

EOBMFD Main Event Rules

Charters

1. All captains must be U.S. Coast Guard licensed charter operators. No amateur or recreational boats are allowed. All charter boats must be insured, \$500,000 minimum.
2. Boats on Chinook Pier are preferred; chartered boats not based on Chinook Pier must provide copies of license and insurance. Off-pier boats must provide their slip location and arrange when and where tournament participants will be picked up and dropped off during the event.
3. Maximum of 6 participants per boat; additional USCG or state restrictions will be followed if necessary.
4. All DNR fishing rules will be followed.
5. EOBMFD determines the number of boats to charter and boat assignments for participants based on paid sponsor preference and participant need. Captains choosing to participate will receive notice of their assigned participants at least two weeks in advance and a list of participant names prior to participant arrival.
6. Payment is \$600 per boat, per completed trip. If a trip is shortened for any reason and not rescheduled, payment will be for the portion completed only. If EOBMFD cancels with less than one week notice, payment is \$200. Payment is by mailed check after the event.
7. If a captain and their participants opt to fish at a different time because of inclement weather or fishing conditions, boat malfunction or any other reason, the captain must submit an invoice to Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation for payment once the charter fishing trip takes place. No advance payments will be made.

Participants

1. Participants on boats will include ONLY paid sponsors and their registered guests OR patient VIPs and their adult chaperones. Kiwanians, beneficiaries, charters or other associated entities may not designate their own participants. EOBMFD designated reporters, photographers or videographers may be allowed on boats with participants if arranged in advance.
2. Paid sponsors choose their boat participants. Sponsor participants may include employees, associates, volunteers, members, families and friends of sponsoring companies, beneficiaries, Kiwanis, charters or other organizations or entities. Paid sponsors may choose to donate their boat to Patient VIPs instead. EOBMFD will assign Patient VIPs to donated boats.
3. Patient VIPs must be 17 years old or younger, and currently associated with a beneficiary hospital 1) as an inpatient, 2) as an outpatient of a clinic, therapy, or other treatment, or 3) as a participant in a therapy program such as camp or sports. Each VIP must be accompanied by one adult chaperone, or be paired with another VIP and one chaperone. VIPs who have previously participated will be placed on a wait-list and alerted if there is space available.
4. All participants must register in advance with their name and address, their on-shore emergency contact, and their signature agreeing to the waiver statements. Participating minors (17 and under) must register with a custodial parent's signature. A child and their custodial parent residing at the same address may be named together on one registration form, if both are participating.
5. All DNR fishing rules must be followed. Adults will need an all-species fishing license.
6. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the off-shore weather: non-slip shoes, warm clothes and rain gear if needed. Participants may bring snacks and drinks. Beer and wine are allowed for sponsor participants of legal age, no hard liquor.
7. **Inclement Weather: We do not cancel; each captain will decide if conditions are safe for their boat.** If no trip can be made due to conditions or equipment, the captain will arrange a replacement fishing charter at a mutually agreed upon later date. Participants are encouraged to be present to arrange replacement trip, or captains will contact the leader designated for each group.
8. All boats will depart at scheduled time and return 6 hours later. Fish from boats returning later than 30 minutes after posted return time may not be included in the tournament competition.
9. One grand prize is awarded to the largest fish in each category, sponsor and VIP. A "smallest fish" prize is awarded to any participant with the smallest fish of the day (no tag required). Additional prizes are awarded via drawing of fish tags.
10. **Eligibility for giveaways and prizes:** All registered participants may receive giveaways and are eligible to win the "smallest fish" prize. All patient VIPs and sponsor participants are eligible to win the grand prize or a drawing prize. Patient chaperones are not eligible to win.
11. **Fish tags are required to win prizes.** All eligible participants will receive a completed tag before boarding their boat; attach tag to the participant's largest fish prior to weigh-in. Only tagged fish will be weighed for the competition. The largest fish tag will be set aside for the grand prize. All other tags will be entered to win a drawing prize. Participants must be present to win.