will be provided with a weigh-in form completed at the check-in station, which must be kept for the duration of the derby. The weight will be recorded in Pounds (lbs) and Ounces (oz).
21. In respect of catch and possession limits of Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations, the derby catch limits are 2 per day for a total of 4 for the derby.
22. Top ten prizes are determined by the heaviest weight and time of fish caught. All species are eligible.
23. All fish must be weighed by 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 and 12:30 pm on Sunday, February 10th, 2019. Weigh-in times will be strictly enforced.

PRIZES

24. Only registered participants are eligible for prizes.
25. There are 20 major prizes (Top Ten on each lake). In case of a tie, the time of weigh-in will be the deciding factor with the earlier fish winning the prize. All major prizes, as awarded, are final.
26. Major prizes will be awarded beginning at 2:00 pm Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at the Wikwemikong Arena. Participants awarded major prizes do not need to be present but are responsible to claim it at the Wikwemikong Development Commission at 2102 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong ON.
27. The Early Bird and Registration prizes are lottery prizes and are not major fishing prizes.
 - a. To qualify for the Early Bird Draw, registration and payment MUST be received by Friday, January 18th, 2019 either in-person at a registered ticket agent or online through www.wiikwemkoong.ca. The Early Bird Draw will be held Monday, January 21st, 2019 at 3:00 pm via Facebook Live and posted to the Manitoulin Ice Showdown event page.
 - b. The registration prize of \$10,000 will be drawn via Facebook Live on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at 7:00 pm and will be posted on the Manitoulin Ice Showdown event page. The prize can be claimed on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at the prize table from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Wikwemikong Arena.
28. Door prizes must be claimed at the prize table on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Wikwemikong Arena. Participants awarded door prizes must be present to claim their prize.
29. There will be no cash substitutions or prize exchanges. All prizes are final as awarded.

TAGGED FISH CONTEST – MANITOWANING BAY

30. 50 rainbow trout will be tagged and released on Friday, February 8th, 2019 in Manitowaning Bay.
31. The first to catch a tagged fish will win \$5,000.
32. If NO tagged fish are caught, the prize will be randomly drawn at the prize table on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at 2:00 pm. All registered participants will qualify for the random draw.

TARGET WEIGHT CONTEST – LAKE MANITOU

33. Target weight will be chosen by the derby officials and made public on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at 8:00 am at the derby sites, as well as through social media.
34. Only fish caught and weighed on Lake Manitou will be eligible.
35. The weight will be recorded in Pounds (lbs) and Ounces (oz).
36. The participant who catches the target weight will win \$5,000.
37. In case of a tie, the time of weigh-in will be the deciding factor, with the earlier fish winning the prize.

38. If NO fish is caught and weighed that matches the target weight, the prize will be randomly drawn at the prize table on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at 2:00 pm. All registered participants will qualify for the random draw.

PIMP'D HUT BIG TROUT CONTEST – MANITOWANING BAY & LAKE MANITOU

39. The participant who catches the heaviest TROUT, provided they are over the age of majority, will win the Pimp'd Hut prize package.

40. All species of TROUT caught in either Manitowaning Bay or Lake Manitou are eligible.

41. The weight will be recorded in Pounds (lbs) and Ounces (oz).

42. In case of a tie, the time of weigh-in will be the deciding factor, with the earlier fish winning the prize.

43. If NO trout is caught and weighed, the prize will be randomly drawn at the prize table on Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

44. All registered participants, over the age of majority, will qualify for the random draw.

INDEMNITY

45. Each entrant, upon registration to compete in the Manitoulin Ice Showdown, agrees to indemnify and save harmless Wikwemikong Development Commission, Manitoulin Publishing Company Limited (The Manitoulin Expositor), their agents, employees, sponsors, and event volunteers from any liability, expenses, claims, or demands that may arise from participating.

RULES

46. By entering the derby, all participants declare an understanding of all derby rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

47. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Wikwemikong Development Commission and The Manitoulin Expositor.

48. Any new official rule condition or deletion will be posted at the derby lakes and on social media page(s).

CANCELLATION OF DERBY

49. The Wikwemikong Development Commission reserves the right to cancel the derby and provide a full refund if ice conditions and/or long-range forecasts appear unfavourable for sufficient safe ice use by February 1st, 2019.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION BY PARTICIPANT

50. Registration cancellations will be accepted up until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 8th, 2019 by contacting the Wikwemikong Development Commission at (705) 859-3477 or 1-844-945-8687. All cancellations will be subject to a \$20. cancellation fee.

TRANSFERABILITY OF REGISTRATION

51. Derby registrations are fully transferable without fee. Transfers will be accepted up until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 8th, 2019 by contacting the Wikwemikong Development Commission at (705) 859-3477 or 1-844-945-8687.

MISCELLANEOUS

52. Photos and videos taken during the derby, or at any derby related event, may be used by the Wikwemikong Development Commission and Manitoulin Publishing Co. Ltd. (The Manitoulin Expositor) without permission or compensation.

