

## MASSACHUSETTS SALTWATER FISHING DERBY

### Rules

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Species	Weigh In (lb.)		Catch and Release (in.)
	Adult	Junior	
Albacore	30	30	30
Atlantic Blue Marlin	N/A	N/A	105
Atlantic Bluefin Tuna	500	50	30
Atlantic Bonito	5	4	24
Atlantic Cod	30	5	30
Atlantic Halibut	50	50	50
Atlantic Mackerel	2	1	16
Atlantic Sailfish	N/A	N/A	65
Atlantic White Marlin	N/A	N/A	68
Bigeye Tuna	100	100	30
Black Sea Bass	4	2	20
Bluefish	12	6	32
Blue Shark	300	300	60
Common Thresher Shark	200	200	65
Cusk	20	5	25
Dolphin (Mahi Mahi)	15	5	30
False Albacore	10	7	25
Fluke (Summer Flounder)	7	3	22
Haddock	8	4	20
King Mackerel	6	4	30
Pollock	12	6	30
Porbeagle Shark	150	150	60
Scup	2	1	15
Shortfin Mako Shark	150	150	60
Spanish Mackerel	4	3	24
Striped Bass	35	15	40
Swordfish	150	150	55
Tautog	8	4	20
Wahoo	30	20	40
Weakfish	8	4	22
Winter Flounder	3	2	17
Yellowfin Tuna	50	45	30

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Telephone #(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.  
Total Length \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb.  
( ) Digital Scale  
Girth \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Weigh In Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_ Bait \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Vessel \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Catch Witnessed By \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Official Weigh Station \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Weighmaster  
Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
  
All Information Must Be Filled In Before Signing

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