

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ORILLIA PERCH FESTIVAL

- Participation and Eligibility:** All persons who are of sufficient age to handle a rod and reel are eligible.
1. All entrants must be registered in the Orillia Perch Festival **prior** to commencing of fishing. A properly completed application form must be received from each applicant along with the appropriate fee **before** fishing in the Festival.
 2. There are separate prize categories for adults and children.
 3. **Lost registration forms will require an additional registration fee for replacement.**
 4. All contestants registered and who enter Perch shall be eligible for their category prize.
 5. Each contestant must retain their registration form to qualify and verify for the collection of prizes.
 6. Perch Festival Buttons must be worn as I.D. when participating in the Festival.
 7. Each person in a boat must be registered in the Festival or their daily catch will not be eligible nor shall the catch taken that day by any other fisherman in the same boat, whether registered or not, be eligible.
 8. Participants agree to abide by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Game and Fish Act and regulations, the Small Vessel Regulations and the Rules and Regulations of the Orillia Perch Festival.
 9. Live or artificial bait may be used. All fish must be caught by conventional sport fishing methods in accordance with recognized angling practises
 10. No holder of a commercial fishing licence may enter.
 11. Any entrant who uses anything whatsoever to attempt to falsely represent themselves or the fish they have caught shall be immediately disqualified from this and future Festivals. All prizes and awards will be forfeited back to the Festival.
 12. Any perch that appears to be mangled, fouled hooked, snagged, is otherwise altered or which is dead shall **not be eligible** for any prize.
 13. **Fishing Hours for the Festival are daily from 5am to registering by 7pm at the Perch Headquarters in Tudhope Park. Headquarters hours are daily 7am to 7pm and 7am to 4pm on Closing Day.**
 14. Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations Re: General Spoiling of Fish – Any fish that has been lawful caught and which is suitable for food must not be destroyed or permitted to spoil. “If you are going to eat it – keep it. If not put it back”
 15. The Festival is a live release event. Fish must be in good condition, preferably in an aerated bucket. Presentation of a perch for “live release” must meet Festival and Conservation Club Member standards or it will not qualify for the draws
 16. Participants agree upon making application to fish in the Orillia Perch Festival that the decisions of the official committee members and/or the Festival Director shall be final and binding on all matters.
 17. All contestants agree to allow Festival Officials to board their boats and to inspect any participants catch and equipment at any time.
 18. All Perch caught must be delivered intact to the Perch Festival Headquarters in Tudhope Park on the same day they are caught. Festival Officials will inspect tagged fish before any qualification is given for awards.
 19. Festival and Chamber not responsible for Tagged Perch caught from previous years’. They have no cash or prize value.
 20. No member of the Perch Festival Committee of the Orillia District Chamber of Commerce will be eligible for the tagged perch award of the event.
 21. All prizes and awards must be claimed within 90 days from the closing date of the Festival.

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