

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

Derby runs from Sunday April 22, 2018 through Saturday May 26, 2018. Deadlines for weigh-ins is Noon Sunday May 27, 2018.

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 \$35.00. Contestants are responsible for obtaining Registration Forms and Weigh-in Forms from **THE DEADLINES for the Derby Registrations is April 15, 2018. No Refunds after April 15, 2018, 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 and bottom section (Proof of Registration). Bring the top section to FishCrazy Charters, LLC at 1387 West 87 ST. Cleveland Ohio, 44102, together with a 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 with a money order (NO CASH) to: FishCrazy Charters, LLC., 1387 West 87 St., Cleveland, Ohio 44102. Keep the bottom portion "Proof of Registration"

- **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 re-issuance of a money order in CASH at the above address prior to Friday April 15, 2018. Failure to satisfy a bounced check, together with the NSF fee, will result in disqualification 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 has 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 violation of Ohio law or citation during the Derby period, from ANY Ohio law enforcement agency in regards to fishing regulations, will be disqualified from this Derby. Fish caught at any time during the derby period on 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, **MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE DERBY**. Assistance with netting the fish is allowed.

4. Weigh-Ins. Contestants can weigh-in and register an unlimited number of fish throughout the duration of the Derby at no additional cost. The largest fish will be used in determining the Contestants placement on the Leader Board. Contestants are responsible for acquiring their Weigh-in Scales, 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 PRIZE TICKET WHICH THE CONTESTANT MUST PRESENT TOGETHER WITH THE PROOF OF REGISTRATION TO BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR PRIZES. Weigh-in 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 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 attempt to obtain an unnatural and altered weight or measurement will result in immediate disqualification of the fish and/or the contestant. **FISH CANNOT BE WEIGHED AT ONE WEIGH-IN STATION; FISH WEIGHED AT MULTIPLE WEIGH-IN STATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**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 rule. The fish must be weighed at one of our official weigh-in stations!

6. Minors. For participants 17 year old and under, the registration form must be co-signed by an adult legal guardian to the minor. All kids at the time of registration, will be entered in a "Kids Division" besides the Overall Standings. The payouts for the "Kids Division" will be announced at the start. NO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION for the "Kids Division". "Reasonable Assistance" is allowed for reeling in the fish, we expect common sense when teaching the kids "Fair Play"! In the event the 12 year old and under places in the Overall Division and would be required to take the polygraph at the time of the catch and weigh-in will be required to take the polygraph instead of the kid. The adult will bear all consequences

7. Polygraph Examinations. The 1ST PLACE WINNER of the Derby **MUST submit to a MANDATORY polygraph examination.** All winners examinations will be administered at the Derby's Officials discretion. **Polygraph examinations can be administered at any time during the Derby.** The person to administer the examinations will be made with the closest available certified polygraph examiner picked by the Derby Committee. The contesting at the time and place designated by the Derby Committee. The participant **MUST** be available for the examination immediately. Participants cannot be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. A participant under such chemical influence at the time of examination will be disqualified at 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 examination will be charged to the participant. Only polygraph examiners chosen by the Tournament Committee will be used. **Participants MUST PASS the polygraph examination. A failed examination will be considered as a failed examination. A FAILED EXAMINATION will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant.**

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 flip will be placed 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 other contestant. 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 the winner will receive their 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 their prize. In the case of a minor the co-signer agrees to acquire the winnings and complete the W-9. All Contestants are responsible for all taxes due for the winnings

10. Protests: Any contestant has the right to protest another contestant. The protest must be made in writing to the Derby Committee any time within 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 the 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. 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 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. Any violation of the Derby and/or its rules should be directed to the Derby Organizers, at the FishCrazy Charters, LLC , 1387 West 87St, Cleveland Ohio 44102. The Derby Committee has 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 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's interpretation of said rule. Contestants are responsible to familiarize themselves with the rules, and check for any updates and changes. All rules are posted on the official site of the tournament: <http://www.lakeeriewalleyederby.com>