

# **2026 ERIE WALLEYE BASH 6/27/2025(6/28)**

## **Main Tournament Rules**

***This is a Walleye boat tournament- No boat size limit***

***PA WATERS OF LAKE ERIE ONLY. MUST LAUNCH IN PA. No Exceptions.***

***Trolling, drifting, casting allowed. Fish must***

***be caught legally with rod, reel, line and***

***hook(s)- All PFBC rules apply.***

***6(six) rods MAXIMUM regardless of number of***

***anglers on boat.***

***No angler limit per boat.***

***Weigh 6 (SIX) Walleye only- coolers brought to***

***weigh-in must only have your best six fish, NO LOOSE ICE or WATER.***

***Culling is allowed- fish being released MUST be returned to water***

***unharmed. Fish must be minimum of 15 inches. All fish submitted will be***

***subject to METAL DETECTION. After weight is recorded, all fish bellies may be***

***opened at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. ALL FISH FROM TOP 3***

***COOLERS WILL HAVE BELLIES OPENED TO EXCLUDE FOREIGN OBJECTS. All***

***Teams weighing fish MUST keep fish undisturbed in team cooler until weigh-in***

***Of ALL coolers is completed and final scoring has been determined.***

***START TIME 6AM EST- based on GPS. Boats may depart in am at Captain's***

***discretion, NO LINES IN THE WATER TILL 6 AM. Planer boards/probes may be***

***deployed prior to 6AM***

***There is no formal stop time- Coolers MUST be in WEIGH-IN LINE by 4 PM at***

***POOR RICHARD'S BAIT SHOP or the team will be disqualified. Weigh-in will  
Start at 2 PM.***

***Optional Big Fish Walleye/Steelhead Calcuttas available at Captains Mtg.***

***\$20 EACH (CASH ONLY)***

***This is an OPEN Communication tournament.***

***Teams should monitor VHF Channel 88 prior to official start time for any needed updates. If needed, weather announcements at 4:30AM, 5AM & 5:30AM. Cell phone contact 814-881-1790 for questions.***

***Mandatory Captains meeting after Big Fish Friday 6/26 weigh-in at 5 PM***

***At POOR RICHARD'S BAIT SHOP. AT LEAST ONE TEAM MEMBER FROM EACH  
TEAM MUST ATTEND CAPTAINS MEETING.***

***WAIVER FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND RETURNED AT  
THE CAPTAINS MEETING. DEPARTURE LAUNCH/MARINA must be listed.***

***WAIVER FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED on Tournament Day.***

***Main tournament is \$200.00 per boat.***

***100% payout minus lie detector tests. Top 10 places will be paid,***

***Top 5 CASH (40%/25%/20%/10%/5%). Places 6-10 receive tackle etc.***

***Boat checks may be done on the morning of the tournament. Format will be  
spelled out at the Captain's meeting.***

***Scoring is by total weight only. Tie breaker will be based on biggest***

***fish by weight with second tie breaker biggest fish by length. EACH TEAM***

***MUST WEIGH A BIG FISH REGARDLESS OF SIZE. MARK WITH PROVIDED ZIP  
TIE***

***Teams must display tournament flag as provided. Anyone caught***

***Cheating will be immediately disqualified and banned from future***

***Erie Walleye Bash events. Applicants previously disqualified from  
Any fishing tournament may not apply or participate.***

***All points leaders must be willing to submit to a lie detector exam.***

***Any protest must be made within 15 minutes of last cooler weighed.***

***Protests must be made to the Tournament Director and accompanied by***

***\$100.00 which is refundable only if protest upheld.***

***All decisions of the Tournament Director ARE FINAL.***

***In case of BOAT Failure, COOLER AND ONE TEAM MEMBER can be transferred to  
Another TOURNAMENT BOAT if arrangements can be made between Team  
Captains .Notify Tournament Committee at 814-881-1790 if this occurs. ALL  
COOLERS STILL MUST BE IN WEIGH-IN LINE BY 4PM, No EXCEPTIONS***

***A Weather Committee will decide on cancellation/delay. Cancellation will occur  
if waves are deemed to be consistently over 3 feet. Any Delay may be up to 3  
Hours, before cancellation. Weather announcements at 4:30AM, 5AM 5:30 AM  
on VHF Channel 88. Facebook announcement on POOR RICHARDS- page. If  
boats are released to fish, it is up to the Team's Captain to decide if conditions  
are safe for his/her vessel. In case of cancellation, the Tournament will be held  
on Sunday 6/28 under the same rules. Participants must be prepared to fish  
Sunday 6/28 in case of cancellation on Saturday. NO REFUNDS.***

***In Case of cancellation of the ENTIRE main tournament (SAT & SUN) a random  
drawing of entrees will determine top 10 winners. If Big fish Friday is cancelled  
as well, a random drawing of BIG FISH entrees will determine top 3 places.***