



2024 Annual PTFN Fishing Derby

OFFICIAL EVENT RULES

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Fishing Friday September 20th and Saturday September 21st, 2024 (Sunday, September 22nd alternate date due to weather cancellation.) 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Registration Friday September 20, 2024 @ Narrows Campgrounds 9:00AM-11:00AM

Mandatory Rules Meeting mornings of September 20th and 21st at 11:00AM

1. INTRODUCTORY

All rules have “loopholes”. It is the intention of the organizers to provide an honest sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded the “spirit of the rule” will prevail in all judgment cases and the decisions of the organizers are final. By signing this form, you are consenting to all rules written or expressed up to the final reading at the rules meeting the morning of the tournament. All participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation.

Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of fishing could be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS

- a. All persons 18 years of age or older are eligible.
- b. All persons 17 years old or younger are eligible if they are accompanied by the parent or legal guardian. All minors will not be eligible to win the cash prize. Instead all minors will be eligible to win merchandise prizes as determined by the organizers. Minors' prizes will be posted and displayed at registration table.
- c. Each participant must correctly complete, sign and submit an official entry form along with all tournament entry fees by the required dates.
- d. All anglers must possess a valid fishing license and photo identification and comply with all Alberta Fishing Regulations. First Nations persons are not required to obtain a sportfishing license, however, they are required to follow the sportfishing regulations during this event.

3. GENERAL RULES

- a) Any participant which does not conform to the following requirements and rules of the tournament, will be disqualified and tournament fees forfeited.
- b) Target species is Lake Trout. All other species that are caught must be immediately released.
- c) All federal and provincial rules and regulations apply to angling and boating.
- d) Barbless hooks are mandatory.
- e) Only participants that are registered are allowed to be on the boat. No other persons will be allowed except for the pre-authorized written permission from the Tournament Organizer
- f) Rules meetings are held daily and Attendance of one meeting is mandatory.
- g) Each live well must have a minimum capacity of 13.5 liters per fish and must be equipped with BOTH water exchange pump and separate aeration system.
- h) Live wells may be inspected by Dock Officials at predetermined locations prior to the launch each day. A team or boat may be inspected at any time. There are marked

Security and unmarked Security boats. Tournament Officials may board a contestant's boat at any time.

- i) At the end of the fishing day, all boats must check in at the security boat which will be stationed just outside the entrance to the river. If you have a fish or not, we need to confirm you are "SAFE" and will not have to go looking for you.
- j) NO WAKE ZONE in effect when leaving or entering the Wapasihk Creek (Narrows).
- k) NO boats or contestants may make physical contact with any other boat or shore during the Tournament hours; minimum distance between boats is "10" meters. Anchored boats will have the right of way. (Excluding Security Boats and Medical Staff)
- l) NO Boats or contestants are allowed on the water after Tournament hours.
- m) Any participant(s) who is suspected of committing any offense against the Criminal Code of Canada, will have the matter turned over to the RCMP for investigation; pending results the participant(s) may be disqualified and banned from future tournaments, plus forfeiting any prize money/product if allocated.
- n) Only 2 fish are allowed onboard at any time during tournament hours. All fish brought to the measuring boat must be measured.
- o) Any participant(s) that brings in a fish that has been fished is disqualified.
- p) Due to the nature of tournament fishing, there will be no refunds, no exceptions.
- q) By participating in this event your name may be publicly visible.
- r) Use of alcohol or drugs (other than prescribed by a physician) during the tournament is prohibited. Violation will result in Team disqualification
- s) Approved PFD – Personal Flotation Device must be worn at the start of the day and any time trolling speeds are exceeded.
- t) This tournament is catch and release ONLY. Harvesting fish will result in disqualification. All fish must be immediately released back into the water after entering.
- u) The use of bait (as defined in the Alberta sport fishing regulations) and the use of artificial lures is permissible.
- v) All fish entered for this event must be caught via angling i.e. using hook, line, rod and reel. At no time will fish caught by non-angling (i.e. use of traps, trap nets or cages) be allowed to be entered. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared etc. Usage of a landing net to land a hooked fish is allowed.

- w) Promoters and organizers hosting/assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies and agents are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire flood or any loss to any contestants or families and friends.
- x) This tournament is catch and release ONLY. Harvesting fish will result in disqualification. All fish must be immediately released back into the water after entering.

