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## Official Rules: CHALLENGE COMPONENT 2022 EDITION

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### NOTES :

**THIS DAY IS NOT PART OF THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE DERBY: PRINCECRAFT, WOMEN, YOUTH, 55 AND OVER AND FAMILY COMPONENT**

**Please note that the health measures set out by the Government of Quebec and public health will be in effect throughout the duration of the Festival.**

#### 1. HOW TO GET TICKETS :

- 1.1. **Cost of tickets: \$70.00 (tax included)**
- 1.2. A ticket entitles you to:
  - One fishing day in the Challenge Component June 28 2022;
  - Note that this day is not part of the other components of the derby: princecraft, women, youth, 55 years and over and family component. This component does not give any right to the prices concerning these other components (Boats, gifts, etc.)
- 1.3. Purchase of tickets/registration: daily from April 1st, 2022 until June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - 1.3.1. From the first fishing day of the festival (June 24, 2022), it will be possible to purchase tickets at the reception desk of the festival site during business hours.
- 1.4. How to proceed:
  - Registration by phone at 418 745-2020
  - on our website [www.fddb.com](http://www.fddb.com). Visa and Master Card accepted.
- 1.5. A disqualification from the derby for any reason whatsoever will result in a loss of the purchase cost of the ticket.
- 1.6. **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:

- 2.1. Takes place exclusively on Opémisca Lake near Chapais.
- 2.2. The fishing date for this component is June 28<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- 2.3. The participant must hold a valid fishing license on the day of fishing.
- 2.4. The FDDBJ reserves the right to cancel the activity, if registrations are insufficient.
- 2.5. It is mandatory to comply with all Quebec Sportfishing regulations prescribed by the Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks Quebec (MFFP) for the summer 2022 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, baitfish alive or dead is prohibited; earthworms and leeches are allowed.
- 2.6. **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.**
- 2.7. All regulations concerning navigation on water bodies must be respected.
- 2.8. The comments, pictures or images of participants can be used to promote the event without permissions or other requests made to participants
- 2.9. The reception desk at the festival site opens from 9 am **for anglers already enrolled**. For all new inscriptions, the ticket sales counter will open at 9:15 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. 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.
- 2.10. **It is mandatory that each participant bear his bib fully and visibly at all times, for the purposes of monitoring and security under penalty.**
- 2.11. For control and security reasons, the bib must **necessarily** be returned to the reception desk 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.
- 2.12. 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.
- 2.13. 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.
- 2.14. Only persons on board the boat having a valid ticket for that day will be allowed to fish.
- 2.15. 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 paddleboats are excluded from the derby. Boats with turbine pool are accepted.
- 2.16. 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. 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.
- 2.17. No other species than walleye should be kept inside the boat as part of your derby fishing day.
- 2.18. A clearance zone "speed limit and no fishing" will be installed where catch and release will be performed.
- 2.19. **Limit of 2 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 anglers must return to capture one or more captures.**
- 2.20. **No walleye captured during the participation in the CHALLENGE component, 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
- 2.21. 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.
- 2.22. 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.
- 2.23. The decisions taken by the committee are final.



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### 3. CATCHES REGISTRY:

- 3.1. Official registration station at Opémisca Lake landing site: opens from 9am.to 4pm. For the challenge component derby day.
- 3.2. The boat must be **inside buoys before the deadline** to ensure that catches will be recorded. **TIME LIMIT: 4pm.**
- 3.3. Maximum of 2 records per ticket. Two live captures can be saved.
- 3.4. Catch and release required of each capture, 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, 2022, **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 angler.**
- 3.7. **The walleye is measured overall length** 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

### 4. SCORE :

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. The cumulative of the two captures will be retained in the ascending ranking of the challenge section. The final ranking of points will be in descending order according to: 1) total points; 2) weight; 3) the length.

### 5. DISQUALIFICATION :

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. **All participants of a boat may be disqualified if they commit one of the following offenses :**
  - 5.3.1. **Refusal of having the boat checked by an official.**
  - 5.3.2. **Voluntary breaking of fishing line or fishing rod when an official is approaching.**
  - 5.3.3. **Non-compliance of sport fishing in Quebec Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Parks Quebec (MFFP).**
  - 5.3.4. **Recording a walleye not from Opémisca Lake.**
  - 5.3.5. **Approaching a boat less than 5 meters (15 feet).**
  - 5.3.6. **Docking the boat anywhere away from the official registration station without permission (unless the weather compromises your security).**
  - 5.3.7. **If a person in the boat is fishing without a bib (only derby participants have the right to fish in the boat).**
  - 5.3.8. **A boat contains two or more dead walleye; all dead walleye must be given as soon as possible to a derby official.**
- 5.4. Only the offending participant in the boat may be disqualified if :
  - 5.4.1. Participant's gone fishing before he registers and signs the list of participants at the reception
  - 5.4.2. Failure to wear vest number (ref .2.10)

### 6. PROTEST :

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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.

### 7. PRIZE :

- 7.1. A minimum of \$1,000 cash will be awarded to the winner at the closing gala on July 2, 2022.
- 7.2. Possibility of other cash prizes depending on the number of registrations.

### 8. 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.

### 9. OFFICIAL RESULTS :

Official results will be announced at the closing gala held Saturday, July, 2<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 pm., under the tent of the official derby site.