**St. Catharines Game & Fish Assoc.**

**Kids Summer Derby**

**Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 to Saturday, August 30, 2025**

Fish are entered by submitting an email with a photo of the angler wearing or holding the official Kids Summer Derby 2025 button and the fish they caught. Email entries only will be accepted.

Fill out the angler’s information required in the form on the next page, copy and paste it into the email body, attach the picture and email to [**kidsday.scgf@outlook.com**](mailto:kidsday.scgf@outlook.com)

The picture you are entering must contain the Kids Summer Derby 2025 button from your derby package to be eligible to enter. We suggest you print the official button and pin it to your child’s shirt when out fishing. You can also save the official button on your phone and have the angler hold the phone with the button in clear view on the screen. The button cannot be digitally added to pictures after the picture has been taken.

The fish in the picture must be clear for the Kids Summer Derby judges to be able to identify the species.

**Prizes: Overall Grand Prize: The Dagmar Miller Overall Derby Prize and Trophy.** The overall grand prize is awarded to the angler with the most fish species entered out of all age groups.

**Age 2-6 Prizes and Trophies:** The top three anglers with the most species entered will win a prize and a trophy. Seven additional anglers who enter at least two fish species will be entered into a random draw for prizes and medallions. Bonus, receive an additional entry for every three fish species entered after the initial 2.

**Age 7-11 Prizes and Trophies:** The top three anglers with the most species entered will win a prize and a trophy. Seven additional anglers who enter at least three fish species will be entered into a random draw for prizes and medallions. Bonus, receive an additional entry for every three fish species entered after the initial three.

**Age 12-16 Prizes and Trophies:** The top three anglers with the most species entered will win a prize and a trophy. Seven additional anglers who enter at least four fish species will be entered into a random draw for prizes and medallions. Bonus, receive an additional entry for every three fish species entered after the initial four.

**John Gadzo “Gadabout” Biggest Catch Trophy and Prize:** Write a story about your adventure fishing for your big catch, or the one that got away, or an outdoor adventure you experienced or use your imagination for a fictional story to be entered for this prize. Email us at [kidsday.scgf@outlook.com](mailto:kidsday.scgf@outlook.com) to enter. Every angler entering a story will receive a prize. Best story overall chosen from our judges will win the Gadabout grand prize and trophy.

**Joe Montgomery Fish Art Trophy and Prize:** Create an original drawing of a fish species found in Ontario to be entered for this prize. Email us at [kidsday.scgf@outlook.com](mailto:kidsday.scgf@outlook.com) to enter. Every angler entering a fish art picture will receive a prize. Best overall original artwork chosen from our judges will win the Joe Montgomery grand prize and trophy.

**Weekly prizes:** 5 random draw prizes will be chosen each week from that week’s entries for all 9 weeks of the derby. Weekly winners will be announced Sundays on our Kids Summer Derby Facebook and Instagram pages.

**Kids Day** will be September 6/25 at SCGFA located at 61 Lighthouse Rd. in St. Catharines. All kids can compete in the in-person fishing derby from shore on Sept. 6th for additional prizes. Prizes for the Kids Summer Derby and Kids Day Derby will be presented on September 6/25 during the awards/prizes ceremony.

All kids and their families are invited to enjoy Kids Day September 6/25. Fishing in the summer derby is not mandatory to attend Kids Day. Kids Summer Derby and Kids Day events are free for kids and their families.

Follow us on **Kids Summer Derby** on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest derby updates and announcements.

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Kids Summer Derby 2025 is open to all children 2 to 16 years of age. The derby is free to participate in.
2. Kids Summer Derby 2025 will begin Tuesday July 1, 2025 at 12 midnight and finish Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 6pm. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. All entries must include the official 2025 Kids Summer Derby button in your picture to qualify as an entry.
4. Digitally enhanced photos including digitally adding the button to the picture will be disqualified.
5. It is a condition of entry that the entrant’s parent/guardian submit their child’s email entries.
6. It is a condition of entry that the entrant's parent or guardian agrees to release the organizers, sponsors, and Derby Committee from any claims for damages or liability of any nature whatsoever.
7. Participants agree to abide by all the regulations of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources under the Fish and Game Act.
8. Participants agree to abide by fishing regulations in the municipality in which you are fishing.
9. We encourage all kids to wear life jackets and fish with adult supervision.
10. Prizes will be awarded based on meeting the derby requirements for each age group. In the event of a tie, the prize will go to the earliest registered online entry timestamp.
11. No minimum fish size to enter.
12. Any species of fish can be entered which is caught in any Ontario waterways if it is caught legally within the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources guidelines.
13. Each fish species will be entered once. Additional fish of the same species will not count as entries.
14. Fish must be caught by rod and reel only. No net fishing or gaffing. Snagged or foul hooked fish will be disqualified. All fish must be hooked by their mouth. We encourage live release.
15. Gobies are not to be released as per the fishing regulations on invasive species.
16. Adults may not fish in the derby. Children 2-16 years may fish with minimal help from adults.
17. Age categories are 2-6, 7-10 and 11-16. Age at the time of the start of the derby is used.
18. All award prizes as well as any draw prizes will be announced on September 3, 2025. All prizes must be picked up at the St. Catharines Game & Fish Clubhouse September 6, 2025.
19. Prizes will not be shipped or mailed.
20. All prizes must be accepted as awarded. The derby committee's ruling of prize winners will be final.
21. Contestants may enter as many different fish species as they wish; however, each contestant may only win one prize in their category or the overall prize. The Dagmar Miller Memorial overall prize winner will win that prize and all the other prize winners in that age category will move up a place.
22. The organizers reserve the right to amend, add to, remove, or otherwise change any of the rules and regulations without prior notice if they deem it to be in the best interest of all parties in the derby.
23. Unclaimed prizes become the property of the SCGFA Kids Summer Derby.
24. **By entering your child’s email entry, you are agreeing that your child's name and picture may be published online as it relates to participation or results of the Kids Summer Derby.**
25. By entering your child's email entry, you are also consenting to your child participating in the Kids Summer Derby and you are acknowledging you have read and understood the Kids Summer Derby rules and regulations.

**Good Luck and Good Fishing**

***The following information is to be included in your email submission:***

**Angler’s Full Name:**

**Angler’s Age:**

**Species of fish:**

**City/town/waterway where the fish was caught:**

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**Kids Summer Derby Official Button**

A logo for a children's club

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A logo with fish and leaves

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