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**FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026**



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ALL CASH PRIZES**

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MORE INFO**

# WEIGH-IN TIMES

**SATURDAY**  
9:00AM TO 4PM

**SUNDAY**  
9:00AM TO 3PM



## ICE FISHING DERBY CASH PRIZE RULES

The three top prizes will be awarded to the anglers with a valid derby ticket whose name is drawn on Sunday during the Grand Prize Drawing from anglers who are eligible. Eligibility is determined by those who had the largest fish (as defined in the Derby Rules) in each category during the Derby weekend.

**ALL FINALISTS  
ARE WINNERS!**

**BIGGER DAILY  
FISH PRIZES**

**DAILY CASH  
PRIZES HAVE  
DOUBLED!**

**WIN UP TO \$5,000  
WITHOUT EVEN BAITING A HOOK**

There will be 14 cash prize drawings on Saturday for \$200 each, and 32 cash prize drawings on Sunday for \$200 each. Drawings will start on Saturday at 12:30 pm and on Sunday at 8:30 am and will be held approximately every 15 minutes.

Two Grand Cash Drawings for \$5,000 will also be held -- one drawing on Saturday at approximately 4:30 pm and one drawing on Sunday at approximately 3:30 pm at Derby Headquarters in Meredith.

You do not have to fish to win any of these cash drawings! You do not need to be present at the drawings; checks will be mailed to winners if they are not present at time of drawing.

# THE WINNING FISH PRIZES

**FIRST PRIZE - \$15,000**

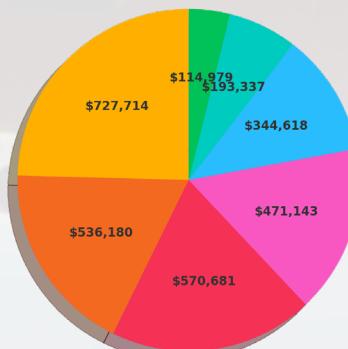
**2nd PRIZE - \$5,000 - 3rd PRIZE - \$3,000**

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**Meredith Rotary Donation  
1982-2025  
\$2,958,652**

Scholarships  
Local Non-Profit Organizations  
Municipal Projects  
Fish and Game / Environment  
Youth Programs  
Senior Christmas Dinner  
Rotary International Foundation



# IS THE ICE SAFE?

All frozen bodies of water are to be considered potentially dangerous. Ice does not form uniformly over the entire surface of a water body. Ice thickness at one location should not be considered indicative of ice thickness over a whole water body or geographic region. Persons who are not personally familiar with the ice conditions should systematically and safely check the ice thickness before undertaking any activity on the ice.

**Taking Salmon Through The Ice Is PROHIBITED**  
(Know the difference)



## ATLANTIC/LANDLOCKED SALMON

Salmon have limited black spots on body.



## RAINBOW TROUT

Caudal fin and dorsal fin have profuse rows of black spots along the rays.

## Twelve Quick Tips

Always test the ice.

Beware! Wind and current break up the ice.

Dress in layers, bring food & hot drinks.

Fish with a partner.

Do not gather in large groups.

No fires on the ice.

Bring blankets and a first-aid kit.

If you fall in, reach for solid ice, kick & roll to safety.

Follow all fishing regulations.

Do not drive cars onto the ice.

Clean up after yourself! Leave nothing behind.

# 2026 Fishing Derby Rules

1. All anglers must comply with the law set forth by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Ice fishing rules can be viewed on the New Hampshire Fish & Game website: [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing.html)
2. All fish must be legally and freshly caught from any fresh New Hampshire public waters (RSA: 271:20) by the registered Derby ticket holder. Fish must be taken through the ice on Saturday or Sunday of Derby Weekend. All fishermen must ensure that fish being entered in the Derby are dead prior to entering the weigh-in line. Live fish in possession will result in immediate derby disqualification.
3. A valid Derby ticket and a valid New Hampshire Fishing License, either paper or electronic will be required for identification when entering fish and claiming a prize, minors under 16 years of age do not need a valid fishing license for ice fishing, but do need a valid Derby ticket when entering fish or claiming prizes.
4. The parents or guardians of any individual under 16 years of age who is awarded any prize are responsible for processing and submitting all necessary documents to the Internal Revenue Service, as required.
5. Weight at the time of entry determines winners. In case of a tie, length shall be the determinate factor. Earliest entry will be the final tie breaker.
6. The following fish are Unacceptable:  
**No Rainbow Trout under 17 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No Lake Trout under 22 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No Cusk under 22 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No Pickerel under 22 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No White Perch under 14 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No Yellow Perch under 12 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No Black Crappie under 13 inches in length will be accepted.**  
**No Bass, Brown Trout or Salmon will be accepted.**



7. Entered fish become the property of the Derby. All registered fish that are eligible for prizes will be retained until 3:30 p.m. on Sunday of Derby Weekend and then donated to the Squam Lakes Science Center to feed their otters, raptors, bears and other animals. However, anglers may request the return of their fish after the award presentations are finished. Any angler that would like to reclaim their fish must pick it up between 3:30 and 4:00 on Sunday of derby weekend.

