

**“Wally Hall Jr.” Memorial
Annual “Vedder River” Steelhead Derby
(Rules and Regulations)**

1. Entry Fee of \$20.00 at Fred’s Custom Tackle, 6336C Vedder Rd, Chilliwack BC, V2R 1E5. Phone # 604-858-7344 or Fred’s Custom Tackle #2A-34150 S. Fraser Way Abbotsford BC 604-746-1481
2. Registration will be open until **March 14th, 2025**
3. For the purpose of this contest, the Vedder River Derby will include the Chilliwack River. The limits are the confluence of the Slesse Boundary and the Chilliwack River, downstream north of the Highway 1 overpass. Only Steelhead caught in these river systems qualify.
4. All entrants must be registered 24 hours in advance of the first weigh-in. No “same day” registration will qualify.
5. For the purpose of this contest, all fish shall be clipped ‘**HATCHERY**’ Steelhead and must weigh 5 lbs or over.
6. Fish **must** be legally caught,(without assistance), and all contestants must display good sportsmanship at all times. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any contestant for poor sportsmanship.
7. Fish must be caught in the Vedder or Chilliwack Rivers between the dates for December 1st, 2023 and March 15st, 2025 at 5pm. **Anglers must produce either a STEELHEAD TAG OR A STATUS CARD and the area caught must be RECORDED ON THE ANGLING LICENSE.** This information will be kept confidential.
8. When a contestant catches a fish, he must return to the weigh-in station and weigh the fish that same day.
9. Steelhead must be cleaned on the premises after weigh-in and are subject to being checked for any weight-altering substances. If any person is caught cheating, they will be eliminated from the derby.
10. All trophies and prizes will be awarded on April 6, 2025, at 10 AM at the Royal Canadian Legion, 5661 Vedder Rd, Chilliwack, BC. Awards day will also include a free lunch and door prizes. Derby prize distribution is as follows:
 - **First Steelhead Receives \$50.00 cash and must weigh at least 5 lbs**
 - **First Steelhead over 17 lbs receives \$100 cash and both are eligible for more prizes.**
 - **1st Prize (heaviest fish) \$1000 cash**
 - **2nd Prize (2nd heaviest fish) John Milner ‘Vedder’ Centre Pin Reel**
 - **3rd Prize (3rd heaviest fish) Drift rod and reel**
 - **Hidden weight – Six prizes of \$100 each**Only one prize and one trophy will be awarded to any contestant. ***You Must be present at the Awards Day To Claim your Prizes.***
11. In case of a tie, the first prize will be divided in two.
12. If the second and third are tied in weight, the fish that was weighed in first will take second place.
13. The weigh-in station will be at Fred’s Custom Tackle. #6336C Vedder Rd., Chilliwack BC.V2R 1E5
14. All net proceeds will be donated to the future enhancement of salmonid habitat in the Chilliwack – Vedder Rivers.
15. The fish remains the property of the fisherman.
16. The weigh-in station at Fred’s Custom Tackle is open from 7:30am to 5:30 pm Mon-Sat and 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Sundays and Holidays. Closed Dec 25th and Jan 1st.
17. Your name will be posted on the store leaderboard for a few days and the top 3 weights listed for the season.
18. A photo of you with your fish, or, if you’re shy, just the fish will be requested to help promote this special fundraising event.
19. Your name and weigh-in details will be posted on Fred’s website at www.fredscustomtackle.com
20. If you have any special pics please email your photos to customer.service@fredscustomtackle.com
Remember to include your name and any special details.