



Rules for the 11th Annual Sebago Lake Togue (Lake Trout) and Pike Derby - Sponsored by Sebago Lake Anglers Assn

Derby Dates: September 12-13, 2026

Derby Location: All of Sebago Lake, Maine

Derby Headquarters: Point Sebago Resort, by the gas dock

Derby Times: **Start Time: 6:00 AM Saturday-- Weigh in time cutoff is 4 PM Saturday.** Start time means no lines in the water before legal start time.

Start time Sunday 6:00 AM and weigh in cutoff Sunday is 2 PM. Only Togue (Lake Trout) and Pike are acceptable fish for derby purposes.

All anglers must be registered in the Derby before commencing fishing. Same day registration is possible beginning at 5AM at Point Sebago Resort by the gas dock. All persons in a boat must be separately registered in the appropriate category: Adult 16 and over, child under 16 years of age. **Entry Fees: Adult-- \$35; Child under 16-- \$15**

Weigh in Cutoff time: 4:00 PM Saturday; 2 PM Sunday. This means that fish being entered must be under the control of official weigh station personnel by 4:00 PM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday. (Not in a boat at the ramp awaiting haul out or at the dock!)

Weigh Station: There will be one official weigh in station at Point Sebago Resort docks, appropriately marked. It will be supervised by a trained Weigh Master who will adjudicate any discrepancies / misinterpretations. Fishermen/women must select their best fish to be submitted for official weighing. Weigh station personnel will not weigh multiple fish to select the heaviest fish. That is the responsibility of the contestant. **A courtesy pre-measurement station** will be located on the docks area at Point Sebago. Fishermen and fisher ladies are encouraged to *pre-qualify* their fish at this station so that there are no problems of over-sized fish at the official check station. **Fish that measure in excess of 26 inches must be submitted by separate anglers (only 1 fish over 26 inches allowed per day per licensed angler).**

Awards ceremony: An awards ceremony will be conducted at Point Sebago Resort boat launch area as close to 3 PM Sunday as possible. Anglers submitting fish need not be present at the ceremony to win, as long as their fish have been officially recorded *before* 2PM Sunday. Winning anglers who are not present for the ceremony will be contacted to claim their prizes up to 30 days after the event. Only fish caught within the timeframe of the derby will qualify to compete. Any caught outside of the derby times but submitted as if they were, will be disqualified and the entry fee forfeited. Participation in subsequent derbies will be at the discretion of the derby committee.

Prizes Awarded: There will be four prize pools. The first prize pool will be **Cash Prizes** awarded to a minimum of three(3) places by weight from the heaviest to the next heaviest. In the event of a tie by weight for any place, the place will be awarded to the longest fish from nose to longest extent of caudal fin (lobes pushed together). If a tie persists the fish recorded at the earliest time at the weigh station will win even if that is the previous day. Fish that tied that do not win in the place submitted will still be eligible for the next lower place. Fish that do not appear to be a Togue or not recently caught will be submitted to an IF&W biologist for positive identification or resolution. In this instance a delay in award may be required.

First Prize Pool—Largest Togue: First Prize will be \$1000; 2nd Prize \$750; 3rd Prize \$500. Payouts will be paid regardless of the number of registered participants. **Note: The 3 Top Prize categories are open categories (anyone can win). However, anglers can only win one of the Top 3 prizes, even if they have an additional fish which would otherwise place.** There is also a separate \$100 prize for the largest fish caught and registered on Saturday, as of the closing of the weighing at 4:00 PM.

The Second Prize Pool will be a lottery. For each legal Togue turned in by a fishermen/fisherwoman/fisher kid they will be issued one lottery ticket. The ticket stubs will be placed in a container and three winners will be chosen for three pool prizes of \$100 each totaling \$300. So, fishermen, keep all your legal Togue and enter them all in the lottery for the greatest chance of winning. Additional merchandise may be awarded as prizes in the lottery.

The Third Prize Pool—since the objective of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is to remove younger, more voracious feeding fish from the lake to reduce the pressure on the available forage fish, we will have a separate lottery for the *smallest* Togue legally caught. This must be a Togue caught by hook and line, not regurgitated from a larger fish. Anglers are asked to submit their smallest fish into the Small Fish Contest. This will also be by weight, then length, and then time submitted for their ranking, in case of a tie. Smallest Togue prize \$100.

The Fourth Prize Pool- Most Pike: First Prize will be \$1000; 2nd Prize \$750; 3rd Prize \$500. This category will be awarded by number of fish. Only one prize per angler (if only one angler catches and enters pike, he/she will only win the top prize). In the event of a tie in number of fish, the fish recorded at the earliest time at the weigh station will win even if that is the previous day.

Decisions of the Derby Committee are final and there is no appeal. Any fish appearing to have been altered i.e. stuffed with excessive bait fish or sinkers will be disqualified. Fish submitted for judging remain the property of the angler and can be claimed once final prizes are awarded. There is no alternate weather date(s). Should weather conditions preclude safe execution of the derby, all registered applicants' names will be entered in a drawing pool and all stated prizes will be awarded by lottery.

SLAA reserves the right to photograph winning anglers and fish and use the likeness of both in future advertising and promotions. Anglers who do not agree are asked not to submit their fish. Anglers participate at their own risk. Anglers who do not wish to claim their fish can deposit them in the containers provided and they will be presented to area food pantries or wildlife centers.

Anglers are reminded that there is no minimum length for Togue and no bag limit on Togue less than 26 inches. Anglers can possess one (1) Togue 26 inches and above. All fish retained for submission to the derby must be terminated when brought on board your boat. Live fish will be disqualified.

All IF&W rules and regulations governing fishing on Sebago Lake apply.

All registrations must be received before fishing. If you do not have mailing time, bring your application to the Point Sebago Resort Derby Location on Saturday after 5:00 AM but *before* 10:00 am. You do not have to fish both days to compete.

A copy of these rules will be available to any participant requesting them and at the Official Weigh Station at Point Sebago Resort.

Derby Registration Locations:

Online: <https://tickets.simplederby.com/sebagolaketoguepikederby/tc-events/tickets/>

Dag's Bait Shop 559 Minot Ave Auburn, ME

Jordan's Store 8 Sebago Rd. Sebago, ME

Hilltop Mini-Mart 1547 Roosevelt Trail Raymond, ME