### 8. **Anglers are only allowed to enter a maximum of two fish per species per day per ticket.**

9. Fish may be registered between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Anglers who catch an eligible fish on Saturday that cannot be registered before the end of the day may register said fish on Sunday. No fish may be registered for Sunday's prize board on Saturday. Times will be recorded on the Official Derby Time Clock at Derby Headquarters. In order to register a fish, all participants must be at the outside weigh-in station no later than the above closing times each day and be acknowledged by a Judge.
10. Fish to be entered must be free of all debris such as snow and ice, fishing lines, hooks or weights. Any visible bait including bait fish, worms, salmon eggs etc. found in the mouths of any fish must be removed by the angler. All debris and bait must be removed to the satisfaction of the derby judges and officials prior to entry. Meredith Rotary reserves the right to open or X-ray any fish.
11. All Anglers entering fish eligible for prizes of **\$500** or more will be required to sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury certifying the date, time, lake and person catching the fish.
12. Rotarians and Derby Officials are not liable for any injury or loss of life or property. All anglers are responsible for their own safety and knowledge of their surroundings.
13. By buying a ticket, the ticket holder (or if a minor, a parent or guardian) authorizes that their photograph can be used in The Great Meredith Fishing Derby's marketing materials, unless a written request to withhold approval is made.
14. ALL PARTICIPANTS HEREBY ACCEPT THESE RULES. IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES THE DECISION OF THE DERBY JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

## TICKET SALES

1. All ticket sales are final. No refunds will be made. In the event of a postponement, tickets will be valid for the postponement date selected by Derby Officials.
2. Mail order sales will receive their tickets by email, **unless the form is checked to receive by first class mail**. Orders received after January 25, 2026 will be held at Derby Headquarters at Hesky Park in Meredith for pickup upon arrival. Please make sure your registration is readable. Illegible registrations are ineligible for prizes. **If we can't read it, we cannot award the prize.**
3. Space is provided on the form to register two entrants. For orders of three or more, please duplicate the registration form to ensure each entrant's information is provided so they can be entered for all cash drawings.
4. Derby tickets and fishing licenses are available at Derby Headquarters and local bait and tackle shops. **Derby Tickets are \$50 per person** and are valid for both days. **Tickets sold after 12 noon Saturday of Derby Weekend are eligible for ticket cash drawing prizes only.**
5. Advance sales of Derby Tickets are available at many bait, tackle and sportsmen shops throughout New Hampshire. Follow the Fishing Derby link on our website to find a vendor near you or call 603-279-7600. Derby Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.icefishingnh.com](http://www.icefishingnh.com) beginning in November.

## NEED TO KNOW

1. Minors under the age of 16 must have a valid Derby ticket if submitting fish for consideration. Fishing licenses are not required for minors under the age of 16. Please refer to the laws set forth by the NH Fish & Game Department.
2. Since Cusk are known to feed after dusk, it is permitted for anglers to set lines on the Friday evening of Derby weekend. However, all fish submitted for consideration for prizes must be caught after midnight to be eligible.
3. The Derby Headquarters Trailer (in Meredith) is open for Derby tickets and N.H. Fishing license sales starting at 1:00pm the Thursday of Derby weekend. The trailer hours are Thursday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Friday 8:00am to 8:00pm, Saturday 6:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday 6:00am to 3:30 pm. The sale of NH Fishing Licenses stops at noon on Saturday.

## IT'S THE LAW!

1. All anglers must comply with NH Fish & Game Department laws.
2. Salmon cannot be taken through the ice! Bass, Brown Trout and Salmon are not allowed to be entered into this Derby. It is the responsibility of each angler to comply with the rules.
3. While fishing in N.H. know that there are restrictions when using lead fishing sinkers and jigs. Please refer to N.H. RSA 211:13-b to make sure you are within the law.
4. Littering of any New Hampshire lake is a violation of the law and nature. Anything left on the ice will, at some point, be released into the lake. Please keep America clean. Do the right thing! Carry off what you carry on. Be sure to use the bathroom facilities provided at Derby Headquarters in Meredith and in other locations.
5. Lake Waukewan is a town water supply and it is a violation to drive any vehicle on this lake. The Meredith Rotary Club highly recommends you do not drive any vehicle onto any body of water.
6. The Meredith Rotary Club strongly supports the Catch & Release philosophy. Be realistic in judging whether your fish will make the prize board. If the fish does not look to be of competitive size, release it back into the water.
7. Go to [www.IceFishingNH.net](http://www.IceFishingNH.net) during derby weekend to get up to the minute standings on the virtual fish board, the minimum and maximum weight and length of the leading fish in each category, and the current cash prize drawing winners.

## Entry 2

### 2026 Derby Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	STATE	ZIP
CITY	( PHONE		
EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailed orders will have a copy of the ticket emailed. <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you also want a hard copy of your ticket mailed. Orders received after January 25, 2026 will be held at Derby HQ for pickup.		

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