



Derby Rules

1. Have Fun!

- The Derby is about having fun, enjoying the peace and solitude that comes with wetting a line and paddling one of our great waterways. This event, as part of the **Upper Ottawa River Race and Paddle Festival**, celebrates paddling and all that it has to offer. Please respect the water, your fellow paddlers and the Derby. Enjoy your time on the water!!

2. Prize Categories

- ★ Longest Catfish
- ★ Longest Smallmouth Bass
- ★ Longest Largemouth Bass
- ★ Longest Pike
- ★ Longest Walleye
- ★ Smallest fish

3. Registration and Fees

- Registration per participant is \$65.00.
- Registration fees include registration package - kayak fishing shirt (**must order before July 1st to guarantee a shirt/shirt size**), various swag, UORRPF info, rule sheet, measuring device and lunch ticket.
- Kayak Rentals are available for \$10. Reserve early as number of kayaks is limited. Call 613-687-5678 ext. 2104 to reserve.
- Payment can be made using the online form at upperottawariverrace.ca or at Petawawa Parks and Recreation, 16 Civic Centre Rd., Petawawa, Ontario during regular business hours or on-site the day of the Derby between 6am and 6:45 am. Registration can also be done on Friday August 11th at the UORRPF registration tent located at Riverside Park in Pembroke from 6 – 9 pm. Without full payment, registration forms, and signed waiver, an angler will not be eligible to participate.

4. Schedule

- Saturday, August 11th, 7 am to 12 pm. Petawawa Point, Petawawa Ontario. Lunch and the awards to follow at the Upper Ottawa River Race and Paddle Festival Main Stage located at Riverside Park, Pembroke, Ontario (see map). Food and beverage will be available adjacent to the Main Stage. Awards will be presented at 1:30 pm. Camping is available for the evenings of the 11th and 12th for an additional fee. Please see the UORRPF event information package for event accommodations and all of the weekend's festivities at www.upperottawariverrace.ca.

5. Eligible Watercraft

- This is a self-propelled Derby.

- Approved watercrafts include sit-on-top kayaks, sit-in kayaks, SUP's, hybrid kayaks, canoes, and inflatable's such as an inflatable kayak or dinghy. The watercraft must be paddled or peddled.
- Should your watercraft not be listed above and you feel that it should be allowed to be entered into the Derby, please contact the Derby Director prior to the early bird deadline to be given consideration.
- Only one angler per craft will be allowed. Two persons per canoe will be permitted with both participants required to pay the registration fee.

6. **Tournament Area**

- The approved fishing zone will be indicated on the map provided with your registration bag. Anglers fishing in the Derby must fish within the approved fishing zone at all times. Fish caught outside the fishing zone will be disqualified. The fishing zone will be defined by Indian Point to the west, the shoreline of the river to the north (Quebec), Gutzman Island to the east and the Ontario shoreline to the south.

7. **Scoring**

- Scoring will be done by the **Catch-Measure-Photo-Release** method. Participants must use a digital camera and take a photo of the fish on the standard measuring device that is provided to participants in their registration bag. If your camera's memory card is not in a standard form, you must provide the tourney director with an approved USB cable.
- To be eligible the camera's memory card must be clear of all other photos.
- The first photo must be of the watercraft on the bank or on your vehicle at the Petawawa Point parking lot.
- The fish's closed mouth must be aligned with the "o" marking of the measuring device to prevent a competitor from trying to score it twice.
- The tail should be in a pinched position to maximize length.
- The fish must be photographed on the provided measuring device, no other pictures of the fish in any other position shall be considered valid.
- As this is a catch and release Derby, all fish must be released.
- Upon return to Petawawa Point, anglers will give their memory card/and or camera and cable to the Derby Director for downloading **ONLY** if they consider a photographed fish is in the running for 1st place (a board will display the leading fish in each category in the registration tent, updated throughout the day as anglers come in to enter their photos).
- Cameras may not be shared by competitors.
- Submitted fish measuring the same length must have distinct differences in appearance or the angler may be subject to disqualification.
- The Derby Committee will review all photos to verify validity of the catch and the length to determine place winners.
- Length is rounded to the nearest eighth of an inch.
- Late check in will result in disqualification.

