

Trash Derby Rules 1.7

1. Debris can only be taken during designated collection hours: Sunrise to Sunset, Friday, May 3rd, 2023 and Sunrise to Sunset, Saturday, May 4th 2023
2. Final weigh in is 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Saturday May 4th, 2023
3. ONLY remove debris in permitted areas, areas where permits are not required, or private areas with permission
 - a. See Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) and Florida Fish and Wild Commission (FWC) permits for details, available on [Participant Info Page](#)
4. ONLY remove debris that can be removed by hand or with the assistance of a lift bag
5. NO removal of debris embedded in the seafloor which requires digging or excavating
6. NO debris with live coral on it
 - a. It is illegal to touch, remove, or damage coral within the FKNMS
 - b. Sponges should be removed underwater prior to debris removal
7. NO in season fishable traps, potential historical artifacts, or un-permitted removals
 - a. NO unidentifiable glass bottles, nails, copper sheathing, pottery, etc
 - i. Focus on removing derelict fishing gear and plastic
 - b. See FWC permit on [Participant Info Page](#) for authorized trap removal details
 - i. In Season: stone crab and blue crab traps
 - ii. Out of season: Lobster traps
8. Debris removed with coral or unpermitted trap removals will NOT count toward the derby and teams will be penalized or disqualified if removed depending on the severity
9. Debris must be weighed and recorded with an ICARE volunteer
 - a. See [Participant Info Page](#) for designated debris drop off locations and times
10. All existing federal, state, and local laws must be followed
11. All media coverage (press releases, video/photo, social media, or other means) related to the Trash Derby MUST include the acknowledgment: *“Activities occurred within NOAA Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary under permit”*
12. Anchoring in a SPA or the Western Sambo Ecological Reserve is only authorized if in sand and a mooring buoy is not available
13. Land/Shore Division - ONLY shoreline or land based debris
14. Private Boat & Dive Operators - permits must be present during activity
 - a. Can remove submerged and land debris (must be kept separate)
 - b. Each team MUST submit their submerged debris data via Marine Debris Tracker.
 - i. Use your team’s name/organization as your username AND include the words “ICARE Trash Derby”.
15. Land/Shore & Private Boat Divisions: No limit on team size. Prizes awarded lbs/person.
16. Every participant must sign [ICARE Trash Derby Participation Waiver](#) before the derby
17. REQUIRED CAPTAIN’S MEETING: 6:00-7:30 PM Thursday, May 2nd, 2023, Bud N’ Mary’s Marina (79851 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036) or virtually (Zoom)
 - a. At least one participating team member MUST attend the Captain's meeting
 - b. Pick up debris collection equipment, permits, and derby shirts during check-in at the Captain’s meeting OR email trashderby@gmail.com to schedule early pick up the week of the derby