

**Lake Erie FishCrazy
Walleye Derby Fall 2009
<http://www.fishcrazycharters.com>**

TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament starts on Sunday, November 8th 2009 at 12:00am and ends on Saturday, December 5th 2009 at 3:00pm.

Entry Fee is \$50.00 per person when paid in person or through mail, and \$ 55.00 when registering and paying on-line using PayPal. Entries are non-transferable. Registrations are accepted throughout the entire duration of the Derby. Deadline for team registrations is November 5th 2009. No refunds for voluntary withdrawals after November 5th 2009.

Mail-in registrations will be considered from the date received, NOT FROM THE DATE POSTDATED! To participate in the team drawing, mail-in registrations must be received by November 5th 2009. Mail-In Registration received after November 5th 2009 deadline will be accepted throughout the Derby, but cannot participate in the team drawings. Mail-in registrations received after December 5th 2009 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED regardless of the time it was postdated, and registration fees will be returned in full. Mail-in registrations, together with \$ 50.00 check or money order (NO CASH) can be sent to:

FishCrazy Charters, LLC.
1387 West 87 St.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

On-Line registrations are considered from the time PayPal payment is made, together with completed On-Line registration. Same deadlines apply as for mail-in registrations.

In-Person registrations are accepted, and are considered from the time of the drop off with any of the official registrars.

NSF check payments will result in temporary suspension of the contestant and are subject to a \$ 25.00 fee. The NSF fee plus the registration fee must be paid in CASH at the above address within 48 hours, before the registration deadlines, at which time the registration will take effect. Failure to satisfy a bounced check, together with the NSF fee, will result in permanent suspension of the contestant from this and all future tournaments.

The 1st Place winner for the entire Derby period is GUARANTEED A MINIMUM \$ 2,000.00 PRIZE. There's also a \$ 300.00 MINIMUM GUARANTEED CASH PRIZE for the winning TEAM*. Payout Schedule from the registration fees is 75% payback to top 10% of the field. Note 75% payout does not include the guaranteed 1st place prize of \$2,000.00 or the \$ 300.00 for the winning team.

* Each Derby contestant will be randomly paired up with another contestant. The winning team will be determined by the combined weight of each of the team members' weighed-in fish. Contestants are not obligated to fish together for the Derby. The teams will be announced and posted on the official web-site of the Derby on November 8th 2009. The official web-site of the derby is: <http://www.fishcrazycharters.com>.

An additional substantial prize will be awarded for "The Big Fish of The Week"*** for each week of the Derby . The Derby is divided into four weeks as follows:
WEEK ONE - from Sunday, November 8th 2009 to Saturday, November 14th 2009. The prize for week one is \$ 200.00 CASH PRIZE from OHIO GAME FISHING; Provided Winner is an OGF member prior to November 8th 2009. Sign up is free at: <http://www.ohiogamefishing.com>. Contestants can sign up for the Derby and then become OGF members to be eligible.

WEEK TWO - from Sunday, November 15th 2009 to Saturday, November 21st 2009. The prize for week two is \$ 100.00 CASH PRIZE from Vic's Sports Center:
<http://www.vicssportscenter.com>.

WEEK THREE - from Sunday, November 22nd 2009 to Saturday, November 28th 2009. The prize for week three is \$ 100.00 CASH PRIZE from South Shore Marine:
<http://www.southshoremarine.com>.

WEEK FOUR - from Sunday, November 29th 2009 to Saturday, December 5th 2009 at 3:00pm. The prize for week three is \$ 100.00* CASH Prize from North Coast Anglers Fishing Club. *\$ 100.00 payout if the winner is a member of the North Coast Anglers Fishing Club prior November 8, 2009. \$ 50.00 payout if the winner is not a member. Sign up is free at: <http://www.northcoastanglers.com> Contestants can sign up for the Derby and then become NCAFC members to be eligible.

***All eligible fish for the biggest fish of the week MUST be caught in the week it is counted for, and MUST be weighed by noon the Sunday following the week fish was caught in, and by 3:00pm December 5th 2009 for the last week of the Derby! The fish is considered to be caught at the time it is netted! All awards and prizes will be delivered at the Award's Ceremony.

Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday, December 13th 2009, 12:00 pm at Rodmaker Shop, one of the official weigh-in stations and registrar. There will be Door Prizes, food and beverages!

Interpretations of the rules will be at the discretion of the Tournament Derby Committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest.

