

# Friends of Island Lake Bass Fishing Derby July 13-14, 2024

## DERBY Rules and Regulations

### General

- 1) All contestants agree to abide by the regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Island Lake Conservation Area (Island Lake CA), including the prohibited use of drugs and alcohol.
- 2) All contestants operating watercrafts agree to abide by the new regulations for watercraft and watercraft equipment under the Invasive Species Act. As of January 1, 2022, before transporting your boat overland, any mud, vegetation, algae, mussels, or any other animals must be cleaned from your boat, motor, trailer, vehicle and equipment.
- 3) All contestants require a valid Ontario Fishing Licence if you are between the ages of 18-64 years of age. For more information, consult the [Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary](#). Island Lake CA is in Fisheries Management Zone 16.
- 4) The Derby will take place on Saturday July 13, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday July 14, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. No fishing permitted prior to the scheduled times on event dates.
- 5) Island Lake CA will open at 5:30 a.m. to allow contestants to prepare and launch watercraft. Personal watercraft can only be launched from the two boat launches in parking lot one (P1) or the Personal Watercraft Storage area. Rental watercrafts can be launched from the rental watercraft launch. All watercrafts must corral in the marshalling area on the water marked with orange buoys until the horn sounds at 7 a.m. to signal the start of the derby each day. Refer to maps at launch sites for marshalling area.
- 6) Derby entry will be capped at 300 adult/youth contestants per day.

### Registration

- 7) Regular derby is open to all persons 13 years of age or older at the time of registration. If an individual between the ages of 13-17 wins a prize, the prize will be awarded to their parent and/or legal guardian.

- 8) Youth derby is available for persons 15 years of age and under.
- 9) A contestant between the age of 13-15 years can choose to register for either the youth derby or regular derby. Once registered, the constants cannot change the derby they choose to angle in.
- 10) Pre-registration (online, by phone and in-person) will end July 12, 2024 at noon (12 p.m.). If space permits, registration will reopen in person only at 5:30 a.m. at the registration desk each derby day.

<b>Pre-registration, Before July 12, 2024 at 12 p.m.</b>	<b>One Day Registration Fee</b>	<b>Two Day Registration Fee</b>
Adult	\$60	\$90
Youth	\$10	\$20

<b>Day of Registration</b>	<b>One Day Registration Fee</b>	<b>Two Day Registration Fee</b>
Adult	\$70	\$100
Youth	\$10	\$20

- 11) All pre-registered contestants must check in to receive their registration wristband at the Derby Headquarters in front of the Island Lake Rental Centre prior to fishing.
- 12) Only fish caught after payment of contestant registration fee and pickup of wristband, within the Island Lake CA and within stated derby times will be eligible to qualify for prizes.
- 13) Where a registered contestant is fishing out of a watercraft, all additional passengers or anglers in the watercraft must also be registered.
- 14) The staff and the Board of Directors of Credit Valley Conservation, Credit Valley Conservation Foundation and the Friends of Island Lake are prohibited from participating in the derby.

## Early Bird

- 15) Each contestant that registers before May 13, 2024 will be eligible for a derby swag item (to be determined).

## Cancellations/Refunds

- 16) Due to low participation or severe weather conditions, the derby may be postponed or cancelled at any time. In the unlikely event that the derby is cancelled on or before Thursday July 11, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. all registration fees will be refunded in full and no prizes will be awarded. Should the derby be cancelled after this date, the Superintendent Conservation Parks will determine the awarding of prizes for the winners of the derby based on total number of entries. No refunds, in whole or in part, will be made in the event of tournament cancellation due to weather.
- 17) Refunds, whole or in part, other than for the above reason, will not be considered on or after July 1, 2024 for any circumstances.
- 18) Contestants disqualified from the derby will not receive a refund of their registration fee.

## Watercraft/Lake Restrictions

- 19) Electric motors only, are permitted within Island Lake CA.
- 20) Any contestant entering or angling in the Wildlife Sanctuary will be immediately disqualified from the derby.
- 21) All watercrafts will be inspected by derby officials prior to launch.

## Fish Handling

- 22) All eligible fish must be caught using legal angling techniques. Any evidence of illegal practices and/or methods will result in immediate disqualification.
- 23) Due to the concerns of disease transfer and invasive species establishment, anglers wishing to use baitfish will have to purchase them at Island Lake CA. No baitfish, including frogs, leeches and crayfish from outside sources will be permitted in Island Lake CA.
- 24) Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) reserves the right to hold any registered fish for biological examination or genetic testing to confirm geographic origin.

## Entering Fish

- 25) This is a catch and release tournament for all categories. Dead fish and fish not deemed returnable are not eligible to be entered. It is the contestant's

responsibility to provide suitable containers, aeration, or other methods of ensuring fish are measured and registered alive.

