

## TOURNAMENT RULES

Interpretations of the rules will be at the discretion of the Tournament Derby Committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest.

Derby runs from Sunday April 23, 2017 through Saturday May 27, 2017. Deadlines for weigh-ins is Noon Sunday May 28, 2017.

All Derby information, updates, forms, leader boards, etc. will be available on the Official Derby Web Site. <http://www.lakeeriewalleyederby.com>

**1. Individual " Derby Registrations"** are \$25.00. Contestants are responsible for obtaining Registration Forms and Weigh-in Forms from the official Derby Web Site **THE DEADLINES for the Derby Registrations is April 16, 2017. No Refunds after April 16, 2017, for any reason!**

- **In-Person Registrations** are accepted and considered from the time of the drop off. Complete your required information on both top section (Registration Form), and bottom section (Proof of Registration). Bring the top section to FishCrazy Charters, LLC at 1387 West 87 ST. Cleveland Ohio, 44102, together with the fee; check or money order made out to FishCrazy Charters, LLC. Keep the bottom section for your records.

- **Mail-in Registrations** will be considered from the date Postmarked on the envelope! Mail completed top section of the Registration Form, together with fee; check or money order (NO CASH) to: FishCrazy Charters, LLC., 1387 West 87 St., Cleveland, Ohio 44102. Keep the bottom portion "Proof of Registration" for your records.

- **The responsibility for any lost, stolen, or un-received registrations lies solely with the Contestant.**

- **NSF check payments** will result in temporary suspension of the contestant and are subject to a \$ 50.00 NSF Fee. The NSF fee plus the registration fee must be paid in person **in CASH** at the above address prior to Friday April 16, 2017. Failure to satisfy a bounced check, together with the NSF fee, will result in permanent suspension of the contestant from this and all future Derbies

- **On-Line registrations** are considered from the time on-line payment is made, together with completed On-Line registration. On-Line Registration will cost an additional On-Line Service Fee of \$ 2.00.

**2. Ohio Fishing Rules and Regulations.** All contestants must follow the Ohio fishing rules and regulations while fishing in the Derby. Any contestant receiving a citation during the Derby period, from ANY Ohio law enforcement agency in regards to fishing regulations, will be disqualified from this tournament. Fish can be caught at any time during the derby period in Lake Erie Ohio waters and its Ohio tributaries **ONLY!**

**3. Rod/Line Rule.** Contestants can fish from shore or boat, adhering to the Ohio Fishing Rules and Regulations. When fishing from a boat **ALL BOAT OCCUPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE DERBY.** Contestants **MUST** catch and reel in their own derby fish the last 3/4 of the way to landing the fish, on a legal rod as per Derby Regulations. Assistance with netting the fish is allowed. Contestants are reminded that they can **ONLY CATCH AND KEEP A LIMITED NUMBER OF WALLEYES PER DAY**, as per Ohio Fishing Regulations. Non-Registered minors under the age of 12 are allowed on the boat as observers only, the number of rods to be used are determined by the number of registered derby contestants and no rods can be used on the minors behalf. All fish reeled in by the minor **CANNOT** be counted for the derby!

**4. Weigh-Ins.** Contestants can weigh-in and register an unlimited number of fish throughout the duration of the Derby at no additional cost. Only the Contestant's largest fish will be used in determining the Contestants placement on the Leader Board. Contestants are responsible for acquiring their Weigh-In Forms and must complete and sign them personally. The weigh-in station will fill in their portion at the time of the weigh-in. Contestants will receive a **PROOF OF THE WEIGH-IN, WHICH THE CONTESTANT MUST PRESENT TOGETHER WITH THE PROOF OF REGISTRATION TO BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR THE FISH CAUGHT!** All scales used are certified, and the weight is measured down to 1 hundredth of a pound (0.01). Measurements are obtained by collapsing/pinching the tail for the longest length of the fish. Measuring is done once on each side of the fish and the longest length obtained, by **increments of 1/8"**, is to be used. Any tampering with the fish to obtain an unnatural and altered weight or measurement will result in immediate disqualification of the fish and/or the contestant. A list of the **OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN STATIONS** can be found on the official Derby Web Site: <http://www.lakeeriewalleyederby.com>

**5. Using the fish for other tournaments** is allowed, as long as the participants, while fishing both tournaments consecutively, follow this derby's rules. However, the fish must be weighed at one of our official weigh-in stations!

**6. Minors.** The minimum age to register for the derby is 12 years old. For participants 12 to 17 years old, the registration form must be co-signed by an adult legal guardian to the minor. The adult co-signer is also allowed to register and participate in the tournament with purchase of separate registration, but is not required to do so in order to co-sign for the minor.

