

2024 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 15, 2024 and the official derby start time of 8:00 am on Saturday, February 17, 2024.
3. Derby fishing times are Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 8:00 am to 4:30pm
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 Bayside Resort check in station and Holiday haven Lake Manitou check-in station until noon on Saturday, February 17 2024. Registration is complete when payment is received.
5. The derby will have up to 200 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 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. The hole size may not exceed ten inches due to safety reasons.
7. Notwithstanding rule number 12, a non-registered individual may not be fishing with registered participants. If there are non-registered individuals found to be fishing with registered participants, the registered participants will be disqualified from the derby.
8. This is a family event, absolutely NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED or INTOXICATED PERSONS.
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 license as per provincial regulations is required to have a valid fishing license 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:
 - A. All minors under the age of 16 must be with an individual who is over the age of majority at all times during the derby and must be with a legal guardian to obtain major prizes.
 - B. Minors do not need to purchase a derby ticket but cannot weigh in fish and are not eligible for any prizing unless they have purchased a ticket in their name.
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. Please use designated porta potties on shore.

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15. Derby boundaries will be marked at Buzwah Fisheries and must be respected. Absolutely no fish caught inside the marked boundaries surrounding the fish farm will be eligible to be weighed in.

CHECK-IN/WEIGH-IN STATIONS

16. There will be check-in/weigh in stations on Manitowaning Bay at Bayside Resort, Buzwah Fisheries, and Manitowaning Marina, and on Lake Manitou at Sandfield, Holiday Haven Road and Scoth Line Rd. There will be an on-ice Check In Station at the Holiday Haven road location where anglers can weigh and release their catch if they choose.
17. Check-in station times are Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.
18. Registered participants MUST register at an official check in station on the lake which they are fishing prior to registering fish on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Registered participants may fish both lakes but must register at an official check in station. Fish may only be registered at the check-in stations at the lake at which the fish was caught and be eligible for that lake's contests. Participant failure to check in will disqualify their fish from being entered into the derby.
19. 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.

WEIGH-IN

20. 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;
 - A. Frozen fish will be deemed ineligible;
 - B. A valid paper or electronic derby ticket and valid picture identification MUST be shown to a derby weigh-in official when the fish is being weighed;
 - C. Only fish caught by registered participants, from their designated flagged hole(s), may be deemed legal entries;
 - D. If a weigh in official has any concern regarding intentional tampering with the fish to alter its weight the fish will be further inspected, and the official will take necessary steps to further examine the fish including cutting the fish open during the course of the derby.
5. A live leaderboard will be maintained and updated when new prize-winning weights are recorded at the weigh-in stations. Because the leading weights are readily available the organizers of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown strongly encourage the practice of Catch and Release for fish that would not be in contention for a prize.
21. 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 the fish will be either released back into the lake or marked to identify that it has been previously registered.
22. Participants may only register a maximum of two fish per lake.
23. Top ten prizes are determined by the heaviest weight and time of fish caught. All species except ling are eligible.

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24. All fish must be weighed by 5:00 pm on Saturday/ February 17, 2024. Weigh-in times will be strictly enforced.

PRIZES

25. Only registered participants are eligible for prizes.
26. 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.
27. Major prizes will be awarded beginning at 8pm on February 17, 2024, at the Awards Presentation. 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.
28. 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 January 19 either in person at a registered ticket sales location or via Electronic Money Transfer (EMT) to wikyangler@gmail.com. The Early Bird Draw will be held Monday, January 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm via Facebook Live and posted to the Manitoulin Ice Showdown event page.
 - B. The registration prize will be drawn via Facebook Live on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the derby social and will be posted on the Manitoulin Ice Showdown event page. The prize can be claimed at the Awards Presentation or on Monday at Wikwemikong Tourism
 - C. .
29. Door prizes must be claimed, in person, by winning participants.
30. There will be no cash substitutions or prize exchanges. All prizes are final as awarded.

TAGGED FISH CONTEST - MANITOWANING BAY

31. 50 rainbow trout will be tagged and released on Friday February 16, 2024, in Manitowaning Bay.
32. The first participant to catch a tagged fish on Saturday, February 17, 2024 will win \$2,500
33. If NO tagged fish are caught, the tagged fish prize will be randomly drawn; all registered participants that fished Manitowaning Bay will qualify for the random draw, which will be held at the Awards Presentation on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

TARGET WEIGHT CONTEST - LAKE MANITOU

34. A target weight will be chosen the day of the derby by derby officials and made public at 8:00 am at the derby sites as well as through social media.
35. Only fish caught and weighed on Lake Manitou will be eligible. All species except ling are eligible.
36. The weight will be recorded in pounds (lbs).
37. The first participant to catch an eligible fish weighing the target weight on Saturday, February 17, 2024 will win \$2,500;
38. If NO eligible fish weighing the target weight are caught, the target weight prize will be awarded to the participant with the eligible fish weighing closest to the target weight; in

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

39. PIMP'D HUT CONTEST - MANITOWANING BAY & LAKE MANITOU.

- a. Open to all paid participants that catch a fish in the derby.
- b. Catch a fish, take a picture with your catch and your Manitoulin Ice Showdown ticket and post it to the Official Manitoulin Ice Showdown Facebook event page with #pimpdhut24 by 5pm on February 17.
- c. Any species qualify, catch and release is encouraged.
- d. Ticket number must be identifiable in the picture.
- e. Random Draw of all entrants into the contest will be made at the Derby Social and on Facebook live.
- f. Ticket and identification must be presented to redeem the prize.
- g. One entry per participant.

INDEMNITY

40. 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) and Explore Manitoulin and their agents, employees, sponsors, and event volunteers from any liability, expenses, claims, or demands that may arise from participating.
41. By entering the derby, all participants declare an understanding of all derby rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.
42. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Wikwemikong Development Commission and The Manitoulin Publishing Company Limited (The Manitoulin Expositor) and Explore
43. Any new official rule condition or deletion will be posted at the derby lake and at www.wikyours.com and on derby social media page(s).

CANCELLATION OF DERBY

44. 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 unfavorable for sufficient safe ice use by February 12, 2024

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION BY PARTICIPANT

45. Registration cancellations will be accepted up until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 16, 2024 by contacting the Wikwemikong Development Commission at (705) 859-3477 or 1-844-945-8687.
 - 1 Cancelled registrations will not be eligible for any bonuses or lottery prizes, including the registration prize or early bird draw.
 - 2 All cancellations will be subject to a \$20. cancellation fee.
 - 3 Processing fees for online purchases will not be refunded, nor will they be credited towards cancellation fees,

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TRANSFERABILITY OF REGISTRATION

46. Derby registrations are fully transferable without fee. Transfers will be accepted up until 12:00 noon on Friday, February 17, 2024 by contacting the Wikwemikong Development Commission at (705) 859-3477 or 1-844-945-8687.

PHOTO RELEASE

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

