

## A Word about Nonresident Youth:

The 2023 Wyoming Fishing regulations (page 2) define youth:

### RESIDENT YOUTH

under 14 do not need a license and their creel limit is the same as those requiring licenses.

### NONRESIDENT YOUTH

under 14 do not need a license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid Wyoming fishing license; however, the nonresident youth's creel limit shall be applied to and limited by the fishing license held by the adult person in his/her company. Nonresident youth under 14 that possess a valid daily or nonresident youth annual fishing license may capture and possess a full creel limit.

**This means that out of state youth DO NOT get their own separate creel limit unless they purchase a fishing license.** As a result, out of state participants with children under 14 also participating in the derby will want to obtain fishing licenses for their children to prevent violating Wyoming Fishing Regulations and as a result Derby rules.

Resident Youth (children under 14 who have lived in Wyoming for over 1 year) do receive their own separate creel limit and do not need a fishing license.

## Note to Participants:

The most common Game and Fish violations that are encountered by Wardens are:

- ✓ **No License** – Carry your valid Fishing License with you at all times while fishing.
- ✓ **No Conservation Stamp** – If you have a license that requires a stamp, you have to carry this one too.
- ✓ **Possession / Creel Limit** – You are only allowed 1 lake trout over 24" in your possession. CAUTION: A fish you caught yesterday that is in your cooler or freezer still counts towards your possession limit!
- ✓ **Illegal Bait** – Such as game fish minnows or live minnows.
- ✓ **Unattended Fishing Poles** – If you leave your pole for any reason, it must not have line in the water.
- ✓ **Using More Than 2 Poles**
- ✓ **Filleting Trout** – Prevents accurate length and species identification of your creel limit.

# PINEDALE LIONS CLUB BIG FISH WINTER DERBY

Fremont Lake • Pinedale, Wyoming

Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th 2023



## RULES & REGULATIONS



## Notice of Event

The Big Fish Winter Derby will be held at Fremont Lake, Pinedale, Wyoming on the weekend of Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th, 2023. Only fish, freshly caught through the ice in Fremont Lake and meeting the size limitations set forth in these Rules and regulations are eligible for prizes. The hours of the Derby are:

Saturday, March 4th - 7:00a to 4:00p  
Sunday, March 5th - 7:00a to 2:00p

## Headquarters and Weigh-ins

Derby headquarters will be at Lakeside Lodge on the South end of Fremont Lake. Fishing is not allowed before 7:00a. Fish caught earlier than 7:00a will not be accepted for entry in the Derby and will result in immediate disqualification of the entrant and forfeiture of all prizes. All fish entered must be promptly (within one hour of being caught) weighed-in and scored at Lakeside Lodge. Frozen fish will not be accepted for entry in the Derby. Entries will not be accepted after 4:00p on Saturday, March 4th or 2:00p on Sunday, March 5th. Weigh-ins and scoring will be conducted by Derby Officials, whose decisions shall be final and binding.

## G&F Rules

Entrants must have a valid 2023 Wyoming fishing license **and conservation stamp** in their possession during the hours of the Derby. **All Wyoming Fishing Regulations and creel limits applicable to Fremont Lake shall apply** and will be enforced by Game and Fish personnel. Live fish bait is not allowed.

## Prizes and Size Limits

Prizes will be awarded on an hourly and daily basis for the biggest fish caught. The biggest fish will be determined by weight. To enter, a fish must meet the following size limitations:

Lake Trout - 24" or longer  
Brown Trout - 16" or longer  
Rainbow Trout - 16" or longer

Fish not meeting the size limits should be immediately released.

Children under 14 may register in the Youth Division where they may enter fish that are 12" or longer.

Wyoming creel limits provide that an individual may possess six (6) trout. **HOWEVER, anyone entering a lake trout, 24" or longer, in the Big Fish category may not enter another lake trout, 24" or longer on the same day. Also, Culling (releasing previously caught fish to maintain creel limit) is illegal and will result in**

**disqualification.** Entrants, however, can continue to participate that day and enter brown or rainbow trout. The prize categories are as follows:

### DAILY BIG FISH

Grand Prize \$1000  
Second Place \$400  
Third Place \$200  
Fourth Place \$150  
Brown Trout \$200  
Rainbow Trout \$200

### HOURLY BIG FISH \$100

### YOUTH DAILY BIG FISH (under 14)

Grand Prize \$100  
Second Place \$50  
Third Place \$25

**Note:** Any fish entered in the derby is considered **"reduced to possession"** under the Wyoming fishing regulations, and cannot be released.

**Note:** Possession limit means the maximum number of game fish that may legally be in possession **at any time in any form**. Game fish in transit or storage, **including home or domicile**, shall be considered in possession. Possession limits apply regardless of how many days an angler has fished.

**Note:** The daily big fish Grand Prize winner will not be eligible for the hourly Big Fish prizes, but may enter the Brown and/or Rainbow Trout Big Fish category subject to creel limit provisions.

*Entries in the Hourly Big Fish category must be freshly caught and promptly entered (within an hour of being caught). If no fish are entered during any hourly period, the second largest fish from the preceding hour will be awarded the current hourly prize. If the following hourly period again has no entries, the third largest fish from the prior hourly period will be awarded that hours prize, and so on. In the event there are no prior entries, the hourly prize will accumulate and roll over until a winner is determined.*

## Disclaimers and Restrictions

Automobiles, trucks, and pets are prohibited on the ice, unless specifically authorized by Derby officials. Do not litter the lake, ice or adjacent area. Do not throw cigarette butts in the lake or on the ice. Entrants are expected to practice good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a responsible and safe manner. Violation of these Rules and Regulations, or violation of Wyoming Fishing Regulations, will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all prizes. Each entrant assumes all risks and liabilities. The Pinedale Lions Club disclaims responsibility for any and all personal injury or other liability that might occur as a result of participation in this Derby.

Wyoming Game and Fish Regulations (effective Jan 1, 2019) Chapter 46 Section 5 regarding creel limits reads in part, "... (c) Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the creel limit shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, in a live well, or not released immediately to the water, shall be considered to be reduced to possession of the angler. No fish that has been reduced to possession of the angler shall be released alive without prior written approval from the Department." This means that any fish entered in the Derby is "reduced to possession", can not be released, and counts towards the entrants creel limit.