- Ties - Should two anglers enter a fish with the same measurements, the tie is broken by whoever submitted his/her photos first. The angler who submitted the photo later will drop one place in the standings.

8. Eligible Fishing Methods

- All fish must be caught alive on a conventional rod and reel in a sporting manner.
- Artificial lures are to be used during the Derby. Commercially sold pork trailers or scents may be added and used. Worms will also be permitted. No other live baits (minnows, leeches, frogs etc.) may be used. Worms may be purchased at most gas stations and convenience stores in Petawawa.
- Foul hooked fish may not be scored. A foul hooked fish is defined as a fish that does not have at least one hook in its mouth, and it must be released.
- Anglers may not catch fish or weigh in fish that have been caged or confined in an area prior to the tournament.
- All fish must be caught during derby hours.
- Trolling and fly fishing are allowed.
- Anglers may use a landing net.
- Anglers must show proof of a valid Ontario Sport or Conservation fishing license on the day of registration and anglers must comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the Ontario Fishing Regulations/ Ministry of Natural Resources.
- All fish must be caught from the angler's watercraft and the only time an angler may leave his/her watercraft is to use bathroom facilities or leave/return to Petawawa Point.

9. River Access

- All anglers must access the Ottawa River from the beach at Petawawa Point only. Anglers may fish in the mouth of the Petawawa River up to the Golf Course Rapids (first set of rapids upstream from the mouth of the Petawawa River).

10. Angler Safety

- Safe boating will be performed by participants at all times. During competition, each contestant is required to comply with all provincial boating laws and regulations. The Derby may be canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to cancel will be made by the Derby Director and all participants will be notified immediately.

11. Communications

- The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular telephones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, pagers or any electronic device to communicate fishing information during Derby hours is prohibited. Communication among anglers is allowed on the water only by non-electronic methods. Emergency calls may be made.

12. Sportsmanship

- The Derby is all about just having a good time on the river and promoting paddle sports. It is important that all anglers adhere to a high standard of sportsmanship that portrays paddle sports in a positive light.

- The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Any possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, participation in criminal activity, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon the Derby and its sponsors will be subject to disqualification.

13. Youth Anglers

- Youth anglers are encouraged to participate. Children under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian's signed consent to enter the Derby. An adult must accompany any child under the age of 16 on the river and the adult must be entered in the Derby as well.

14. Photo/ Video Rights

- All photos, video, data, audio and angler profile information shall remain the property of the Town of Petawawa and the City of Pembroke and may be used by any of its Derby partners in future projects, promotions, articles or media releases. There will be no compensation for such use of these photos, video, voice or data.

15. Final Decisions

- Any decisions that need to be made in relation to the event will be done so by the derby Committee and their decisions are final.

16. Release of Liability.

- All participants must sign a waiver and release of liability before competing in the Derby. It is required that all participants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.

17. Upper Ottawa River Race and Paddle Festival

- The 3rd Annual Upper Ottawa River Kayak Fishing Derby is being held in conjunction with the 2018 Upper Ottawa River Race and Paddle Festival. Many events and activities are occurring over the course of the August 10-12 weekend. Live music, food and retail vendors, children's activities, bonfires, SUP yoga, Paddle for CHEO, the Heritage Paddle and much more.. Please see the UORRPF website at www.upperottawariverrace.ca for a schedule of weekend events and available accommodations.

18. Upper Ottawa River Race and Paddle Festival Dinner.

- All anglers and friends/family are invited to dine with UORRPF participants at 6:00 pm on Derby Day. The dinner is free to event derby registrants. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged to all non-registrants.

Tight lines and keep your paddle in the water!