

**Not My Child's
Lil' Amp's Bent Rods Fishing Tournament 2026
September 12, 2026 (raindate - 9/13/26)
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 and win. No changing names of anglers after winning.
 - b. Captains and mates are also subject to this rule.
 - c. Anglers list may be adjusted up until the Captain's meeting on September 8, 2026 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 8, 2025** 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 2026 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 April 22, 2026 DNR Regulations on the fish in our tournament are as follows.

Rockfish must be at least 19" and cannot exceed 24".

Catfish No regulations. All measurements determined by tournament ruler.

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 from the tournament registered boat. Anglers cannot exit that registered boat to fish from another boat/kayak/canoe or a dock or other structure.
10. Chumming, live bait and/or use of eels is permitted. Targeting rockfish anglers must use non-offset circle hooks when live lining or chumming. All legal hook and line fishing methods are permitted.
11. No packing ice or weights inside fish.
12. Lip to farthest point of tail, tight pinch to make measurements.
13. No clipping tails to make measurement for tournament.
14. IGFA all-tackle rules apply.

15. Any side betting outside of the tournament's official rules is not the responsibility of the Not My Child.
16. Prize money will be awarded as soon as possible within 30 days of the event unless the tournament winners are contested and a lie detector required.
17. All winners winning more than \$599 will be required to complete a W9 in order to receive any prize money.
18. Fish must be brought, via tagged cooler/bucket (whether boat, trailered boat, or vehicle), to Red Eye's Dock Bar before the 3:30pm mandatory arrival time. Early weigh-ins will start at 2:00pm. All buckets and coolers must be tagged with the blue registration tag from the Captain's Meeting. It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure their fish are delivered to the weigh station on time. If fish are being transported by vehicle, please plan ahead — traffic or delays will not be accepted as an excuse for late arrivals. If waiting to dock, latitude will be given only if your boat is in clear view of the weigh station, displaying its tournament flag, and arriving near the cutoff time.
19. The registered Captain will be the only one allowed into the weigh-in area to check in fish. It is the Captain's responsibility to bring the teams top 3 rockfish to scales. Tournament Director will not accept a 4th fish if one of your 3 is disqualified.
20. All fish will be held upside down briefly to drain any water or ice.
21. Any unforeseen issue will go to a Captain vote with majority favor to keep integrity.
22. Winner Categories:
 - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place 3 Rockfish (weight) Stringer. Tie will be decided by length.
 - Heaviest Blue or Channel Catfish. Tie decided by length.
 - Calcutta (Not sponsored or run by Not My Child)
23. Fishing Hours: No lines in before 6am. Lines out at 2:30pm.
24. No Gaffing. No Culling. If it applies...and fish is double hooked, all lines, hooks, baits, and leaders need to be removed for fish to be acceptable for weigh in.
25. Weather: The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel and move to the rain date on Sunday 9/13/26) due to unfishable weather conditions.
26. 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.
27. Refund Policy: **There is no refund on paid entries.**
28. Entries limited to 60 boats/captains.
29. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any person or team.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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 Fishing 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 Fishing 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

Team: _____

Date: _____