



A. GENERAL

- i. **Registration:** Registration is \$50 to qualify for all division prizes; Registration can be paid online via LINK to FishDonkey which will open at 12am on January 21, 2022. The early bird pricing of \$50 will be valid until February 4th at 11:59 pm. Price will increase to \$75 on February 5th, 2022.
- ii. **Participants must download and register on the FishDonkey App.** The Fishdonkey App will be used to photo document fish and generate live leaderboards that will be pushed to all participants. The leaderboards will update throughout the event as fish are submitted. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified by the tournament director.
- iii. The derby will run from February 1st, 2022, 12:00am to 11:59pm on February 28th, 2022.
- iv. The participant agrees to abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of Derby and agrees that **failure to comply** with any of the rules will result in **automatic disqualification** and forfeiture of all prizes.
- v. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Derby organizing committee. Any updated official rules (conditions or deletions) will be posted on derby social media page(s) and websites if applicable.
- vi. All fish submitted must be caught by hook and line, rod and reel in a legal fashion. All Ontario sportfish regulations must be adhered to. **All fish entered must be caught within Fisheries Management Zone 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 (See Figure 2).** The FishDonkey App tags location through their photo process, which allows the tournament director and FishDonkey committee to identify photo submission locations.

B. PHOTO DOCUMENTING & MEASURING

- i. All photos must be taken on the **FishDonkey App** and measurements must be on a valid measuring board (see Figure 1)
- ii. Fish must be recorded immediately and measurements noted by length

- iii. All submissions must include at least two photographs:
 - 1) A picture of participant holding the fish
 - 2) A picture of the fish on the measuring board with a closed mouth and pinched tail:

Close the fish's mouth. Fish's nose should touch the 90 degree bend of the measuring board (fish's belly facing you) The measurement photo must include the entire fish on the board with a pinched tail.

- iv. If the fish is touching the graduation line on the board submit that exact measurement. - If the tail crosses the graduation line, round up $\frac{1}{4}$
- v. All fish must be released after documentation (**Reference Catch/Release Guidelines and Fish Handling Tips: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-fish-guide#section-4>**)
- vi. All participants must have their fish submitted 5 minutes prior to derby completion (February 28th, 2022 @ 11:59pm)
- vii. Winners are determined by length of the fish. The single longest fish length in each division will be declared the winner, with 2nd place being the second longest, etc. In the event of a tie of a prize the winner will be determined by a draw.



(Figure 1.0)

C. MEASURING BOARDS

- i. All measuring devices must be of commercial grade.
- ii. You are required to have a board with a 90-degree bend which marks 0, and at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " increments

- iii. A 30-inch board is recommended a 24-inch board is a minimum requirement.
(Measuring boards will be available for purchase on the FishDonkey Website or at a retailer in your area)

Homemade devices, stickers, or tape measures are PROHIBITED

EXCEPTION

If the fish is longer than the 24-inch minimum board then the following procedure will be used:

1. Use a ridged retractable measuring tape “carpenters style” that clearly shows min ¼” increment
2. Place the tip of the measuring tape against the front of the measuring board so the tip of the tape is touching the 90-degree bend the front edge of board.
3. Extend the tape measure the required length so it lays over top of the board.
4. The submission must show the fish’s snout and the tip of the measuring tape touching the 90-degree bend at the front edge of board along with the fishes total length.

How to Measure Oversized Fish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GR09ZFZ2os>

D. FISH DONKEY APP

- i. Practice The FishDonkey app ahead of time. **Tutorial:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eg2H6-jZ04c>
- ii. Test the app before you get on the water.
- iii. Download the app-Then join “***practice entering a fish***”
- iv. FishDonkey in Poor Reception Areas
- v.

The app will work without internet.

1. Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas.
2. Tap on the name of the tourney. Once you see the button ‘Enter a Fish’, head out & fish away.
3. Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas.
4. Your Digital Livewell® (fish icon) will show you if there are fish waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard.
5. When you get back to a well-connected area, open your Digital Livewell® and leave that screen
6. Open/active until all fish are “Received”

MISSING PICTURES ON THE LEADERBOARD?

- Until your pictures are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone, as the software will not accept your photos as originals.
- Anglers should open their Digital Livewell (fish icon) when they get back to an area with good reception and leave that screen open until all fish are "Received".

E. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

- i. Tournament Directors are **Abigail Dzuba**, Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Kam River Fighting Walleye (807-630-8797, sales@fightingwalleye.com), and **Derek Geddes** (president@fightingwalleye.com)
- ii. If you need to reach your directors, their contact info is in the “ i “ Info icon within your tournament in the app.
- iii. The interpretation and enforcement of the rules is at the sole discretion of the director. The tournament director may change rules or impose sanctions as they deem appropriate, including but not limited to: disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes, and prohibition from competing in future tournaments.
- iv. All decisions made by the tournament directors are final.

This is a virtual live release format and every participant must make every attempt to keep the fish alive while being measured and released immediately after.

Catch and release good practices can be referenced at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/fishing-limits-size-restrictions-and-catch-and-release#section-5>

F. PRIZES

- i. Only registered participants are eligible for prizes in the following three categories:
 - a) **Top Fish**
 - b) **Mystery Length**
 - c) **Participant Prizes**
- ii. All registered participants including winners of the “**Top Fish**” categories are only eligible to win one prize.

G. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ZONE 4, 5, 6, 7, 9

Copy can also be found in the **Ontario Fishing Regulation Summary**
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary>



(Figure 2.0- FMZ 4, 5, 6, 7, 9)