- 26) Stringers, travel bags, wire fish baskets or any other methods besides aerated live wells for the transport of live bass or any fish intended for release are prohibited. This applies to fish caught in vessels and on shore. Derby bags will be allowed to transport fish to and from the weigh station provided they are full of water and the fish are alive and in good condition. See "Tip for Keeping Fish Alive".
- 27) Each registered contestant is eligible to enter their daily catch limit of fish/category/day of the derby according to the Ontario Fishing Licence they hold. For panfish, Island Lake CA's Voluntary Harvest Limits apply: any combination of 10 panfish for conservation licence and any combination of 25 panfish for sport licence.
- 28) In order to be registered and eligible for prizes, fish must be measured by Derby staff at the official measuring station at Derby Headquarters near the Rental Centre. Contestant must sign-off on score.
- 29) Registered fish will be ranked by total length (measured in centimetres to one decimal place) and total weight (measured in pounds to two decimal places). Measuring example: 4.00lb fish in weight and measures 40.6 cm the total score is 44.6.
- 30) All registered fish will be released by derby staff after scoring.
- 31) Derby standings will be posted at Derby Headquarters. Updates will also be posted on the [Friends of Island Lake Facebook page](#) (#IslandLakeDerby).
- 32) All Derby decisions by Island Lake CA Superintendent Conservation Parks are final. Disputing derby decisions may result in the immediate disqualification of any fish and contestant from the derby.

## Prizes

- 33) Regular derby prizes (age 13 years and older) will be awarded in four species categories: Largemouth/smallmouth bass, Northern pike, black crappie and yellow perch. Prizes will be awarded to the registered contestant catching the fish that has the highest combined score that includes weight (pounds) and length (centimetres) in the categories listed below.
  - a) Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass
    - i) 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$5,000 cash and plaque. Name will also be engraved on a trophy that will stay at Island Lake CA to be displayed.
    - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$1,500 and plaque
    - iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$1000 and plaque
    - iv) 4<sup>th</sup> prize - \$150
    - v) 5<sup>th</sup> prize - \$125
    - vi) 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> prize - \$100

- b) Additional Prizes
  - i) Northern pike - \$150 and plaque
  - ii) Black crappie - \$150 and plaque
  - iii) Yellow perch - \$150 and plaque
- c) Prizes for the Regular Derby (age 13 and older) will be awarded for all eligible categories on Sunday July 14, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at the Derby Headquarters.
- 34) Youth Derby prizes (age 15 years and under) will be awarded at the end of each day in six species categories: Largemouth/smallmouth bass, Northern pike, black crappie, yellow perch, pumpkinseed/bluegill and rock bass. Prizes will be awarded to the registered contestant catching the fish that has the highest combined score that includes weight (pounds) and length (centimetres) on Saturday and Sunday individually. Saturday's fish will not be carried over for Sunday prizes.
  - a) Youth plaques and additional items (to be determined) will be awarded at 3:30 p.m., on both Saturday July 13, 2024 and Sunday, July 14, 2024.
- 35) In the event of a tie, the prize will go to the earliest registered fish.
- 36) Each registered contestant is only eligible to win one prize.
- 37) Cash prizes will be awarded by cheque from the CVC Foundation. Winning cheques will not be available on Sunday July 14, 2024 and will be mailed within 20 business day to the winners.
- 38) Each winning contestant in the Derby that does not receive their prize on Sunday July 14, 2024 will be notified by CVC staff of their prize and how to claim it. All prizes must be claimed by September 1, 2024 or prize is forfeited.

## Legal

- 39) The Friends of Island Lake, Credit Valley Conservation Foundation, Credit Valley Conservation, Derby Sponsors, Organizers, and their agents will not be liable for the loss of property or for injury to any contestant or spectator.
- 40) Park User Liability: As a condition of your use of the facilities, properties or bodies of water, you assume all risk of personal injury, death, or property loss resulting from any cause whatsoever including but not limited to cycling, hiking, swimming, all other permitted activities, travel within or beyond the Park boundaries, or negligence, breach of contract, or breach of statutory duty of care or breach of the Occupier's Liability Act on the part of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, its employees, agents, volunteers, independent contractors, representatives, sponsors, officers, Board of Directors, successors and assigns (collectively referred to as the Credit Valley Conservation Authority). You agree that the Credit Valley Conservation Authority shall not be liable for any personal injury or death or property loss and you release the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and waive all claims with respect hereto. You agree that any litigation involving the Credit Valley Conservation Authority shall be brought solely within the Province of Ontario and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction

of the courts of the Province of Ontario. You further agree that these conditions and any rights, duties, and obligations or litigations as between the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and you shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and no other jurisdiction.