4. SCORING OF FISH

- a. Measuring boats authorized by the organizers will be located and available during tournament hours throughout the lake. Participants will bring their fish they wish to have entered to these boats to be measured and recorded. Measuring boats will be clearly marked.
- b. This is a Catch, Photo, Record, Release event for Lake Trout only, no other species will be permitted.
- c. Recognize fish species using the information from Alberta fishing regulations:
<https://albertaregulations.ca/pdfs/fishing-regs/Sport-Fish-Identification.pdf>
- d. Fish must be immediately transported in live well to the measuring boat after they've been caught. All fish entries must be freshly caught. Frozen fish or fish caught outside of the tournament hours, such as pre-fishing, will be rejected.
- e. In the instance when two or more fish are caught at the same time, the Catch Measure Picture Release process requires that one fish be measured, photographed, and released as quickly as possible before the next fish can be processed.
- f. **All fish must be measured with the right side down** (the right side of the fish must be facing down or touching the board) and the left side of the fish facing upwards.
- g. This is a total length measurement tournament. NOT fork length. See figure 1 below for reference. The total length of a fish is measured from the tip of the nose or jaw to the tip of the tail with the tail naturally pinched.

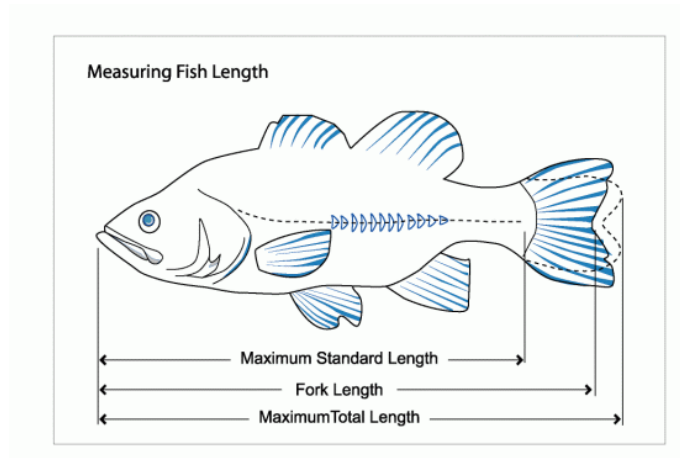


Figure 1. Measurement of fish using total length

- h. All catches will be approved to the last physical line on a measuring device. If it extends past a mark but there are no physical lines to confirm the true length, the last mark it crosses will be used. If a fish is longer than the angler's bump board, the longest measurement on the board will be counted.
- i. The **nose of the fish must be at the start or zero mark** on all measuring devices and the total length is taken where the longest length of the tail crosses the measurements on the measuring device.
- j. The mouth of the fish is allowed to be closed, open, or anywhere in between, so long as the upper and/or lower jaw of the head of the fish is clearly touching the bump of the board or at 0 cm and the fish submission meets all of the requirements outlined in this section.
- k. There are to be no fingers placed in the gills or mouth of the fish.
- l. Any fish that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered will be credited only at the discretion of the tournament officials and may result in disqualification for the day or the whole event.
- m. Anglers can only submit catches that they have caught themselves. This is an individual event, so you cannot enter as a partnership or team, and under no circumstances can you share fish with any other angler. Any angler who is caught recording another angler's fish will be automatically disqualified.

- n. In the case of a tie, the tie break will go to the person who entered the tied fish first.

5. PRIZES

There will be prizes awarded for the largest in length fish caught by the anglers as detailed below

1. First Place: \$5,000
2. Second Place: \$3,000
3. Third Place: \$1500

The prize winners will be awarded trophies on the last day of the event along with prize money.

6. SAFE HANDLING OF FISH

- a. We highly encourage conservation and the proper handling of all fish caught. To ensure the best chances of survival for all released fish, all participants are to handle fish safely.

These are general guidelines for safe fish handling below:

<https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/safety-procedures/fish-handling/default.aspx>

- b. Whenever feasible, keep the fish in the water while handling as long as possible
- c. Cut the line as close to the hook as possible if a swallowed hook can't be easily removed
- d. Have the camera ready prior to landing fish to minimize air exposure
- e. Hold large fish horizontally and support its body to avoid damage to the internal organs
- f. Do not hold or support the fish by its gills, gill covers or eyes.
- g. Use wet hands when handling a fish. Handle the fish quickly and as little as possible.
- h. When releasing a fish, never throw it into the water, rather; set it in the water and let it swim away under its own power.
- i. The handling of the fish is very important. Any fish released in the lake by participants must be done in a safe manner to the fish. Any participant(s) found to be tossing or throwing a fish back will be issued one warning and then disqualified for the day including any fish already entered.

7. TOURNAMMENT BOUNDARIES

- a. The tournament boundaries will be for the entirety of the Peerless Lake.