

2019 Moosehead Lake Togue Derby Rules:

This derby is for lake trout (togue) caught in Moosehead Lake only. No other fish can be entered. All fish entered in the derby must be caught between 12:01 am Friday, January 25th and the close of the derby at 4:00 pm January 27th. **You must be in line at 4:00 pm January 27, 2019 to have your fish weighed to be included in the derby.** Derby ticket sales end at 3:00 pm on Friday Jan 25, 2019 at Old Town Trading Post and at 12:00 pm Saturday, January 26, 2019 all other locations and internet sales. You must have a valid entry form to have your fish weighed.

Fish can be weighed at **the Bartley Event Center (241 Pritham Ave)** in Greenville or the Moosehead Bait and Tackle in Rockwood. Weigh stations will be open Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday 4:00 pm –7:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. All fish must be free of ice, snow, & visible bait and/or tackle before weighing.

The legal bag limit on Moosehead Lake is 1 togue over 18 inches. Participants are reminded if they keep a togue over 18” to register for a prize, they must legally consume that fish before keeping another togue over 18”.

Entrants with a potential winning fish may be required to provide the weigh stations with the exact location of their catch. The top three winners will be required to sign an affidavit that their winning entries were caught in Moosehead Lake between January 25 and January 27, 2019 and may be subject to interviews by the Judges. All winning fish may be retained and examined by the Judges and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. In all matters the decision of the derby judges will be final.

The derby will be postponed by the judges in the event that Moosehead Lake does not have a safe thickness of ice and the derby will be rescheduled. All Maine Ice Fishing Regulations must be followed and all winners unless exempt will be required to provide proof of a valid fishing license.

Three prizes will be awarded for the first, second, and third largest togue. Winners will be ranked by weight. First tiebreaker will be the longest length; second tiebreaker will be the earlier time weighed. In all matters, the decision of the derby judges will be final. Prizes for the three largest togue are \$1,500 1st place, \$500 2nd place, and \$250 3rd place.

All door prizes will be drawn from entry tickets. There is no fish pool this year and no need to weigh in small togue. Door prizes will be drawn around 7:00pm on Saturday immediately after the banquet. There will be only 1 entry per ticket into the door prize drawing. This is the primary name, address, and phone number on the ticket. However, all names on a family ticket may enter a fish into the derby. Children’s names on the family ticket and names from the additional youth drawing tickets will be entered into a separate drawing. First prize is a RESIDENT lifetime fishing license if the winner is age 15 or younger. If the winner is not eligible for the Resident lifetime license, they will receive \$250.

Door Prize drawing results will be posted on the NREC website (www.NRECmoosehead.org) and Facebook page a few hours after the drawing on Saturday night. We will have all prizes at the Greenville Weigh-in station on Sunday from 9am-4pm so you can pick them up on the way out of town.

We will attempt to notify winners on Monday and Tuesday after the derby. Winners have until the end of the 2020 Moosehead Lake Togue Derby (1 year) to pick up prizes at the Moosehead Region Visitors’ Center.

The first door prize winner can choose from one of offered vacation trips or \$1,500 cash.

The trips are coordinated through Bigelow Travel in Dover-Foxcroft. The winner has options to modify dates and other aspects of the trips, including the location of the departure flights. Any additional expense above the advertised value is the responsibility of the winner. The winners will have to successfully complete the required background check associated with the purchase of a firearm. Indian Hill Trading Post (FFL) will coordinate the necessary paperwork. The winners of the two firearms must be 18 year old or older and be qualified to legally own and purchase firearms in Maine. Winners not from the Greenville area may have the firearm shipped to a nearby FFL at their expense. The winners of the firearms have the option to take the cash value paid by NREC (\$300 each) to Indian Hill instead of taking possession of the firearm.

**Join us Saturday night from 5-7pm at the Bartley Event Center (241 Pritham Ave)
for a Spaghetti Dinner and the Derby door prize drawing!!!**

**** - Note the new location for the weigh in station and banquet in Greenville. It is the Bartley Event Center (241 Pritham Ave) –across from the American Legion Hall.**