

**Not My Child's
Lil' Amp's Bent Rods Rockfish Tournament 2024
RULES & WAIVER**

1. Qualifying Areas: All of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries as permitted by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. (<https://dnr.maryland.gov/>)
2. Eligible Rockfish: Rockfish (1 Rockfish per person) Not My Child's Committee will NOT be tracking which angler on your boat catches the team rockfish (if one angler catches all the rockfish, that is the team's choice), but you are NOT allowed more than one rockfish per person on your boat. These same rules apply to Charter Boats as well.
3. All persons on boat must be listed with us as Anglers and registered before fishing.
 - a. Only persons listed on the official registration form are considered anglers who are eligible to participate.
 - b. Captains and mates are also subject to this rule.
 - c. Anglers list may be adjusted up until the Captain's meeting on September 3, 2024 BUT NOT AFTER.
4. There is no minimum boat size.
5. Insurance information must be provided for the boat being used in the tournament.
6. Boat Captains must attend the **Mandatory Captains' Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024** at 6:00 pm at Red Eye's Dock Bar in Grasonville, MD. If a Captain cannot attend the meeting, he/she must send an authorized representative.
7. It is up to each Captain and anglers to know the up-to-date MD DNR and Coast Guard 2024 Rules and Regulations. Do not ask committee members for legal advice regarding any applicable rule, statute, law or ordinance. Committee is not responsible for any legal infraction committed by any anglers, guest and/or captain.
8. As of September 3, 2024 DNR Regulations on the fish in our tournament are as follows.
Rockfish must be at least 19" and cannot exceed 24"
Perch must be must be at least 9"
Blue Fish must be at least 8"
Mackerel must be at least 14"
Puppy Drum must be at least 18" and cannot exceed 27"
Catfish No regulations.
Please re-check with the Maryland Regulations website (<https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/chesapeake-bay-seasons-sizes-limits>) that there have been no changes on the day of the tournament.
9. All fish must be caught hook and line.
10. Chumming, live bait and/or use of eels is permitted. All legal hook and line fishing methods are permitted.
11. IGFA all-tackle rules apply.
12. For **Rockfish Catch & Release Category Measurement**: In order to have your fish judged, you must submit a clear and readable digital photo of your entire fish measured with someone holding the fish down on the ruler with the mouth shut and the tail pinched. It must be resting on top of the official **2024** measuring stick (with the decided

upon playing card in the photo) before the 3:30 p.m. cut-off via text to Laura Reno at 410-370-7893. ***If your fish is over 48 inches long, place it beside the measuring stick instead of on top.***

You must also attest in person and on your honor that the fish to be measured was released alive into the water from which it came.

The judges reserve the right to interview any potential witnesses regarding the live release and method of the catch of any fish presented for tournament consideration.

The judges also reserve the right to examine the embedded metadata of any photo image to confirm the validity of a claim. Photos with edited or missing metadata may be disallowed at the judges' discretion.

13. Any side betting outside of the tournament's official rules is not the responsibility of the Not My Child.
14. Prize money will be awarded as soon as possible within 30 days of the event unless the tournament winners are contested.
15. All winners will be required to complete a W9 in order to receive any prize money.
16. Fish must be brought, via tagged cooler/bucket, to Red Eye's Dock Bar before the 3:30pm mandatory arrival time. Early weigh-ins will start at 2:00pm.
17. The registered Captain will be the only one allowed into the weigh-in area to check in fish.
18. Winner Categories:
 - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place 3 Rockfish (weight) Stringer. Tie will be decided by length.
 - Largest Rockfish Catch & Release. Tie split.
 - Brown Bag Heaviest Mackerel \$500 prize. Tie decided by length.
 - Brown Bag Heaviest Blue or Channel Cat \$500 prize. Tie decided by length.
 - Brown Bag Heaviest Blue Fish \$500 prize. Tie decided by length.
 - Brown Bag Heaviest Puppy Drum \$500 prize. Tie decided by length.
 - Brown Bag Heaviest White Perch \$500 prize. Tie decided by length.
**Brown Bag prize amounts do not change with boat count; it is a sponsored category. All fish must meet DNR requirements for length. Also, if one category is not caught the additional \$500 will be applied equally to all others in Brown Bag Class.*
 - Calcutta (Not sponsored or run by Not My Child)
19. Fishing Hours: No lines in before 6am.
20. No Gaffing. No Culling.
21. Weather: The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel and move to the rain date on Sunday 9/8/24) due to unfishable weather conditions.
22. Mechanical Breakdown: Your boat's condition, electronics and efficiency are equally as important as your fishing skills. All boats/teams are responsible for getting their fish to the weigh-in station, even if towed, aboard another tournament boat or a back-up boat is used.
23. Refund Policy: **There is no refund on paid entries.**
24. Entries limited to 90 boats/captains.

25. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any person or team.
26. Any fish entered in the tournament is subject to disqualification if the judges decide it bears suspicious marks or characteristics. Fish may be cut open after weighed. Captains/Anglers may be required to take a lie detector test. All decisions by judges are final.
27. Safety: All participants and guests of participants are responsible for their own personal safety and security of their personal property and assume any and all risks to their personal safety and well-being.
28. By signing this form of registration. It is expressly understood and agreed that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the "Participants") participate in the Lil' Amp's Bent Rods Rockfish Tournament (the "Tournament") at their own risk. The Participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Tournament, Not My Child, and its respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, partners, members, and/or attorneys (collectively the "Tournament Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of Not My Child, whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat, team or person. Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph in which they appear, or audio recording, by the Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind. This Liability Release shall be binding upon the Participants and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. By registering in the Lil' Amp's Bent Rods Rockfish tournament and paying the entry fee, Participants acknowledge that they have read the rules and the Liability Release and are bound by the same.

_____ I have read and agree to the Rules and Liability Release Waiver above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date: _____