

DERBY RULES

Member & Family Divisions Rules and Conditions

- 1 Each Entrant must be a member, in good standing, of the EBAC. Each Entrant must be a licensed member in the state of Connecticut, Massachusetts or Rhode Island.
- 2 The Derby will begin April 1st and run through March 1st of the following year. Freshwater and saltwater fishing will be governed by license holder state law.
- 3 Entrants must be able to present an official fishing license from the DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) of CT, MA, or RI within one week of the time of purchase. This may include PDF copies sent to Jake Bochese or a form thereof. This includes any entrant at and above the age of 16 (where state law requires licensure). To apply for fishing licenses please visit <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales> or see a representative of the Fishing Derby for more information.
- 4 All Entries are subject to investigation.
- 5 All Entrants are to be on the Sportsmen's Honor System. Any entrant violating any one of the Derby rules will be disqualified.
- 6 An entrance fee for each division is required prior to catch. The Divisions are: Member, Family, and Son & Daughter. Each division has the following Sub-divisions: Fresh Water, Fresh Water Ice, Salt Water Boat and Salt Water Shore.
- 7 The closing date for all entrants will be May 1st, with the exception that new employees hired after May 1st may sign up within 4 weeks of their hire date. If an entrant is laid off, they may compete for the duration of this contest, though, must remain in good standing with EBAC.
- 8 Fish must be taken by the means of Line and Hook, or Spear (no nets, seines, etc.). All fish are subject to qualify (there is a most improved award for those with the largest recorded deficit within a species, other 'superlatives' may apply).
- 9 Boundaries for all fish caught will be in the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, or Rhode Island: including Cape Cod and all of Long Island Sound, Gardiner's Bay, Fishers Island, Montauk and all of Block Island. Adherence to the state's fishing license regulations when fishing out of district is required. (See a committee member for more detailed definitions).
- 10 Waters must be open to the public. Entry of fish caught from privately stocked ponds, on posted lands or fish caught in the State Hatchery Ponds or other ponds where a fee is charged to fish are ineligible. Fish caught while on Charters are also ineligible.
- 11 All fish submitted must be weighed upon catch and verified with a photo while on the measuring device (checked by a registration member or mentor). To enter State records (separate from EBAC) see a certified weigh station. Weight and Measurement tools are available for purchase or rental (you may also use your own equipment). See a representative for more information.
- 12 All entries must be accompanied by three photos, one of length (measuring tape clearly visible along the entire fish), one of girth (measurement clearly visible around the largest area of the fish) and one of weight (clear visual of fish and recorded weight). Submit these photos to a representative of the fishing derby or to the fishing derby email at Jake Bochese.
- 13 No person may witness their own fish. ANY ENTRY NOT PROPERLY FILLED OUT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED. Entries must be registered with a committee member or postmarked no later than 72 hours after catch (not to include the day the fish was caught). Interdepartmental mail system is not recommended. Use at your own risk.
- 14 Contest standings will be decided by weight. In the event of a tie, recorded length will determine the standings.
- 15 A contestant may win only one prize in any one classification.
- 16 Awards and Superlatives will be determined by the EBAC Fishing Derby Committee.
- 17 All problems that cannot be resolved between the Commissioner and any one Fishing Derby Representative will be settled by the Rules Committee by majority vote.
- 18 Family Division entrants cannot be Electric Boat Employees. (Example) If both halves of a couple are EB employees they must both register in the Member Division. Friends are eligible for entrance into the Family Division.

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- 19 No fish caught during a tournament (of the specified species) shall be entered to win this contest. All winning fish must be caught outside of tournaments both held by State and by the EBAC Fishing Derby.
- 20 The EBAC fishing derby is not responsible for any injury obtained while fishing; this includes and is not limited to: falls, accidental hooking, bitten by fish, improper handling, etc.

Son & Daughter Divisions Rules and Conditions (Subject to change)

- 1 EBAC Members' children, up to the age of 15 at date of registration, are eligible.
- 2 Entries must be on an Official EBAC entry form and signed by parent/guardian.
- 3 All other EBAC Fishing Derby Rules and Conditions apply including duration of the Derby from April 1st through March 1st of the next year and state fishing regulations.
- 4 The Junior Angler must perform all significant functions as Casting, Hooking and Playing the fish. Adults may rig the rod with bait or lure and may assist in the landing of the fish with net or gaff.