

Isabella Lake Fishing Derby
GENERAL RULES May 20 – June 4, 2023

Each participant must be officially registered with the Isabella Lake Fishing Derby Committee prior to 7:00 a.m. on Saturday May 20, 2023 to be eligible for any of the prize fish.

All Derby participants 16 years of age or older must have a valid California Sport Fishing License in their possession. Children under the age of 16 are not required to have a California Fishing License.

Registration fees are \$40 for Adults and \$15 for youth anglers ages 15 and under.

A copy of your 2023 registration entry form will not be returned to you. All participants must register with the Fishing Derby Headquarters prior to fishing. Register your entry:

- 1) Online via the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce website at www.kernrivervalley.com until 7:00 am May 20, 2023
- 2) By mailing Entry Forms and Payments to: Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce PO Box 567 Lake Isabella, CA 93240
- 3) In person at the Kern Valley Chamber of Commerce located at 6416 Lake Isabella Blvd, until 3:30 pm on Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- 4) In person at the Kern River Valley Eagles Lodge located at 12251CA-178, Mountain Mesa, CA between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Friday, May 19, 2023
- 5) **NO IN PERSON REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, MAY 18, OR SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023.**

Registration will close at 7:00 a.m. Saturday May 20, 2023. There will be no exceptions.

If you have lost or cannot locate your registration contact the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce to verify you are registered.

All Fish must be caught under the guidelines of the current California Sport Fishing Regulations. The Derby officially starts at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday May 20, 2023 and officially ends at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday June 4, 2023.

No fish will be received prior to 8:00 a.m. Saturday May 20, 2023. Any fish caught before 7:00 a.m. on Saturday May 20, 2023 will not be eligible for prizes.

DO NOT REMOVE TAG FROM FISH PRIOR TO VERIFICATION / ALL TAGGED TROUT CAUGHT OPENING WEEKEND MUST BE CHECKED IN AT DERBY HEAD QUARTERS!!!!

****\$10,000 Tagged Trout is ONLY valid May 20 & 21, 2023, you must have purchased the official derby T-shirt or Derby Hat prior to the catch to qualify. The tagged trout value is limited to \$5,000 on opening weekend if the above purchase was not made. The \$10,000 trout reduces to \$1,000 if caught between May 22, and June 4, 2023.**

All tagged fish must be fresh caught within the footprint of Isabella Lake.

To qualify for prizes participant must be registered and show proper identification. Each winner is responsible for paying any and all taxes on any prize(s) won and must authorize the deduction of such taxes, if any, from the prize(s) to the extent required by law.

Any angler caught submitting another anglers catch as their own will be disqualified from the event and all prize money due will be forfeited.

The Fishing derby will take place as scheduled regardless of weather conditions.

To help prevent the introduction of invasive species, fisherman are reminded to inspect and clean all equipment (boats, trailers, paddles, etc.) to remove all soil, seed & plant materials before entering Isabella Lake.

The Isabella Lake Fishing Derby is under special use permit with the Sequoia National Forest and operates on a nondiscriminatory basis. To file a complaint alleging discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call, toll free, (866) 632-9992.

May 20 and May 21 TROUT VALIDATION RULES DURING OPENING WEEKEND

Headquarters Located at the Kern River Valley Eagles Lodge – 12251 CA-178, Mountain Mesa, CA

You must have your official registration card from your in-person or online purchase in your possession to claim any prize fish on opening weekend. All tagged prize fish must be turned in to Isabella Lake Derby Headquarters on opening weekend IN PERSON ONLY no exceptions.

May 22 – June 4 TROUT VALIDATION RULES AFTER OPENING WEEKEND

Headquarters Located at the **Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce - 6416 Lake Isabella Boulevard**

After opening weekend, you must have your in-person or online application entry along with your registration number in your possession to claim any prize fish. If your derby registration information is not available we will need to verify your entry prior to prize money distribution.

All tagged trout may be submitted in person, or via Facebook Messenger to the official derby page, or text to 760-812-7318 for verification. All trout must be **FRESH CAUGHT & photographed with tag intact** and clearly visible within the text or email. Upon verification, any person catching a tagged trout and submitting the catch via the online portal or text message will be paid by check and sent to the address on your official Isabella Lake Derby Registration via the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce within 30 days.

Fish must show no signs of alteration, and must be presented prior to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday June 4, 2023.

BLIND BOGEY 2023

The Blind Bogey is designated to allow more participants the opportunity to win money/prizes. Each angler can bring in ONE Trout of any size per day (Saturday and/or Sunday) to qualify for the Blind Bogey. A total of 20 (twenty) prizes in the amount of \$25 thru \$100 will be drawn per day. A total of \$1,000 per day will be given away. **Please arrive approximately one hour before the drawing to allow time to check in your catch.**

- When an angler brings in a trout they are given a ticket that will be placed in the drawing tumbler. ONE ticket per angler.
- Saturday, 5:00 PM Twenty lucky tickets will be drawn for cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100.
- Sunday, 5:00 PM Twenty lucky tickets will be drawn for cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100.
- ANGLER MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

TAGGED TROUT 2023

Tag # 0197: is worth \$5,000*, *(Doubles to \$10,000 on opening weekend only, May 20 and May 21, with verified purchase of Derby T-Shirt or Hat prior to the catch)

*(Reduces to \$1,000 if caught between May 22 and June 4, 2023)

Tags # 0050, 0100, 0150, 0200, 0250, 0300, 0350, 0400, 0450 and 0500: are worth \$500.

Tags # 0025, 0075, 0125, 0175, 0225, 0275, 0325, 0375, 0425 and 0475: are worth \$250.

Tags # 0001-0006, 0041-0046, 0080-0086, 0110-0115, 0134-0139, 0158-0163, 0213-0219, 0241-0246, 0253-0258, 0293-0298, 0332-0338, 0362-0367, 0386-0391, 0409-0414, 0465-0471, 0493-0498: Are worth \$100.

Tags # 0013-0022, 0029-0033, 0054-0059, 0088-0097, 0103-0108, 0119-0123, 0141-0147, 0152-0155, 0166-0170, 0180-0184, 0193-0196, 0203-0210, 0228-0237, 0261-0268, 0280-0287, 0306-0310, 0318-0321, 0340-0347, 0353-0358, 0370-0372, 0393-0397, 0403-0407, 0417-0421, 0429-0434, 0452-0460, 0479-0490: are worth \$50.

All tags not listed above will be worth \$20.

BOBBER BOWL 2023

Any \$100 tagged trout is eligible for the Bobber Bowl until all Bobbers have been claimed.

50/50 LAKE TROUT LOTTO 2023

To enter the 50/50 Lake Trout Lotto you must put \$5 in the pot and guess how many Tagged Trout total will be caught on the two opening days of the derby – Saturday May 20 and Sunday May 21.

The person on or closest without going over will win half the money collected in the pot!!

You can enter any time before 7:00 AM Saturday May 20, 2023.

ANYONE CAN ENTER THE 50/50: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE REGISTERED IN THE DERBY.

**For updates check out our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lakeisabellafishingderby>
THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP AND PROPERLY DISPOSING YOUR TRASH**