

American Legion of Omro 40th Annual Sheepshead Fishing Tournament Entry Form

PLEASE NOTE: The tournament will be held at Miller Park this year due to road construction.

Saturday, July 11, 2026

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENTIRE FORM AND \$60.00 ENTRY FEE (Make checks payable to American Legion Post 234) between Monday, June 1, 2026 & Friday, July 3, 2026. You may mail or drop off your completed entry form and fee in an envelope in-person to Rick Deiss, 433 McKinley Avenue, Omro WI 54963 between the hours of 8am and 5 pm. If Rick is not at home, there will be a drop box for people to leave an envelope with their completed entry forms and \$60 fee enclosed. **NOTE:** Beginning 07/04/2026, you will need to bring the signed entry form and entry fee to the tournament.

There is a **\$60.00 ENTRY FEE PER BOAT**. Your completed entry form and \$60 entry fee and must be turned in together, or your form will be put at the end of the pile. Late Entries will then need to pay their entry fee on the day of the fishing tournament. You will get your boat (position) number at that time.

WAIVER

I acknowledge that I am **VOLUNTARILY** participating in the **OMRO AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT**. I am aware that my participation in the tournament listed on my entry form and as in all fishing tournaments creates the risk of serious personal injury or death. My participation could also lead to loss or damage to personal property. I expressly agree to assume all risk of injury and/or death or loss to personal property which may result from my participation in the **OMRO AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD FISHING TOURNAMENT**.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in the **ANNUAL SHEEPSHEAD FISHING TOURNAMENT**, I hereby **RELEASE AND DISCHARGE** the tournament's administrator, the **OMRO AMERICAN LEGION OF OMRO**, and all sponsors, their officers, directors, agents, employees, and legal representatives (**RELEASED PARTIES**) from the liabilities or injuries, damages or other loss sustained by me caused by the negligence or strict **liability of the RELEASED PARTIES**. I do not release the **RELEASED PARTIES** from liability for willful or intentional conduct or punitive damages.

I expressly recognize that loss of property, injury, or death could arise from (1) the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament, (2) the fact that competition rules contemplate that participants will fish in boats belonging to other participants in the contest, as well as their own boat, (3) the fact that the risks normally encountered in open water fishing from boats may be enhanced by the existence of competition.

BY SIGNING THIS ENTRY FORM, I HAVE READ THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT, AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 234 FISHING RULES CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 234 OMRO SHEEPSHEAD FISHING RULES AS IDENTIFIED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS ENTRY FORM. I ENTER VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY CONTEST RULES SUBJECTS CONTESTANTS TO DISQUALIFICATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR/OFFICIALS.

PRIZES (Example below is based on 126 ENTRIES- subject to change based on the number of exact entries)

1st PLACE: \$1,000.00	2nd PLACE: \$750.00	3rd PLACE: \$500.00
4th PLACE: \$ 250.00	5th PLACE: \$150.00	6th PLACE: \$ 50.00

TEAM CONTESTANT NAMES

TEAM MEMBER #1
 Name (print name): _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Signature _____

TEAM MEMBER #2
 Name (print name): _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Signature _____

AMERICAN LEGION POST 234 OMRO SHEEPSHEAD 2026 FISHING RULES

1. Only two team members per boat.
2. Entry fee is \$60.00 per boat which must be turned in to Rick Deiss, 433 McKinley Ave., Omro, WI 54963 (between the hours of 8a.m.& 5p.m.) along with your completed entry form between June 1, 2026, and July 3, 2026. Entries will obtain boat number (position) based on the order of return. Entry forms will **NOT** be accepted from the mail or dropped off prior to 8a.m. on June 1, 2026. If your entry form/fee is received prior to 06/01/2026 at 8.a.m., it will be placed at the bottom (end) of the pile accordingly, per tournament Director/Officials. If Rick is not home, there will be a drop box for contestants to leave their completed entry form and \$60 fee. Please put your completed form/fee in an envelope as there will not be one provided. **Beginning Saturday, 07/04/2026, you will need to bring your entry form/fee to the tournament. Your boat number (position) will be given to you at that time.**
3. All boats must be launched and/or taken to **Miller Park** by **6:30 a.m.** At that time there will be a mandatory meeting. Late entries will also be registered during that time. Miller Park is being used **this year** due to road construction at (or near) Scott Park.
4. Tournament contest will begin at **7:00 a.m.** according to boat number position. The entire tournament ends at **3:00 p.m.** Weigh-in at **Miller Park**.
5. **NOTE: All boats will be inspected prior to leaving the dock. You will be asked to open all coolers, live wells, and compartments to make sure there are no fish in possession prior to the tournament. If your boat is found to have sheepshead in possession, or if you are seen obtaining fish previously caught, you will be automatically disqualified from the tournament, and any future tournaments and your entry fee will be non-refundable. You will also be banned from fishing in future tournaments as well.**
6. Fish may be registered at any time during the tournament.
7. **Exact return time** for each boat will be given at the meeting. All boats will be timed for their return. Any boat more than five (5) minutes late of their return time will be disqualified.
8. **NEW RULE:** Contestants should use **common sense** when fishing near other boats & must provide appropriate distances so **not to infringe on any other boats fishing area**, depending on who gets to the fishing area first.
9. Participating contestants are not allowed to leave their boat during the fishing tournament, other than at **Miller Park, Omro, WI**.
10. Contestants are not allowed to touch or contact any other boat (or their fish) during the tournament.
11. Fish should NOT be returned to the water dead.
12. Contestants must fish from the original boat in which they started the tournament with; the only exception being a switch due to any type of mechanical failure of the motor(s) (or sinking) of the original boat. Switching of boats in this type of emergency can ONLY be made with the approval of the Tournament Director/Officials.
13. Under no circumstances are the fish to be handled by anyone other than the 2 team contestants, until the fish are registered at the weigh station. The winners will be determined **by their ten (10) heaviest sheepshead fish**.
14. All fish must be caught on hook and line during the tournament hours. **All sheepshead fish must have red gills and be in good condition at weigh-in.** Tournament Director/Officials will have the right to verify that fish were legally caught during the fishing tournament by each boat's contestants.
15. Any questions or problems concerning the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament's Director/Officials. The decisions made will be final in all cases. No other spokesperson can be considered as an interpreter of the rules during the tournament. A \$10.00 protest fee will be required of any formal protest. Such fee will be refunded only if protest proves valid.
16. In case of a tie for any of the five top place finishers, a 30-minute "FISH OFF" will be held. Total pounds of sheepshead fish caught in that thirty (30) minutes will determine the winner for that place.
17. All Conservation, DNR and US Coast Guard rules apply. All laws of the State of WI will be abided by, and any contestant aged 16 years or older must hold a valid Wisconsin fishing license. Children aged 15 and younger can fish without a license, but all other fishing regulations still apply.
18. Alcohol consumption will not be allowed while fishing in this tournament.
19. Any contestants receiving a DNR citation during this fishing tournament will be automatically disqualified and therefore deemed ineligible to receive any prize (or big fish) money. If you receive a citation during the tournament, you **must** IMMEDIATELY disclose this information to the American Legion of Omro Tournament Director/Officials.
20. If you enter the **BIG Fish Competition**, the pay-out is for the top three (3) heaviest weight. Only one (1) weight winner **per** boat.
21. The winning team from this tournament will automatically be placed in **BOAT ENTRY POSITION Number ONE (#1)** the following year; however, they will still need to complete the entry form and pay the entry fee for the fishing tournament.