**Addendum 03/23/2017; Kids under 12 years old can be registered for the derby. They will be placed in a separate "Kids Division". Their registrations will be used for payouts for this division, to be determined by the number of registrations. Same derby rules will apply with the following exceptions: 1. NO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION for the "Kids Division". 2. "Reasonable Assistance" is allowed for reeling in the fish, we expect the adults to apply common sense when teaching the kids "Fair Play"!**

**7. Polygraph Examinations.** The **1ST PLACE WINNER** of the Derby **MUST submit to a MANDATORY polygraph examination.** Additional polygraph examinations will be administered at the Derby's Officials discretion. **Polygraph examinations can be administered at any time during the derby.** Arrangement to administer the examinations will be made with the closest available certified polygraph examiner picked by the Derby Committee. The contestant must be available for testing at the time and place designated by the Derby Committee. The participant **MUST** be available for the examination immediately. Participants to be examined cannot be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. A participant under such chemical influence at the time of examination will be considered a refusal on the participant's part. A participant's fitness to be examined is at the sole discretion of the polygraph examiner. Only the actual cost of the test will be covered by the derby. Only polygraph examiners chosen by the Tournament Committee will be used. **Participants MUST PASS the polygraph examination, refusal of the examination will be considered as a failed examination. A FAILED EXAMINATION will result in immediate disqualification of Contestant and fish.**

**8. Tiebreakers.** Ties by weight are decided through length measurements. If still a tie, then a coin flip will decide the winner. The loser of the coin toss will drop down one place in standings. All contestants involved must be present for the coin toss. If one contestant is not represented, the winner will be the one contestant represented. If both parties are not present, they will both lose their place in the standings. If necessary, the coin tosses location will be determined and announced prior to the awards party.

**9. W-9.** Any contestant receiving a total amount in CASH prize greater than \$ 600.00 will be required to complete a W-9 form prior to receiving the payout money. In case of a minor the co-signer agrees to acquire the winnings and complete the W-9.

**10. Protests:** Any contestant has the right to protest another contestant. The protest must be made in writing to the Derby Committee any time during the derby, no later than 24 hours of the completion of the Derby, and must include the protest fee of \$ 300.00, all documentation, list of witnesses, etc., to uphold your protest. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned. If it is not, no refund will be given. Polygraph examinations **MAY** be used to address the protest, and must be taken by the contestant(s) in question as required by the Derby Committee. Failure to submit to the polygraph examination and/or failure of the examination will result in immediate disqualification. Contact for protests: FishCrazy Charters, LLC, 1387 West 87 St., Cleveland Ohio, 44102. 216-408-0404.

**11. Spirit of the rule:** Every rule may have loopholes. It is our goal to provide a sportsman like Derby and a fair and even playing field. All concerns in regards to the Derby and/or its rules should be directed to the Derby Organizers, at the FishCrazy Charters, LLC , 1387 West 87St, Cleveland Ohio 44102, as they have sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules.

**12. Entries and Rules.** This Derby and its committee have the right of entry refusal or expulsion from the Derby to any person, for any reason. The Derby and its committee reserve the right to adjust and/or add new rules and regulations to cover any circumstances not covered in these rules and the committee decision is final as to interpretation of said rule. Contestants are responsible to familiarize themselves with the rules, and check for any updates and changes. Any such changes and updates are posted on the official site of the tournament: <http://www.lakeeriewalleyederby.com>

**13. Promotion and Advertising.** All contestants agree to be present and receive their awards and prizes publicly at the awards party. All participants and winners will comply with the use of their names, pictures, winning announcements, publicity and claims by us, our associates and sponsors for promotional and advertising purposes, and stakes no other claims for such uses!

**14. Drinking and drug use,** the committee does not condone the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on the water and/or when participating in this tournament, however this subject is left to the discretion of each individual and the laws applying to this issue. Drunkenness and drug use in the official areas of the tournament will result in the offender's disqualification.

**15. Waiver and hold harmless agreement:** By registering in this tournament, all contestants agree to hold harmless any, and all organizers, promoters, sponsors, tournament directors, agents, agencies, organizations and **ALL** others participating in organizing this tournament. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waive all responsibility for death, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire, loss and damages of any kind to contestants due to participating in this tournament..

**19. The total CASH AWARDS** are based on minimum 80% payout of the total Derby Registrations and will be determined after the Registration. All the prizes will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony held after Derby, announced on the Web Site.