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Official Rules: AMATEURS PRINCECRAFT COMPONENT, 2025 EDITION

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NOTE :

Violent language and lack of respect will not be tolerated towards volunteers,
Its is the immediate disqualification and for the rest of the tournament

- A prize of 3 000\$ will be awarded for the biggest catch of the week.
- The grand prize will be awarded as follows in the table of results of the best hold of the tournament winch includes all the days of the round position will be drawn at random from all the holds entered between 75 and 150. The position will be revealed during the closing gala.
- The board of Directors of the FDDBJ reserves the right to accept or refuse a participant for reasons deemed important. The registration fee will be refunded.
- The participant must be able to provide proof of registration if requested by the organization.
- Participants may change the date of the "Princecraft Component" fishing day, until June 26, 2025 inclusively. After this date, a penalty of 2 points per capture will be incurred.
- No dogs on the docks or in the check-in station at all times.
- During fishing days, the participants aren't allowed at any dock, cottage, or water's edge, under penalty or punishment, with the exception of the station's registration or with an official. In the event of severe weather conditions, participants will be allowed to dock and resume the derby, once the weather is more favorable. In case of emergency, notify an official who will be identified.
- All walleye under 38 cm (15 inches) will be refused for registration. The official rule will be that of the registration station.
- According to the Quebec Sportfishing regulation; (*Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks Quebec*), - (MFFP) - ***in effect. April 01, 2018***, permission to record 1 capture measuring more than 53cm (20.86 inches) may be admitted, only for one catch, per angler, per day. Catch and release is mandatory, and no other catch of the day measuring more than 53 cm (20.86 inches) will be registered. *Ex: 1 big walleye/per day/per fisherman.*
- It is strictly forbidden to spear the fish under penalty of sanction
- Each participant will be responsible for handling and storing each live catch until it is checked in and released. Your signature on the record sheet of your captures means that you approve the information on it. Here are the 3 important points to check on your card before signing: 1) punch time; 2) registered weight; 3) Registered length.
- The participant must respect the festival facilities. It is strictly forbidden to use the docks to stop the boat.
- Respect the speed limit when passing through the buoys, under penalty of penalty.

1. HOW TO GET TICKETS :

- 1.1. Cost of tickets: \$85.00 (tax included)
- 1.2. A ticket entitles you to :
 - One fishing day in the Princecraft Component, either: June 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, July 2nd, 3rd 2025.
 - Additional chance for young people at the youth component and / or for the women at the women component and/or for people 55 years and older the Princecraft component, to win prizes.
- 1.3. **Purchase of tickets/registration:** daily from April 1st, 2025 until your scheduled fishing day.
 - 1.3.1. From the first fishing day of the festival (June 27, 2025), it will be possible to purchase tickets at the reception desk of the festival site during business hours.



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1.4. How to proceed:

- Registration by phone at 418 745-2020
 - on our website www.fddbji.com. Visa and Master Card accepted.
- 1.5. For the Princecraft component, a person can purchase up to 6 tickets (limit one ticket per day, per person).
- 1.6. No refunds after May 31st, 2025. In the event of a cancellation for justifiable reasons, the management reserves the right to issue a credit to the same value as the amount disbursed (valid for one year only and applicable to the next edition of the derby).
- 1.7. A disqualification from the derby for any reason whatsoever will result in a loss of the purchase cost of the ticket.
- 1.8. **The board of Directors of the FDDBJ reserves the right to accept or refuse a participant for reasons deemed important. The registration fee will be refunded.**

2. REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS: THE PRINCECRAFT COMPONENT, SECTIONS: WOMEN AND YOUTH :

- 2.1. Takes place exclusively on Opémisca Lake near Chapais.
- 2.2. **No violent language and lack of respect will be tolerated towards volunteers under penalty of disqualification.**
- 2.3. **No dogs on the docks or in the check-in station at all times.**
- 2.4. The fishing dates for this component are: June 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, July 2nd, 3rd 2025.
- 2.5. The participant must hold a valid fishing license on the day of fishing.
- 2.6. **Fishing day must be reserved when purchasing the ticket.**
- 2.7. It is possible to change the date of the day's fishing component Opémisca until June 26, 2025 inclusive (subject to availability). After that date, the participant incurs a penalty of 2 points per catch.
- 2.8. It is mandatory to comply with all Quebec Sportfishing regulations prescribed by the *Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks Quebec* (MFFP) for the summer 2025 unless the committee's decision FDDBJ specifies regulations more restrictive. In case of doubt, the walleye may be refused by the committee's decision. Opémisca Lake is located in the fishing area 17. In this area, bait fish alive or dead is prohibited; earthworms and leeches are allowed
- 2.9. **We also invite you to read and follow the steps to prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species in Quebec (<https://environnement.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/especes-exotiques-envahissantes/index.asp>); see leaflet inside your fishing info kit.**
- 2.10. All regulations concerning navigation on water bodies must be respected.
- 2.11. The comments, pictures or images of participants can be used to promote the event without permissions or other requests made to participants
- 2.12. The reception desk at the festival site opens from 7am **for fishermen already enrolled**. For all new inscriptions, the ticket sales counter will be open at 8:00 a.m., or when all pre-purchased tickets will be finalized (ref. 1.3.1). The morning of his fishing day, each participant presents himself with his ticket of the day. After signing the participants list, we will give him a number vest and a fishing info kit. An identification flag will be installed on the boat. By signing, you have read, understood and agree to comply with regulations made under the derby with rigor and sportsmanship. You also waive any claim or legal proceeding towards the organization and its directors for any loss, material damage and / or injuries suffered during your participation in the derby. Youth participants under 18 must have the list signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- 2.13. **It is mandatory that each participant bears his bib fully and visibly at all times, for the purposes of monitoring and security under penalty.**
- 2.14. For control and security reasons, the bib must **necessarily** be returned to the reception deck at the end of the fishing's day. In the event of failure to comply with this regulation, charges \$ 30.00 will be charged to the offending participant.
- 2.15. The flag's identification of the boat must be installed by the person in charge of the boat and remain visible at all times. At the end of the fishing's day, this flag must **necessarily be removed by an official** (registration station) after the boat is check.
- 2.16. The boats will be checked before, during and after the fishing day. A participant who refuses an inspection of the boat by an official will result in disqualification of all participants on the boat.
- 2.17. Only persons on board the boat having a valid ticket for that day will be allowed to fish.
- 2.18. The participants must fish from a boat and it must be held at more than 5 meters (15 feet) of another boat or the shore. Watercraft and paddle boats are excluded from the derby. Boats with turbine pool are accepted.
- 2.19. During the fishing days, participants cannot get out of their boat (either at a dock, cottage or waterfront) under penalty except at the registration station at the departure point or with an official. In the event of severe weather, participants will dock and resume the derby once the weather gets better. For an emergency, notify an official duly identified.
- 2.20. No other species than walleye should be kept inside the boat as part of your derby fishing day.
- 2.21. A clearance zone "speed limit and no fishing" will be installed where catch and release will be performed.
- 2.22. **Limit of 3 live Walleye maximum per participant in the boat at all times. If the number exceeds the allowable limit, all the WALLEYE without exception in the boat will be returned to the water without having been registered. The fishermen must return to capture one or more captures.**
- 2.23. **No walleye captured during the participation in Princecraft component (also women and youth) can be kept by the participant.** The participant agrees to keep its catch alive and return them to the water the day of the participation
- 2.24. Dead walleyes will have to be given to the derby officials. The presence of two or more dead walleyes inside the boat can lead to the disqualification of all participants in the boat. Derby's officials will give the dead walleyes to charity.



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- 2.25. Each participant must give his number vest to an official at the reception office to signify his decision to no longer be part of the derby under penalty. At no time, a participant may terminate its day of fishing without having given his number to the reception and to have his boat inspected or to disqualify himself, the decision rests solely with the committee's decision.
- 2.26. The decisions taken by the committee are final.

