

**LIONS CLUB OF CHITTENANGO, INC.**  
**2021 OFFICIAL WALLEYE DERBY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**As a result of the Covid-19 virus, there will be NO public events at Chapman Park on Sunday.**  
**CDC Covid-19 protocols for masks and social distancing will be enforced at Derby Headquarters and Measuring Stations.**

1. Entry Ticket: \$20, ONLY ONE NAME PER TICKET. MUST be purchased before midnight, April 30, 2021.
2. **All entry tickets must have a telephone number where entrants can be reached for Truth Verification Test. 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> place winners must take a Truth Verification Test. (See Rule 7)**
3. All walleyes must be caught after 12:01 a.m., May 1<sup>st</sup> in Oneida Lake, its tributaries or estuaries with boundaries as follows: Oneida River – upstream from Caughdenoy Dam; Oneida River Cut – Lock 23; Chittenango Creek – 1 mile upstream from Rt. 31 Bridge; Fish Creek – Downstream where East & West Branch connect; East Barge Canal – 1 mile east of Fish Creek; Scriba Creek – upstream from St. Rt. 49 Bridge to the dam. All other creeks or streams: 1 mile upstream from Oneida Lake. **The Derby officially closes at 3:00 PM. Sunday, May 2, 2021.**
4. MEASURING STATIONS: Are indicated in the Information Pamphlet which is available online (lionswalleyederby.org), at all ticket sale locations, and by mail.
5. All walleyes must be ALIVE for entry at measuring station.
6. SIZE CONTEST: **Prize money is based on sales of at least 1000 tickets. If less than 1000 tickets are sold the prize money will be prorated.**
  - a. The Official Derby Leader Board will be maintained at Derby Headquarters –**Chapman Park, Bridgeport** until 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. UPDATES: see “Leader Board” link at lionswalleyederby.org
  - b. All Walleyes will be measured until the Derby Leader Board has 25 entries. Walleyes must be the minimum New York State angling length of 15” or longer.
  - c. The official cut off size is determined by the 25<sup>th</sup> Leader Board entry.
  - d. Entrants MUST check the Official Leader Board at Derby Headquarters – **Chapman Park, Bridgeport** BY 3:30 p.m. Sunday, to ensure their qualified walleye is listed. Report any errors to Headquarter Officials. NO changes to the Official Derby Leader Board will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - e. Entrants must keep a copy of their FISH ENTRY FORM from the Measuring Station when they enter a walleye.
  - f. The Measuring Station will call Derby Headquarters with any eligible fish to be listed on the **Official Derby Leader Board**.
  - g. An entrant may enter a larger walleye than previously entered during the Derby, but only **ONE SIZE CONTEST AWARD** may be granted per entry ticket.
  - h. WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING: 1<sup>st</sup>: Length; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Weight; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Girth; 4<sup>th</sup>: TOSS OF COIN. Contest results are not final until 4:00 p.m., May 2, 2021.
7. **Truth Verification Test: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners must take a Truth Verification Test at Derby Headquarters - Chapman Park, Bridgeport, between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2021. *Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of award and entrant will be disqualified.* The 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place walleyes must be shown to the Derby Committee at this time.**
8. **MEASURING STATION AWARDS:** Entrants with the largest eligible walleye entered per day at each measuring station will receive \$25.00. **SIZE CONTEST WINNERS DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD.** All Size Contest and Measuring Station winners will receive their check by mail.
9. **BONUS DRAW PRIZES:** Each **ENTRY TICKET** includes one BONUS ticket, which is **retained** with your paid stub. Derby Officials will draw these tickets privately on Sunday. Winners will be notified by either email or phone. Winners will be responsible for arranging to pick up their prize **and are responsible for any taxes.** All prizes must be claimed within two weeks from date of the Derby.
10. Because of Covid 19 there will be **NO Awards Ceremony or public events at Chapman Park on Sunday.** CDC Covid-19 protocols regarding masks and social distancing will be enforced at Derby Headquarter and Measuring Stations.
11. **TAGGED FISH:** In April the NYS DEC tags three walleyes for the Derby and releases them into Oneida Lake. The fish will have a Derby value of **\$5000, \$2500 or \$1250 during the Derby.** The tag numbers and values will be disclosed on Saturday morning, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Derby Headquarters, online, and at each measuring station. Claimants must present a valid **2021** Entry Ticket and the walleye with tag attached. **Tagged walleyes must be presented to a measuring station before 3 p.m. SUNDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**
12. Chittenango Lions Club reserves the right to have any walleye examined by DEC or a fish biologist. Any walleye entered may be held until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, **2021.**
13. **DECISION of the CHITTENANGO Lions Club will be final. Any questions contact Info@lionswalleyederby.org.**

**2021 PRIZE STRUCTURE SIZE CONTEST**

Winners are responsible for all taxes.

**If less than 1000 tickets are sold the prize money will be prorated.**

1st Place	\$2,000	7th Place	\$325
2nd Place	\$1,500	8th Place	\$250
3rd Place	\$950	9th Place	\$225
4th Place	\$750	10th Place	\$200
5th Place	\$525	11th - 15th	\$150
6th Place	\$425	16th - 25th	\$100