



WAYNE COUNTY YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Wayne County Federation of Sportsman's Club

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RULES/REGULATIONS

****NEW FOR 2026.** To Submit a fish/weight for the derby, please once the weight slip is filled out, take a picture of it with a smart phone. Then, navigate to our facebook page at [SUBMIT WEIGHTS HERE](#), and send the image to our group via facebook messenger. The weigh station will retain a copy of the weight slip and you will keep a copy of the weight slip. Then, the weight will be entered into the live results page. At the end of the derby, there will be an audit comparing all electronically submitted weight slips with the paper copies at the weight stations. If there are any discrepancies, we will inspect your original copy and make a determination. If no determination can be made, the fish will be disqualified. If for any reason, you can not send the weight slip to our facebook via messenger, you can also text one of the club officers listed below and we can try to enter it.**

The Wayne County Youth Fishing Derby will start at dawn on the first day and end at the end of the business day on the determined date. The Awards Ceremony - TBD

To enter Youth Division, child must be between the ages of 4-16, at the time of registration. There will be two age categories – Youth ages 4-7 & ages 8-16. Entry fee is \$5.00. Youth Division prizes could consist of merchandise, gift cards and/or trophies. Prize structure will be based on the number of registered entrants. Each youth is eligible to win one prize only after weighing in a legitimate fish. This rule allows more youths to win a prize.

1. Participants must be registered for the event by 8 A.M. of the day they wish to enter a fish.

2. A Leaderboard will be updated daily and can be viewed at www.youthderby.com

3. Participants will enter only fish personally caught in the Wayne County, NY waters of Lake Ontario (1/2 mile west of Ginna Plant and east to Blind Sodus Bay) and its embayments; the waters of the Erie Canal and streams located in Wayne County, NY in accordance with all NYS Department of Conservation Fishing Rules and Regulations. Participant must have valid NYS fishing license unless exempted by law.

4. Fish must be weighed at an official Wayne County Weigh Station and proper Weigh-In Form completed within 24hours of fish being caught. All eligible fish may be entered at the time of weigh in by an official weighmaster. The registrant must catch fish personally and be present at the time of weigh in. Weight will be determined by full ounce only. No fractions of an ounce will be recorded. All bait visible in the mouth of any fish will be removed prior to weighing. Weigh Stations will be open during their regular business hours.

Fish must be whole, not gaffed, gutted or snagged. Fish will be examined for foreign materials (including but not limited to water, ice, weights), gill net marks, bleached and slimy gills, hook and/or gaff marks, fin rot or fungus, freezer burn, clouded eyes, unresponsive flesh - any of which can disqualify the fish. The decision of judges will be final.

5. There will be three major areas of competition - Species Challenge, Pan Fish Challenge (ages 4-7) and the Merchants Challenge.

AL SHULTZ YOUTH MEMORIAL CHALLENGE (PAN FISH)

a. To be eligible for prizes in the Al Shultz Youth Memorial Challenge, youths must be between the ages of 4-7 at the time of registration. Angler must catch one of: Blue Gill, Sun Fish, Rock Bass, Perch, Smallmouth **OR** Largemouthbass. All fish must be caught between the eligible dates of the derby.

NOTE: Perch must be a minimum weight of 6 ozs.

b. Winners will be determined by catching the 5 eligible fish. The order on the leaderboard will be in date order based on when all five species are caught. Each fish will be recorded according to date and time recorded on the weigh form.

c. Blue gill, Rock Bass and Sun fish **DO NOT NEED to be weighed but must be taken to weigh station to be entered into the contest.**

d. Perch must be weighed and a min of 6 ounces and but must be taken to weigh station to be entered into the contest.

SPECIES CHALLENGE:

a. Anglers entering the largest fish (by weight) in each of the 5 eligible species will receive prizes and trophies. The five species are as follows: walleye, perch, northern pike, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass.

b. In the event of a tie, the person who entered the first fish according to date and time recorded on the weigh form will be the winner.

WAYNE COUNTY MERCHANTS FISHING CHALLENGE:

a. To be eligible for prizes in the Merchants Fishing Challenge, youths must be between the ages of 8-16 at the time of registration. Angler must catch and enter one fish in each of the following five species: northern pike, walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and perch. Angler may enter additional fish in each species, if larger than one already registered. Only the largest fish per species entered by an angler will be eligible. All fish must be caught in accordance with rules and regulations of NYS DEC, between June 14th – July 27th, 2025 **NOTE: Perch must be a minimum weight of 6 ozs.**

b. Winners will be determined by **the total accumulative weight of the five eligible fish**. In the event of a tie, the person who entered the first fish according to date and time recorded on the weigh form will be the winner.

6. Each Participant in the Contest:

a. Agrees to submit, if required by a Derby Committee Official, their fish for examination by a Contest Judge when deemed appropriate by Weighmaster.

b. Agrees that the decision of the judges will be final.

WEIGH STATIONS:

Hughes Marina, 5003 Lake Road, Williamson 315-589-2752
Krenzer Marine 8495 Greig St, Sodus Point 315-483-6986
Bay Bridge Sport Shop 9555 Ridge Rd North Rose 315-587-9508
Davenport & Sons Brown Rd Wolcott 315-587-4434
Jarvis Bait 7607 Brown Rd Wolcott, NY 315-209-3150
Ontario County Max 1298 NY-104 Ontario, NY 315-524-3863

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