



NWT Arctic Anglers Family Fishing Derby Rules

Great Slave Lake, NWT - 2020

1. All NWT Sport Fishing Rules and Regulations shall apply. (notable rules attached) (must have fishing license on person as required by regulations)
2. Fishing limited to Great Slave Lake.
3. Derby starts at 8am, and ends at 3pm.
4. All teams shall register the day of (before fishing commences) at the warming tent. Tent will open at approx. 7:30am and will be located along the Dettah ice road.
5. Participants must be at least 16 years of age (as of derby date), or must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to register.
6. Teams that consist of at least 1 participant under the age of 16, (as of derby date), will receive a 50% reduction to each team member's entry fees.
7. Teams shall have a maximum of 6 participants.
8. Registration fee is \$20/head for teams with a participant under 16, (as of derby date), \$40/head without.
9. Random draw prizes. "KISS THE FISH" Raffle. Silent auction items.
10. Prizes for 1st, 2nd longest Lake Trout, Prizes for 1st, 2nd longest Northern Pike, Prizes for 1st, 2nd longest Burbot.
11. Tournament prizes will be allocated according to the following: 1st overall – 1st place Trout, 2nd overall – 1st place Pike, 3rd overall – 1st place Burbot, 4th overall – 2nd place trout, and so on.
12. **MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE PRIZE!** (except for silent auction and raffle items)
13. Each team shall be allowed to register only 1 fish per category.
14. First tie breaker will be girth; second tie breaker will be weight. If 2 identical fish qualify for a prize, the first fish registered by "time of day" will be considered the winner.
15. Registered fish may be cut open to inspect gut cavity for freshness and the digestive system for tampered weight.
16. Fish must be "fresh" when registered, frozen fish may be deemed suspicious. If a fish is deemed "suspicious" by derby officials, NWT Arctic Anglers reserve the right to disqualify that fish, that participant, and/or that team. The fish in question will then be obtained for further examination by local authorities having jurisdiction and possible legal consequences may follow.
17. All fish will be measured by a derby official, before 3pm at the warming tent.
18. Participants are responsible for their catch(s) after the derby.
19. Derby officials have final word on all rules, catches, and event happenings.
20. Please use proper judgment of speed when traveling on lake. Children and/or dogs may appear without notice.
21. There will be a zero tolerance policy for driving under the influence.
22. Do not drill holes on any ice road or within 300ft of NWT Arctic Anglers warming tent.
23. Do not litter. Please ensure that your site is as clean before leaving.

NWT Arctic Anglers goal is to get families and children fishing and to promote healthy living outdoors. Through participation and sponsorship, NWT Arctic Anglers hopes to continue with annual fish derbies at different lakes though out the Yellowknife area, and provide for local children's organizations.

Remember that it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard healthy fish habitats. Please practice safe handling techniques and always follow Sport Fishing Regulations. Sportsmanship and respect for the land starts at a young age, let's help our youth understand these principles.



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Notable rules:

- Ensure you have your fishing license on person.
- Ensure all hooks are barbless.
- Maximum of 2 lines per license.
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- Person shall be within 50m of their lines.
- Daily limits shall apply: *(please verify numbers below with the NWT sport fishing guide daily catch limits and possession limits for Great Slave Lake)*
 - Northern Pike (3)
 - Lake Trout (2) *note – Only 1 from Area IV and only 1 with a fork length greater than 70cm (28inch)*
 - Burbot (5)
- Do not dispose of fish or remains in water or on ice.
- Ensure skins are left on fillets and they are properly packaged.
- Use of live bait is prohibited
- Do not litter.



7 signs of a fresh fish

1. **The smell of fresh fish** is specific to its origin (sea, lake, river, fish pond) and it is pleasant and neutral. Spoiled fish has an unpleasant, sharp smell of trimethylamine (bad fish) and rot.
2. **Eyes of fresh fish** are bulging and shiny. Eyes of old fish are cloudy and sunken into the head.
3. **Gills and fins** of fresh fish are moist. In old fish they are dry, covered with sticky slime, grayish-brown in color and smell bad. Healthy gills are of a nice, bright red color.
4. **Skin in live and fresh fish** is moist, must be unharmed and have a naturally metallic glow. Scales must be tightly attached to the body. The surface of healthy, fresh fish must be tight and shiny so that fish slides out of your hands. Discoloration and cracked skin are signs of rotting fish. Old or bad fish has already started losing its scales.
5. **Slime** is equally distributed over the fish, it is clear and odorless. With bleeding, slime gets increased, murky and dirty and has a sour smell.
6. **The body of a fresh fish is firm** and has a specific consistency and appearance. When pressed it should bounce back. Soft, grey and inelastic fish is old or bad.
7. **Belly of a live and fresh fish** is shiny and undamaged, and the anal opening is tight. Anal opening of old and bad fish sticks out and is yellow-brown in color.

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