3. **CATCHES REGISTRY FOR THE PRINCECRAFT COMPONENT, SECTIONS : WOMEN AND YOUTH :**

- 3.1. Official check-in station at the Lake Opémisca landing: open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until the last catch that passed the buoys before 5 p.m. is registered for each fishing day of the tournament.
- 3.2. The boat must be **inside buoys before the deadline** to ensure that catches will be recorded. **TIME LIMIT: 5pm.**
- 3.3. Maximum of 3 records per ticket. Three live captures can be saved.
- 3.4. Mandatory release of each catch according to the official's instructions, walleye must leave in its natural swimming position within one minute of its catch; otherwise the score assigned to this catch will be 0. Dead fish will be recovered by officials and given to charity.
- 3.5. **Any walleye under 15 inches (38 cm) will not be accepted for recording.**
- 3.6. According to the Quebec Sportfishing regulation; (*Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks Quebec, - MFFP*) which will take effect on, April 1, 2025, **permission to record 1 capture measuring more than 53cm (20.86 inches) may be admitted, only for one catch, per angler, per day. Catch and release is mandatory, and no other catch of the day measuring more than 53 cm (20.86 inches) should be registered. E.g.: 1 big walleye/per day/per fisherman.**
- 3.7. **Walleye is measured overall length (from nose to tail) natural position and** weighing must be done with bare hands and sleeves up.
- 3.8. Each participant will have the responsibility to handle and maintain each capture alive until its registration and returned to the water. **Your signature means you agree to the information appearing on the registration form of your catch.** Here are **three important points** to check on your card catch registration: 1) Hour of the punch, 2) Weight recorded, 3) Length listed
- 3.9. The points are given for each walleye by weight (to a hundredth of a pound) and the length (to a thousandth of an inch) if the walleye goes back to its natural swimming position within one minute after its put release;
e.g. : A walleye 25 and 1/8 inch (25,125 points) weighing 5.6 pounds (5.6 points) left living in natural swimming position will give 30,725 points standings.

4. **DISQUALIFICATION PRINCECRAFT COMPONENT, SECTIONS : WOMEN AND YOUTH :**

- 4.1. The decision-making committee reserves the right to disqualify any participant after a sufficient number of written complaints from the public, or to reasonable doubts with respect to non-compliance with regulations from a participant, and / or persons located in the same boat as the participant.
- 4.2. Any action or behavior of a participant may have negative repercussions on the image of the derby or the safety of participants may be a disqualification by the decision of the committee.
- 4.3. **All participants of a boat may be disqualified if they commit one of the following offenses :**
 - 4.3.1. **Refusal of having the boat checked by an official.**
 - 4.3.2. **Voluntary breaking of fishing line or fishing rod when an official is approaching.**
 - 4.3.3. **Non-compliance of sport fishing in Quebec Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks Quebec (MFFP).**
 - 4.3.4. **Recording a walleye not from Opémisca Lake.**
 - 4.3.5. **Approaching a boat less than 5 meters (15 feet).**
 - 4.3.6. **Docking the boat anywhere away from the official registration station without permission (unless the weather compromises your security).**
 - 4.3.7. **If a person in the boat is fishing without a bib (only derby participants have the right to fish in the boat).**
 - 4.3.8. **A boat contains two or more dead walleye; all dead walleye must be given as soon as possible to a derby official.**
 - 4.3.9. **Voluntary speeding approaching the docks et non respect of the speed limit near the docks.**
- 4.4. Only the offending participant in the boat may be disqualified if :
 - 4.4.1. Participant's gone fishing before he registers and signs the list of participants at the reception
 - 4.4.2. Failure to wear vest number (ref .2.11)

5. **PROTEST :**

- 5.1. The Derby Director or participants may raise a protest. The protest must be filed on the same day of the alleged act and in writing to the decision committee **before 7 pm**. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 in cash which will be refunded if the protest is found valid. Following a closed meeting with stakeholders, an irrevocable decision will be made by the committee.
- 5.2. In the event where a violation is reported to the decision-making Committee, and that irrevocable decision stipulates that indeed there was violation of the regulations in force, a disqualification will be established by the decision-making Committee and awards/scholarships attached to the winning position will be revoked.



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6. **AWARDS AND BURSARIES - CATEGORY AMATEURS :**

