

# Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby February 10–19, 2024

## DERBY RULES & 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 require a valid Ontario Fishing Licence if you are between the ages of 18-64 years. For more information, consult the [Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary](#).
  - a) NOTE: A portion of the derby falls during the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend. From February 17-19, 2024, a fishing licence is not required in Ontario; if you are between 18-64 years of age and fishing without an Ontario Fishing Licence, conservation limits apply. For more information, visit the [Ontario Family Fishing Website](#).
- 3) The Ice Fishing Derby ("Derby") will begin on February 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and will end on February 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., inclusive. Prizes will be awarded for all eligible categories on Monday February 19, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. outside the Rental Shop.
- 4) The Derby will run daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the above dates. Angling will only be permitted during these times.

### Registration

- 5) Online or phone registration is available and will close February 18, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Tickets will continue to be available at the Rental Shop until February 19, 2024, at 12 p.m. Online and phone registrants must check in at the Rental Shop in person to pick up their ticket before fishing in the derby.
- 6) Adult Derby is open to all persons 13 years of age or older at the time of registration at a price of \$35.

- 7) Youth Derby is available for persons 15 years of age and under at the time of registration at a price of \$10 per person.
- 8) Daily park admission fees are not included in the Derby registration fee.
- 9) A contestant between the age of 13-15 years can choose to register for either the Adult Derby or Youth Derby. Once registered, the constants cannot change the Derby they choose to angle in.
- 10) Only fish caught after payment of a contestant registration fee, in possession of valid ticket and angling within Island Lake CA, will be eligible for prizes.
- 11) The staff and the Board of Directors of Credit Valley Conservation, and Credit Valley Conservation Foundation, as well as members of the Friends of Island Lake, are prohibited from participating in the derby.

## Early Bird

- 12) Each contestant entered in the Derby by February 9, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) will be eligible for the Early Bird Prize to be drawn on February 9, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and the winner will be contacted once the draw is completed.

## Cancellations/Refunds

- 13) CVC reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Derby at any time due to poor ice conditions on the surface of the lake or other unforeseen conditions. In the unlikely event that the Derby is cancelled on or before Thursday February 8, 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 the total number of entries. No refunds, in whole or in part, will be made in the event of Derby cancellation at that time.
- 14) Refunds, whole or in part, other than for the above reason, will not be considered on or after Thursday February 8, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

## Fish Handling

- 15) All eligible fish must be caught using legal angling techniques. Any evidence of illegal practices and/or methods will result in immediate disqualification. Gutted or frozen fish will also be automatically disqualified.
- 16) 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 and leeches, from outside sources will be permitted in Island Lake CA.

- 17) Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) reserves the right to hold any registered fish for biological examination or genetic testing to confirm geographic origin.

## Entering Fish

- 18) Fish must be measured by staff at the Rental Shop or on the ice to be registered and eligible for prizes. Staff will be available during the posted regular operating hours of Island Lake CA (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Call the number on the back of your ticket for staff assistance on ice. If you choose the Rental Shop and there is no staff available upon your arrival, you must wait until staff arrives to officially register your fish and be eligible to qualify for prizes.
- 19) Fish may only be registered once. A fin will be clipped upon registration as proof of registration.
- 20) Team or group fishing is not permitted. Only fish caught by a contestant registered in the Derby can be measured and registered.
- 21) Derby standings will be posted and updated at the Rental Shop, on the [Friends of Island Lake Facebook page](#) (#IslandLakeDerby) and on [Credit Valley Conservation Park Advisories Website](#) at the end of each day, daily during the derby.
- 22) All Derby decisions by staff are final. Disputing staff decisions may result in the immediate disqualification of any fish and contestant from the Derby.

## Ice Safety

- 23) CVC reserves the right to close any areas on the ice surface due to unsafe conditions. Any participants that pass through or angle in closed areas will be disqualified from the Derby.
- 24) No snowmobiles, A.T.V.'s or permanent ice huts are permitted within Island Lake CA's property boundaries.

## Prizes

- 25) Adult Derby Prizes will be awarded in three species categories: Northern Pike, Black Crappie, and Yellow Perch. Prizes will be awarded to the contestant catching the longest registered fish (in millimeters) in the categories listed above. Only one prize will be awarded per contestant. In the event of a tie, the prize will go to the earliest registered entry.
  - a) Northern Pike
    - i) 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$1000

- ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$500
- iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$250
- b) Additional Prizes
  - i) 1<sup>st</sup> Place Black Crappie - \$375
  - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Place Yellow Perch - \$375
  - iii) Early Bird Prize—CVC Individual Parks Pass
- 26) If an individual between the ages of 13-17 wins a prize in the Adult Derby, the prize will be awarded to their parent and/or legal guardian.
- 27) Youth Derby Prizes will be awarded to the top three longest registered fish, of any species (in millimeters). The fish must be of a species that is in season. Only one prize will be awarded per contestant. In the event of a tie, the prize will go to the earliest registered entry. Prizes consist of a plaque and other items to be determined.
- 28) If any winner is disputed, CVC shall investigate to determine if the prize-winning fish was caught under the rules of the Derby. Findings of the investigation are final and will determine the winner.
- 29) Cash prizes will be awarded by cheque from the CVC Foundation. Winning cheques will not be available on Monday February 19, 2024, and will be mailed within 20 business day to the winners.
- 30) Each winning contestant that does not receive their prize on Monday February 19, 2024, will be notified by CVC Staff of their prize and how to claim it. All prizes must be claimed and cashed by June 1, 2024, or prize is forfeited.

## Legal

- 31) Credit Valley Conservation, Credit Valley Conservation Foundation, Derby sponsors, organizers and their agents will not be liable for the loss of property or for injury to any contestant or spectator.
- 32) 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.