



Rules & Regulations for 28th Chapleau Pike Ice Fishing Derby on February 7th, 2026

Participants will abide by all Ontario Fishing regulations. A derby entry does not replace a valid fishing license.

LICENSE, STATUS CARDS OR BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR MINORS WILL BE CHECKED AT TIME OF ENTERING A FISH IN THE DERBY CONTEST.

The ONE DAY DERBY will take place Saturday, February 7th, 2026 with fishing times of 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All pike entries must be registered at the weigh-in station and turned into the weigh-in station within 30 minutes of final fishing time.

Participants are NOT permitted to fish or drill holes from January 31st until February 7th, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.

Check-on time will start at 6:30 a.m. online or at the Civic Centre. **No drilling holes or fishing prior to 7:00 a.m.**

The Official Derby Committee reserves the right to cancel the derby at their discretion.

No cars or truck allowed on the ice during the derby.

Only one major prize will be awarded per participant.

All pike must be alive, 24 inches or more and registered at the Civic Centre weigh-in station by the participant catching the fish for the official weigh-in.

Each participant may register a maximum of 2 pikes. Only the largest pike qualifies for a prize.

The decisions of the Official Derby Committee re: weigh-ins, allowable entries, prizes etc. are final.

A minimum distance of 25 feet from other participants or groups is required (exception being individual entrants in the same group). 200 feet distance is required from non-participants that are fishing.

All participants must affix their numbered flags next to the holes in which they are fishing. If fishing in a hut, a flag must be affixed to the hut and inspections allowed.

All participants are required to return their sticks to the Civic Centre at the end of the derby. Each stick returned by the 5:30 p.m. deadline will be entered in an incentive draw.

Participants will be disqualified and may be prosecuted for using fraudulent means to win prizes. The



Official Derby Committee reserves the right to investigate, question or disqualify any participant and their decision is final.

There is no minimum age for participants, however, all minors (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a legal guardian or parent at all times during the derby. All participants qualify for all skill competition prizes.

In the event of a weigh-in tie, the winner will be determined by the earliest time the fish was registered at the weigh-in station.

Boundaries are not to be moved once they have been established by the Official Derby Committee and participants must fish within the marked boundaries to qualify for prizes.

By entering the derby, all participants declare an understanding of the derby rules and agree to abide by them. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Official Derby Committee.

Participants upon registration agree to indemnify and save harmless the Chapleau General Hospital Foundation of the Chapleau Pike Ice Fishing Derby, their agents, employees, sponsors and event volunteers from any liability, expense, claims or demands that may arise from participating.