



## SARATOGA LAKE ICE FISHING DERBY RULES-2026

1. All Derby Registrants must sign an affidavit of Derby Rules and Compliance. Signature implies consent to the release of your name and photos to the public via printed, video or internet media.
2. Any cheating will disqualify you and your party. Violation of rules and regulations will cause all registrations in your party to be void and will result in loss of eligibility for Derby prizes.
3. Disputes will be settled by Derby Officials and/or Derby Tournament Director, whose decisions will be final.
4. To determine winners, fish will be measured by **adding length to girth for total score**. Weight will only be used in the case of a tie-breaker. Trophy trout are labeled with an yellow tag with #2026 on it.
5. Derby will not be cancelled due to weather or ice conditions. Be prepared.

### WYOMING GAME & FISH REGULATIONS

1. Wyoming Game and Fish regulations apply to all Derby Registrants, and all Registrants must have a current Wyoming Fishing License.
2. All Derby Registrants must understand and comply with **WGFD Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations and Procedures**.
3. Violation of WYGF regulations and rules will result in Derby disqualification and WGFD citation.

### GAME FISH

1. Only Game fish will be eligible for prizes. Game fish must be **over 14 inches in length** to qualify for this tournament. Tagged (Bounty and Trophy) fish are exempt.
2. **The decision to keep a fish must be made immediately. If kept, the fish must be applied to the daily possession limit and may not be released.**
3. **No culling is permitted.**
4. Gutting or any other alteration of the fish will result in disqualification.
5. **No frozen fish will be accepted.**
6. Eligible fish must be brought to the Derby Headquarters Tent on shore to be weighed and measured within 20 minutes of being caught. The Derby Registrant may signal an on-site Derby Official (if available) for a ride to the headquarters. Last weigh in for Saturday is 5:20 pm and 2:20 pm on Sunday.

### DERBY REGISTRATION

1. Registration cannot be transferred. Unregistered fishermen in your party may jeopardize the validity of fish caught by a registered fisherman.
2. Proof of registration must be accessible on the Derby Registrants **at all times: if not available, weighed fish will be disqualified.**
3. To be eligible and compete for Derby prizes, fishermen must be registered and have paid an entry fee to the Chamber.

### SAFETY

1. Violation of any of these rules will cause all Derby Registrations in your party to be void and will result in loss of eligibility for Derby prizes.
  - a. Ice holes must not exceed 10" in diameter.
  - b. Please keep the area clean. Garbage cans and rest rooms have been provided. Do not dump trash through your ice holes.
  - c. Changing the location of the portable toilets is prohibited.
  - d. Dogs must be kept on leashes and under control at all times (Town of Saratoga Ordinance)
  - e. No vehicles are allowed on the ice during the Derby hours including snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. Only the Derby Officials are allowed to use motorized vehicles.
2. The Derby Committee claims no responsibility for the condition of municipal and/or private roads. Campground and lake roads are maintained by the Town of Saratoga.
3. The Derby Committee claims no responsibility for accidents or injuries on thin ice areas, Saratoga Lake area, or the surrounding area as a whole. You are on the premises at your own risk.