1. All contestants must follow the Ohio fishing rules and regulations while fishing in this Derby. Any contestant receiving a citation from ANY Ohio law enforcement agency in regards to fishing or boating during the Derby period, November 8th 2009 to December 5th 2009, will be disqualified from this tournament. Fish can be caught at any time during the tournament period, in Lake Erie Ohio waters ONLY!

2. **Deadline for team drawing registration is November 5th 2009. Registrations will also be accepted throughout the entire Derby. However, all contestants registering during the derby period and who weighs in a prize winning fish caught within the first 72 hours after the registration, MUST UNDERGO A MANDATORY LIE DETECTOR TEST! The \$ 150.00 lie detector test cost will be deducted from the contestants winnings. The above lie detector test can be waved when the contestant's weigh-in form is signed by a "WITNESS"*. The witness and the contestant carry the same responsibility for the fish caught.**

* WITNESS is a registered Derby contestant who is present and witnesses the catch.

A RULES/TEAMS DRAWING MEETING will be held at Erie Outfitters, one of the official weigh-in stations, on Saturday, November 7th 2009, 12:00pm to 2:00pm. The meeting is not mandatory. The teams will be announced and posted on the official web-site of the Derby on November 8th 2009. The official web-site of the derby is: <http://www.fishcrazycharters.com>.

3. Fishing is permitted by any Ohio fishing rules and regulations: From Shore, Boat or Charter. Contestants must reel in their fish; assistance with netting a legally caught fish is acceptable. **CONTESTANTS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO FISH A MAXIMUM OF TWO DESIGNATED RODS/LINES AT ANY TIME WHILE FISHING FOR THE DERBY, AND MAY ONLY USE A MAXIMUM OF THREE HOOKS PER LINE, AS PER "OHIO FISHING REGULATIONS". ALL FISH COUNTED FOR THE DERBY MUST BE CAUGHT BY THE CONTESTANT, ON THE CONTESTANTS' DESIGNATED RODS/LINES. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO ASSIGN THEIR DESIGNATED RODS/LINES:**

1. THE ROD/LINE MUST BE OUT OF THE WATER WITH "FREE LURE(S)" (NO FISH ON) AT THE TIME IT IS ASSIGN AS A DESIGNATED ROD/LINE.

2. IN THE EVENT THE CONTESTANTS DESIRE TO ASSIGN ANOTHER ROD/LINE BESIDES THE TWO ALREADY DESIGNATED AT THAT TIME; BOTH THE NEW ROD/LINE TO BE DESIGNATED AND THE EXISTING DESIGNATED ONE MUST BE OUT OF THE WATER AT THE SAME TIME, WITH "FREE LURES" (NO FISH ON), BEFORE THE NEW ROD/LINE CAN BE DESIGNATED.

Boat occupants DO NOT ALL NEED to be registered in the Derby.

4. Only one fish allowed per contender to be registered at any one time, i.e. if someone registers a fish and then catches a larger fish they can upgrade their catch to the larger fish, their previous fish will be dismissed. The same contender's fish will also be considered for the weekly cash prize for the week it was caught in, and also for their team standing. When upgrading, contestants must forfeit their previous proof of weigh-in or upgrade. Upgrading can be done as often as needed at no additional cost above the original registration fee. All weigh-in stations will follow tournament weigh-in procedures. Once weighed and measured, the fish will be "marked" by removing its eyes. Contestants must agree with this procedure. All weigh-ins must be concluded by 3:00pm. Saturday, December 5th 2009. Be sure to contact the official weigh-in station of your choice for their hours of operations throughout the tournament. No "marked" fish will be allowed to be weighed and measured! Contestants are allowed to have their fish taken to the weigh-in stations by another party, **HOWEVER THE CONTESTANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FISH! AND THE OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE CONTESTANT.** The weigh-in station will fill in their portion at the time of the weigh-in. Contestants, or their party, will receive a **PROOF OF THE WEIGH-IN, WHICH THE CONTESTANT MUST PRESENT TOGETHER WITH THE PROOF OF REGISTRATION TO BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR THE FISH CAUGHT!** For checks and balances, contestants are advised to fax in their PROOF OF WEIGH-IN, and PROOF OF REGISTRATION if they registered at any of the weigh-in stations. The fax number to be used is: (216) 961-9211. All scales used will be certified, and the weight will be measured down to the thousand of a pound. Measurements will be obtained by collapsing/pinching the tail for the longest length of the fish. Any tempering with the fish to obtain an unnatural and altered weight or measurement will result in immediate disqualification of the fish and/or the contestant. The OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN STATIONS ARE:

