

THUNDER BAY SALMON ASSOCIATION FISH DERBY RULES

JULY 17, 18, 19 2026

Tickets are available exclusively from our main sponsor:

D & R Sporting Goods

1. All Participants are required to purchase a ticket. Tickets will be \$100.00 per angler, this includes attendance and chance to win prizes, at the awards ceremony held at the Superior Inn Hotel & Conference Center (formerly the Victoria Inn) 555 Arthur St. West. The awards presentation will start at 5:00 pm, Sunday July 19th. Limited food and beverage menu items will be available for purchase.
2. All participants agree to abide by Ontario Fishing Regulations and all the derby rules. All Participants must remain within the Canadian waters of Lake Superior, excluding all tributaries, as defined by the boundaries outlined in the map and rules provided by the TBSA.
3. **Boundary line Description: (for visual representation of the description below please see the map provided with rules)**
Starting Point: The boundary line begins at the mouth of the Pic River where it meets Lake Superior, at coordinates **48°36'01"N 86°18'09"W**
Southward Line: From this point, the boundary extends southward in a straight line towards Copper Harbor, Michigan, stopping at the lake boundary of the **USA/Canadian border**.
Following the Border: The boundary then follows the USA/Canadian border westward until it reaches Pigeon River.
Encompassing Bays: From Pigeon River, the boundary line moves northward, following the shoreline to encompassing all bays within Lake Superior.
Ending Point: The boundary line finally returns to the starting point at the mouth of the Pic River, completing the loop.
4. The contest runs from 12:01am Friday July 17th, 2026 to 2:00 pm Sunday July 19th, 2026. Only fish caught during this time frame are eligible.
5. Fish will only be weighed at the official weigh station located at the Prince Arthur Marina beside the boat launch. The weigh station will be open from 5pm till 9pm July 17th & 18th except for Sunday July 19, 2026 when the weigh station will only be open from 10am until 2pm. Participants must be in line and stamped by the cut off time. Fish will not be weighed outside the times indicated.
6. Fish may be entered only once, at which time a hole will be punched in the gill to prevent re-entry. Only fish that are whole (not gutted) may be entered. Fish with a snag, foul hook mark, gaff or gill mark, even if caught legitimately, may not be accepted. Frozen fish may not be entered.
7. **Salmon** must be a minimum of **18 inches (45cm) to enter**. Follow us on Facebook during the derby, for current weights, as only the top ten (10) largest salmon will be eligible for the top ten prizes. No mystery weight draws. **No Lake Trout** will be weighed in.
8. Participants may only enter 1 salmon per day for a top ten (10) prize. No contestant can win more than one (1) prize from the top ten (10) prize list. No contestant who has won from the top ten (10) prize list will be eligible to win any other additional prizes, with the exception of the clipped fish category, and the grand door prize. All participants must be present at the weigh in station to weigh their fish in person. You must have your ticket stub available at the time of the weigh in.
9. In the event of a tie, prizes in question will be awarded on the basis, of the earliest fish entered.
10. Tickets purchased during the derby will be dated and are not valid for participation in the derby on the day of sale.
11. Participants fishing from boats must ensure that **all occupants** of their boat are entered in this event. **NOTE: Kids 10 and under are not required to have an entry ticket, unless you want to enter a fish for a prize, in their name.** Participants agree to allow official representatives of the derby to inspect their boats to ascertain that all occupants are entered.
13. All participants acknowledge that, upon winning a major prize, they may be required to undergo truth tests. Additionally, they may be required to sign an affidavit confirming that their fish was caught fairly, in compliance with all rules, and within the designated boundaries specified in the regulations. Should the TBSA determine that a participant has cheated, the TBSA reserves the right to initiate formal charges against that individual.
14. Participants agree that the organizers can, at their discretion, hold any fish for biological examination and testing. Major prizes will not be released until such testing is complete.
15. Each contestant upon registering to compete in the Thunder Bay Salmon Association Derby, agrees to hold the sponsors, organizers, their agents, and employees harmless from any liability of any nature and kind for any injuries and/or damages suffered during or after the period of the contest, by the entrants.
16. All participants agree that the decisions of the Derby Officials are final on all matters.
17. Prizes must be accepted as awarded. And have no cash surrender value.
18. Any participant guilty of an infraction of the rules will be disqualified from the contest for life, and prizes forfeited.
19. All participants agree to the use of their name and/or picture in any advertising.
21. Prize money may be prorated if there are less than 200 paid entries.
22. You must be in attendance to win and claim your prize. If not in attendance, the prize will be redrawn, until there is a winner present.

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- **Clipped Salmon Prize:**

Clipped Salmon are eligible for a ballot, for a chance to win a prize. These clipped Salmon, must be within your daily limit, and larger than 18". You must present the clipped Salmon to the weight station, to obtain a ballot. These clipped Salmon, do not have to be weighed in, unless this is the only fish you are weighing in for that day. You must be in attendance at the windup ceremony to win/claim prize.

- **Grand Door Prize**

You are not required to enter a fish, for a chance to win the grand door prize. All participants who purchased an entry ticket to the derby are eligible. You must be in attendance at the windup ceremony to win/claim prize.

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