

Youth Derby Rules

The spirit of the Youth Division is to instill good sportsmanship, teach the preservation of our fishing environment, and promote the stewardship of all species of fish.

A. General

i - All fishing and boating rules will be observed. Any violation to the rules will result in an automatic disqualification. Misbehavior by child or accompanying adult(s) will also result in an automatic disqualification.

A1) Any child age 3 to 15 can enter for free.

A2) One rod per child.

A3) Any child entering the derby must be checked-in (rod in hand) at:

i - The Martinez Bait & Tackle shop (boat fishing)

ii - The base of the Martinez Pier (pier fishing)

A4) The child's rod must be tagged during the check-in process

A5) The tag must remain on the rod throughout the entire Derby.

A6) Only fish landed with the tagged rod can be submitted for a drawing ticket.

A7) We have lots of prizes. Only one prize will be awarded per child.

A8) More than 1 fish may be submitted for a derby prize ticket

A9) Youth Division participants do not have to fish the entire derby, but must be present at the award ceremony to accept any prize.

A10) If a sturgeon is harvested, the youth angler will have to show proof of a Sturgeon Report Card to a derby official, regardless of age or platform where the sturgeon was harvested. But the sturgeon must be released to enter the drawing.

A11) Furthermore, if the youth angler harvests a legal sturgeon (**between 40" and 60" from nose to fork in tail**), the angler may continue to fish other species but will not receive a ticket for the harvested sturgeon.

A12) Youth anglers that catch & release any fish will receive a ticket for every fish they release.

B. Boating

- B1) Children in boats must maintain the use of a PFD. Automatic disqualification for children & adults in a boat that violate this rule.
- B2) As soon as a fish is hooked up call for a weigh master to verify the child catching his or her fish. If you have trouble hailing a weigh master on channel 68, call
Captain Jeremy Kangas “Dispatcher” [925 286-3509](tel:9252863509) or
Captain Steve Talmadge [510 851-2500](tel:5108512500)

C. Martinez Pier

- C1) Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian, 16 years old or older.
- C2) As soon as a fish is hooked up, hail for a pier official to verify the child catching his or her fish. Multiple pier officials will be stationed on the pier.
- C3) Per 2013 DFG regulations, no snares nor gaffs will be allowed for Sturgeon. Multiple pier nets will be stationed on the pier for the derby use. *If the accompanying adult/guardian is reluctant to use the pier net, a pier official will be able to assist.

Thank You
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