- 6.1. Awards and prizes will be attributed under the tent at the festival site at the closing gala of July 5, 2025.
- 6.2. The winner's name will be posted daily at the festival reception desk and each participation prizes will be awarded on closing night. To claim the prize, the winner must present an identity document and / or a copy of his ticket.
- 6.3. Winners will be required to take possession of their prize (boats) within 30 days following the award ceremony (July 5, 2025). Only sales taxes (GST and QST) are included in the allocation of boats; any other costs or expenses related to the acquisition and use of these vehicles will be the responsibility of the winner. No boats will be handed over on the closing night.
- 6.4. Expenses for travel to institutions offering packages are not included in the awards. One prize per ticket will be awarded to the winner. In the event that a participant wins more than one prize with a single ticket the highest value will be awarded. The prize of lesser value will be granted to the participant holding the ranking position immediately following the winner.
- 6.5. Each of the three catches will be retained in each respective component. The final ranking points will be in descending order: 1) total points, 2) weight, 3) length; 4) hour of the first recorded catch in each fishing day in the Opémisca component, and finally 5) the date of ticket purchase (oldest to most recent).
- 6.6. The grand prize will be awarded as follows in the table of results of the best hold of the tournament which includes all the days of the leg, a position will be drawn at random from all the holds entered between 75 and 150. The position will be revealed during closing gala
 - ❖ Hudson 170 DLX WS 2023 boat, equipped with a 115 Mercury outboard motor. EXLPT EFI 4 stroke and galvanized trailer. Options included: trailer cover, 160 watt AM/FM/Bluetooth Jensen Stereo, removable ski pylon, bow rider seat cushions, sun top with bimini canvas, RSP combo, lockable glove box compartment, stainless steel ladder, swing tongue for trailer, electric motor plug, tilt steering wheel and slide for driver's seat, Humminbird Helix 5 CHIRP GPS G3 sonar with RAM mount (bathymetric depth maps not included), 24 volt onboard charger (Prospert 20), Minn Kota 70PD V2 trolling motor (24 volt, 60 inches, 70 lb peak thrust) with bracket and battery switch.
All with an approximate value of \$ 57 300 + tax.
- 6.7. Every day, for the following fishing days; in the Princecraft Component (June 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, July 2nd, 3rd 2025). Positions drawn and winners will be announced at the closing gala. Winners have the chance to win the following:
 - ❖ One of the 4 boats **Princecraft Seasprite 12 feet with Mercury 5 HP, 4 stroke engine, all equipped with a galvanized trailer, with an approximate value of \$ 9 192.**
 - ❖ One of the 2 boats **Princecraft Ungava, 12 feet with motor Mercury 9.9 HP, 4 stroke engine, all teams a galvanized trailer with an approximate value of \$ 11 213.**
- 6.8. For 2 days of amateur fishing, a participation prize of \$ 100 will be awarded randomly among Princecraft boat owners. (Sponsorship Princecraft).
- 6.9. \$ 500 per day will be awarded to the participant with the biggest catch of the day.
- 6.10. A prize of 3000 \$ will be awarded for the biggest catch of the week.
- 6.11. For each prize claim a valid fishing license must be submitted for that day.

7. **WOMEN SECTION :**

- 7.1. The component is complementary to the same Princecraft component and regulations apply.
- 7.2. Women have access to the AMATEURS category derby.
- 7.3. With the same ticket, only the highest prize among the components will be distributed to the winner.
- 7.4. **Positions will be randomly drawn from all catches registered between 1 and 200.**
- 7.5. Awards and bursaries of the feminine component; **Prize will be chose by the winners live on the stage.** The winners will be announced at the closing gala:
 - ❖ \$ 2,000 cash prizes (Sponsorship by: "Marché Tradition, Doris Bouchard").
 - ❖ A package for 2 people for 4 nights in low season, boat included, (Sponsorship of Pourvoirie Chibougamau, value of \$1840).
 - ❖ An FXR waterproof set (Sponsorship of Imperium Chibougamau, value of \$1437)
 - ❖ \$300 gift certificate (Uniprix sponsorship)
 - ❖ Prize for the biggest catch per day (Sponsored by the Centre de Femmes Les Essenti'ELLES de Chapais)



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8. YOUTH SECTION :

- 8.1. The component is complementary to the same Princecraft component and regulations apply.
- 8.2. The Youth component is for people under 18 years the first day of the festival who wish to participate in Princecraft component. They must be accompanied by an adult holding a valid fishing license in Quebec.
- 8.3. The youth also have access to other components of the category AMATEURS category.
- 8.4. With the same ticket, only the highest prize among the components will be distributed to the winner.
- 8.5. Youth awards: **Prizes will be attributed to the winners, based on the randomly drawn positions among all participations tickets, between 1 and 200 per ticket at the closing gala.**

9. VOLET BEL-ÂGE :

- 9.1. The component is complementary to the same Princecraft component and regulations apply.
- 9.2. The component is intended for people aged 55 and over the first day of the festival in the Princecraft Component.
- 9.3. With the same ticket, only the highest prize among the components will be distributed to the winner.
- 9.4. A position will be drawn at random from the entries entered between 1 and 200 during the closing gala. Price to determine.

10. CIVIL LIABILITY :

The Festival will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, breakage of all kinds or causing death, theft or vandalism perpetrated on the person or visitors' property and participants present at the event.

11. OFFICIAL RESULTS :

Official results will be announced at the closing gala held Saturday, July 5th, 2025 at 7 pm., under the tent of the official derby site.