

Entering the Derby:

1. Any boat in the Derby can be subject to inspection by any Derby Committee Official or designee.
2. It is the intention of the Southtowns Walleye Assoc. of W.N.Y., Inc. and sponsors to provide an honest, enjoyable sportsmanlike Derby.
3. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entrants are reminded that the spirit of the rule will prevail in all judgment cases. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles will be deemed cause for disqualification from the Derby. **An entrant may be disqualified from the Derby if at any time during the weigh in or polygraph process it is determined that the individual is unfit due to excessive drug or alcohol consumption. This also includes during the sign-up process hosted at the Club.**
4. Each entrant, upon registering to compete in the Southtowns Walleye Assoc., of W.N.Y. Inc. Derby, agrees to hold the sponsors, their agents, employees, and Southtowns Walleye Association harmless from any liability of any nature and for any injuries and/or damages suffered by the entrants during the period of the Derby and related activities.
5. All entrants agree to the use of their name and/or photograph in club publications and advertising, without compensation or notification, at the discretion of the Southtowns Walleye Assoc. of W.N.Y., Inc.
6. All persons aboard the same boat must be registered in the Derby or must be a Junior member and are subject to being checked for the same. If there are any unregistered individuals aboard the boat (regardless of whether they are angling or not) any and all fish caught during this outing will not be qualified for any Derby prizes. Children in the boat ages 3 to 15 years old must be registered Junior members of the club.
7. There will be no refund of Derby entry fee and/or calcutta in the event of disqualification.
8. Location: all waters of Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River and tributaries up to the first impassable barrier only.

Fishing the Derby:

9. The 36th Annual Southtowns Walleye Derby begins **12:01 a.m. June 13, 2020 and ends 4:00 p.m. June 21 2020.**
10. All entrants must possess a legal fishing license and follow the applicable laws while fishing in US or Canadian waters, otherwise you will be unable to enter your walleye into the Derby.
11. All fish entered must be caught in the mouth by hook, line, rod and reel using legal angling tackle.
12. **Each entrant must reel in his or her own fish from start to finish. Example: Contestant "A" may pass off a rod to Contestant "B" prior to Contestant "A" beginning to reel in the fish. Contestant "A" may not begin to reel the fish in prior to rod hand-off.**

At the Weigh Station:

13. **All fish will be presented in a cooler with bagged or blocked ice only. No loose ice or water baths allowed. The cooler can only contain walleyes that are legal to be weighed in. No walleyes less than 26" or other species can be in the cooler, and will be grounds for disqualification of all fish on that particular day, including any sponsorship and/or calcutta prizes for that day. All culling is to be completed prior to entering the weigh station.** Only walleye with a minimum length of 26" will qualify for the weigh-in and the heaviest walleye will determine the overall winner.
14. Anything that is not a "natural" part of the fish does not get weighed in with the fish with the exception of transmitters or government issued tag(s).
15. In the event of a tie (by weight), the earliest fish registered by **date, time and length** will determine the winner.
16. **No fish will be accepted for weigh in until the entrant completes his/her portion of the paperwork including calcuttas and equipment used. Failure to indicate equipment or calcutta on weigh slip, will be forfeiture of the calcutta and/or prizes. Entrant's signature finalizes information on weigh-in slip.**
17. To enter a fish for weigh-in, the participant must present their official Derby entry form, valid fishing license in their name (paper or electronic), and an affidavit of compliance (weigh slip) filled out completely, listing all persons on the boat at the time of the catch. (refer to Rule number six for clarification)
18. One entrant may weigh-in a fish caught by another entrant provided both Derby entries and both valid fishing licenses bearing the names of the entrants, are displayed at the time of weigh-in.
19. All fish entered will have their gill plate cut for weigh-in identification and will be subjected to internal probe and scanning.
20. **All fish over 10.50 lbs. will be tagged and must be frozen and be made available for inspection until the Derby awards ceremony.**
21. Any walleye that is frozen, has fresh cuts, gaff marks, gill net or puncture marks anywhere on the body of said fish will be questioned and may be held for further examination by the Derby Committee. Refusal will disqualify said fish and entrant. Any entrant who brings to a weigh station a walleye that has been **altered** in any manner will be disqualified from the **entire** Derby.
22. **No banking of fish, all fish must be weighed in before the next day's weigh station closing time.**
23. The number and location of weigh stations are subject to change.

Polygraph Test:

24. All entrants and weigh station volunteers are subject to a polygraph test.
25. Entrants must make themselves available through a phone number entered on the weigh-in slip. Selected entrants must make themselves available for polygraph testing at dates and times to be specified by the Derby Committee regardless of work schedule or prior commitments.
26. If the result of the polygraph is negative or inconclusive, the Derby Committee may disqualify the fish and entrant.

General:

27. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony on **Sunday, June 28, 2020** to be held at 5895 Southwestern Boulevard, Hamburg, New York.
28. No entrant can win more than one (1) cash prize in the main Derby in places 1 through 200.
29. All entrants will be eligible for only one (1) prize from the merchandise offered during the awards picnic drawing and any drawings thereafter, whether a fish is entered or not. **Entrant need not be present to claim a prize at awards ceremony. Official entry form must be presented to claim a prize. All "Tacklebox" prizes must be claimed by end of the awards ceremony. Any other Derby prizes (merchandise or other winnings) after 30 days become property of Southtowns Walleye Association, Inc.**
30. Cash prize structure based upon **850** entrants.
31. The Derby committee shall be the sole interpreter of the rules and their decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
32. Violation of these rules and regulations may lead to suspension from the club and possible legal actions.