

2025/26 Wally Hall Jr. Memorial Annual "Vedder River" Steelhead Derby

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entry Fee of \$20.00

Fred's Custom Tackle, #6336C Vedder Rd. Chilliwack B.C. 604-858-7344
Fred's Custom Tackle, #2A-34150 S. Fraser Way Abbotsford B.C. 604-746-1481

Registration ends March 14th, 2026

1. For the purpose of this contest, the Vedder River Derby will include the Chilliwack River. The limits being the confluence of the Slesse Boundary and the Chilliwack River, downstream north of the Hwy #1 (Trans Canada) to the CNR bridge. **ONLY** Steelhead caught in these river systems qualify.
2. All entrants **MUST** be registered 24 hours in advance of the first weigh in. **'NO'** same day' registration will qualify.
3. For the purpose of this contest, **ALL FISH MUST** be clipped "HATCHERY" marked Steelhead and **MUST** weigh over 5 lbs.
4. 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.
5. Fish **MUST** be caught in the Vedder/Chilliwack/Sumas Rivers from the boundary markers below the confluence of Slesse Creek and above the CN Rail bridge in the Sumas River between the dates of 12/01/25 - 03/15/26. Anglers **MUST** produce either a Status Card or Steelhead tag. **FISH MUST BE RECORDED ON THEIR LICENSE** prior to coming to the store. If they aren't they will be deemed disqualified.
6. When a contestant catches a fish, they **MUST** return to the weigh station and weigh the fish that **SAME DAY** to qualify.
7. Steelhead **MUST** be cleaned on the premises after weighing 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.
8. All trophies and prizes will be awarded on a date and location TBA. **ONLY ONE** prize and ONE trophy will be awarded to any contestant (with the exception of the first fish steelhead weighed in – see below).
9. In the case of the tie, the first prize will go to the person whose fish is weighed in first
10. **FIRST PRIZE** goes to the heaviest fish, **SECOND PRIZE** to the second heaviest, **THIRD PRIZE** to the third heaviest.
11. If the SECOND and THIRD are tied in weight, the first fish weighed in takes second prize.
12. **Youth Category** (15 years of age or younger when fish is weighed in), top 3 weights will receive prizes.
13. **WEIGH IN STATION – FRED'S CUSTOM TACKLE #6336C VEDDER RD. CHILLIWACK**
14. **WEIGH IN HOURS – Mon - Sat 7:30 am – 5:30 pm / Sun and Holidays – 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. 7:30 am - 3 pm on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Closed Dec. 25 & Jan 1st.**
15. Names will be posted on the leader board for a few days, along with the top 3 weights for the season.
16. Names will be posted on Fred's website in the Derby results at www.fredscustomtackle.com
17. Please email your photos to info@fredscustomtackle.com. Remember to include your name and any particulars.
18. Proceeds generated from derby will be used for habitat restoration projects, and conservation measures to protect our precious steelhead resource
19. The fish remain the property of the fishermen.

FIRST STEELHEAD RECEIVES \$50 – MUST WEIGH MIN. 5LBS

FIRST STEELHEAD OVER 17 LBS RECEIVES \$100 CASH (BOTH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MORE PRIZES)

1st prize - \$1000 cash

2nd prize –Center Pin Reel

3rd prize – Drift Rod and Reel

1st prize Youth - 6 hr Steelhead Rafting Trip 2 ppl

2nd prize Youth - Daiwa Tatula 300 Reel

3rd prize Youth - \$200 Fred's Gift Card

Six Hidden Weigh Prizes – \$100 each

YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE AWARDS DAY TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE
FREE LUNCH AND DOOR PRIZES AT AWARDS DAY (DATE/LOCATION TBA)