

Lake St Clair Walleye Association
2026-2027
Derby Rules
April, May, June, July, August

1. There will be four divisions.
 - a. Masters division
 - b. Open division
 - c. Youth division
 - d. Super Six division
2. Patches will be awarded in all divisions for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division.
 - a. Two patches will be presented to the winning Super Six teams for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
 - b. Trophies (metals) will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the Youth division.
 - c. Masters division end of year awards will be Jackets for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. All will have MASTERS DIVISION and year embroidered on the jacket. The 1st place jacket will have a gold walleye embroidered on the back. The 2nd place jacket will have a silver walleye embroidered on the back. The 3rd place jacket will have a bronze walleye embroidered on the back.
 - d. Open division end of year awards will be a jacket for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with OPEN DIVISION and year on the jacket, and a gold walleye embroidered on the back. The 2nd place jacket will have a silver walleye embroidered on the back. The 3rd place jacket will have a bronze walleye embroidered on the back.
 - e. The member who weighs-in the largest walleye entered during the derbies for each year will have his/her fish mounted and be presented at the December meeting. The fish will be judged by weight and then length.
 - f. Angler who receives the most points from the combined Masters and Open Divisions will be awarded Angler of the year (AOY) and will be presented with his/her name on a club trophy. Points for AOY will be calculated as follows:
First place= 5 points
Second place= 4 points
Third place = 3 points
Fourth place= 2 points
Fifth place= 1 point
The angler will also receive a plaque for his/her own personal recognition.
 - g. In the event of a tie in any division or AOY the person who caught the heaviest fish that year will be declared the winner.
 - h. The end of year award presentations will be made at the December membership meeting unless otherwise noted.
3. Boundaries for all divisions for derby purposes only, will be as follows: The North tip of Celeron Island in the Detroit River, to a line running due east from the Fort Gratiot Light in Lake Huron.
4. Starting time for all derbies will be 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Scheduled Weigh-in.

All walleyes must be weighed between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the Sunday of the derby at the designated weigh-in location. This location will be announced at the membership meeting and will appear in the Walleye World prior to the meeting.

- a. Members **MUST** sign up for the Super Six divisions prior to the derby. This needs to be done only once at the start of each derby season unless there is a change in the Super Six participants.
- b. Super six participants may fish with up to 4 club members. Participants can fish less a member, however, members cannot be substituted during derby weekend.
- c. Super six winner is determined by best six walleye by weight. In the unlikely case of a tie, tie breaker will be determined by weight of largest fish.
- d. All other derby participants will automatically be in the Open division or the Youth division.
- e. There will be no super six in April.

5. All derby entrants must be a member of the L.S.C.W.A and **IN GOOD STANDING WITH DUES CURRENT** by the general membership meeting prior to the derby. Entrants in the Youth division, **MUST BE PART OF A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP OR BE A JUNIOR MEMBER.**

- a. All fish must be caught by the member whose name it's being registered for.
 - b. A proxy may weigh-in a members fish in his/hers absence.
 - c. Super Six teams must be comprised of **ONE BOAT** containing up to, but not more than, four (4) club members. Everyone on board must be a club member. The team must weigh-in a total of six (6) fish.
 - d. Entry in the Masters division will be mandatory for those members who have accumulated Ten (10) points or more in the derbies over a three (3) year period.
 - e. Scoring for points will be as follows for **ALL** divisions:
 - i. First place= 5 points
 - ii. Second place= 4 points
 - iii. Third place = 3 points
 - iv. Fourth place= 2 points
 - v. Fifth place= 1 point
 - f. Any member in the Masters division who fails to win three (3) or more points over a two year period will move back into the Open division.
 - g. All members who start in a division will remain in that division for the entire derby year. Except members in the Youth division who turn 17 during the derby year, will go in to the Open division once they become a regular member in good standing.
 - h. Any youth under 17 years of age, who wishes to fish in the Open Division, must purchase their own individual membership.
 - i. Angler who accumulates the most points throughout the combined masters and open divisions will be awarded the Angler of the Year.
6. All walleyes entered in the derbies will be considered under the following

conditions:

a. Minimum size will be 15 inches for Masters and Open Division, 15 inches for Youth Division.

b. All walleyes will be judged by weight. In case of a tie, the walleyes will be judged by length and if necessary, by girth.

c. All walleyes will be returned to the member who entered the fish.

d. Only one position can be won by each member per derby (excluding Super Six).

e. Walleyes which are being considered for taxidermy work will be marked in a way so as to not interfere with the mount.

7. It is the angler's responsibility to keep his/her fish in a fresh like condition (red or pink gills). All fish will be checked by the derby committee. It will take unanimous vote by the committee present to disqualify any fish at the weigh-in.

8. All Michigan and/or Ontario fishing rules will apply to all L.S.C.W.A. derbies. This includes travel restrictions set forth by the state, local and federal laws. The derby committee reserves the right to disqualify any walleye entered. Any discrepancies or violations of the above rules should be brought to the attention of the derby committee. Anglers are expected to fish in a courteous manner and uphold the standards of the L.S.C.W.A.

9. REGULAR SEASON DIVISIONAL TIE BREAKERS

9.1 The following applies for Youth, Open, Masters Division regular season end only when it comes to determining final standings. If a tie exists for total points within a division, the tie shall be broken by the heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season. Subsequently, if a tie exists for heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season the tie shall be broken by the longest fish by measured length.

10. REGULAR SEASON ANGLER OF THE YEAR TIE BREAKER

10.1 At the conclusion of the regular season, if a tie exists for total points in the Angler of the Year race, the tie shall be broken by the heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season. Subsequently, if a tie exists for heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season the tie shall be broken by the longest fish by measured by length.

11. TEAM FISHING

The practice of team fishing is defined as colluding and sharing information between anglers which are not currently fishing in the same boat as you during a monthly derby event. Team fishing is a common practice in state, regional, and national level tournaments where anglers work with other teams to cover great expanses of water and improve their likelihood of performing well and securing earnings. The Lake St Clair Walleye Association derby season offers club level fishing competition for members, restricts its boundaries to a limited area, and are not tournaments. The practice of team fishing for Lake St Clair Walleye Association derbies is prohibited. Sharing of information to help other anglers learn is highly encouraged after each monthly derby has concluded.

12. DERBY RULE VIOLATIONS

The responsibility for enforcement of derby rules primarily falls upon the individual angler and their fellow club members keeping one another accountable. An angler who violates derby rules faces sanctions up to forfeiting their entire regular season and angler of the year derby points for the calendar year in which the violation took place. Final determination of derby rule violations and imposition of sanctions against the angler who has been determined to be in violation of rules shall be made by the Board of Directors.

13. These rules are in effect until changed by the board.

To protect, preserve, and promote walleye fishing in Michigan through conservation, education, and enhancing fishing opportunities for all; celebrating our tradition since 1976.