1. ERIE OUTFITTERS, Sheffield Lake, OH 44054, 440- 949-8934, Craig & Melanie
2. GRAND RIVER TACKLE, Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077, 440-352-7222, Bruce, Kelly & Conner
3. RODMAKERS SHOP, Strongsville, Ohio 44149, 440-572-0400, Ray & Frank
4. Bad Boy Bait & Tackle, Vermilion, Ohio 44089, 440-967-2033, Don & Larry
5. Wild Wood Marina, Cleveland, Ohio 44119, 216-481-5771, Vitas & Marlene
6. Stinks Bait & Tackle, Cleveland, Ohio 44109, 216-741-1335, Anthony
7. Land Big Fish, Akron Ohio 44139, 330-644-8211, Marty
8. Cranberry Creek Marina, Huron, Ohio 44839, 877-464-0172, Mike & Bob
9. Gander Mountain, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087, 330-405-2999

5. Using the fish for other tournaments is allowed, as long as the participants, while fishing both tournaments consecutively, follow this tournament's rules. However, fish must be weighed at one of our official weigh-in station!

6. Participants 18 years old and younger, the registration must be co-signed by an adult legal guardian to the minor. The adult co-signer is also allowed to register and participate in the tournament with purchase of separate registration, but are not required to do so in order to co-sign for the minor.

7. The 1ST. PLACE WINNER of the tournament **MUST** submit to a lie detector test. A certified professional, at the tournament's expense, will administer the test and the participant **MUST** be available for the test immediately. Additional lie detector tests can be mandated of any cash prize winners at Tournament's Committee discretion. Refusal to take the test or failure of the test will result in disqualification. The 2nd place finisher, pending verification, will become the 1st place winner.

8. Tiebreakers. For Derby and weekly prizes, ties by weight will be decided through length measurements. If still a tie, then a coin flip will decide the winner. The loser of the coin toss will drop down one place in standings. All coin toss participants must be present for coin tosses. If one party is not present, the winner will be the one contestant present. If both are not present, they will both lose their place in the standings. For Team Standings, all ties by weight will be determined by the total length of the two fish. If still a tie, it will be determined by the heaviest fish from each team. If still a tie, it will be determined by the longest length from the heaviest fish from each team. If still a tie, then a coin flip will decide the winner. One member of the team must be present for coin tosses. If a team is not represented, the winner will be the represented team. If neither team is represented, then they will both lose their place in the standings. If necessary, the coin tosses will be held at 7:00pm at FishCrazy Charters location on Sunday, December 6th 2009.

9. Any contestant receiving a prize greater than \$ 600.00 will be required to complete a W-9 form prior to receiving prize money.

10. Protest: Any contestant has the right to protest another contestant. The protest must be made to the Tournament Committee within 24 hours of the completion of the Derby, in writing, and must include the protest fee of \$ 300.00, all documentation, list of witnesses, etc., to uphold your protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If is not, no refund will be given. A lie detector test **MAY** be used to address the protest, and must be taken by the contestant(s) in question. Failure to submit to a lie detector will result in immediate disqualification. Contact for protests: FishCrazy Charters, LLC, 1387 West 87 St., Cleveland Ohio, 44102.

11. Spirit of the rule: Every rule may have loopholes. It is our goal to provide a sportsman like Derby. All concerns in regards to the Derby and/or its rules should be directed to the Tournament Committee, at the FishCrazy Charters, LLC address, as they have sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules.

12. This Derby and its committee members have the right of entry refusal or expulsion from this Derby for any reason. The Derby and its committee members reserve the right to ad new rules and/or regulations to cover any circumstances not covered in these rules and the committee decision is final as to interpretation of said rule. Contestants are responsible to familiarize themselves with the rules, and check for any updates and changes. Any such changes and updates will be posted on the official site of the tournament: <http://www.fishcrazycharters.com>.

13. All participants and winners will comply with the use of the names, pictures, winning announcements, publicity and claims by us, our associates, and sponsors for promotional and advertising purposes, and stakes no other claims for such uses!

14. Drinking and drug use, the committee does not condone the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on the water and/or when participating in this tournament, however this subject is left to the discretion of each individual and the laws applying to this issue. Drunkenness and drug use in the official areas of the tournament will result in the offender's disqualification.

15. Waiver and hold harmless agreement: By registering in this tournament, all contestants agree to hold harmless any and all organizers, promoters, sponsors, tournament directors, agents, agencies, and organizations participating in organizing this tournament. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waive all responsibility for death, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants.