



Magnolia Crappie Club Regular Tournament Rules

2023-2024 Season

Annual Membership

- Dues are \$75.00 per person.
- Our new year begins on August 219, 2023.
- Children under the age of 18 are exempt from the Membership Fee.
- Membership cut-off is at the end of registration of the last regular-season tournament. Special exemptions can be approved by the BOD for emergency partner changes for the championship tournament only.
- NO Saturday Morning Registration unless announced by the Tournament Director.
- Participants may mail registration to the Secretary/Treasurer before Tournament, but it's up to the Participants to VERIFY that payment is received beforehand.
- The Tournament Entry Fee is \$120 per boat for each regular & \$110 per boat for each Big Mama Open Tournament.
- Teams may pay entry fees for the entire season at the beginning of the season or remaining fees at any time during the season.
- Team Members may Pay and Pick up tickets for other Team Members
- A TEAM MEMBER must turn in weigh ticket at the weigh-in to receive 75 points to a designated person Paula before the cut-off for Weigh-Tickets (3:00) set by the Tournament Director. IF A TEAM MEMBER DOES NOT TURN IN their weigh-in ticket before the cut-off time, the team will only receive 50 points for participation.
- Teams who fish and decide to leave early DUE TO SAFETY MUST NOTIFY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR SECRETARY in order to receive participation points.
- Teams who are late or found with fish in their boat during a boat check will be disqualified—no points awarded for participation. No entry fee refund will be refunded.
- **TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND EXPENSE RECAP FORMS FOR EACH EVENT AT REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED CORRECTLY AND TURNED PRIOR TO RECEIVING WEIGH IN TICKET.**

Fishing Times

- Start fishing times will be announced for each tournament, and stop fishing times will be 2:00 PM for every Tournament UNLESS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.
- Teams may be on their first fishing spot early, but teams may not drop hooks into the water until the Official Announced Start Time. All Poles must be out of the water by Designated Stop Fishing Time

People/Pole Limits

- Teams may fish with up to EIGHT (8) poles per boat with no more than 2 hook sets per pole unless local lake rules lower the number of poles allowed.
- Teams are allowed to fish an unlimited number of kids in the boat as long as they are under 18.
- No more than 2 adults are allowed in tournament boats at any point during the tournament hours except for Elite Sponsors, a member of the press, outdoor writers, photographers, emergencies, assistance with boat troubles, or assignment of a tournament observer.

Mobile Communications

- Binoculars and other magnifying devices are not allowed during Tournament Week. Underwater cameras during competition are not allowed. VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CB'S, etc., to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is prohibited. VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED
- Electronic communication is allowed ONLY in the case of boat trouble, emergencies, or personal, non-fishing related phone calls.

Guest Rule

- Teams may invite guests to fish in our regular tournaments.
- TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE ONE (1) FREE GUEST PER SEASON. ALL OTHER FISHING PARTNERS MUST PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP. (Your 1st Guest of the Season is on MCC, all remaining Guests must purchase a membership.)
- There is no limit to the number of guests a team can use during the regular season.
- No guest may fish the State Championship event unless a special exemption is granted by the MCC Board. Teams must declare who the "regular" partners are before the end of the weigh-in of the last regular tournament for the season.

Weigh-in Rules

- At least one team member must be in the designated weigh-in line with no more than 7 live fish caught by the tournament team on tournament day in a container by the Weigh-In Deadline for that tournament. Fish will not be checked at any location other than designated weigh-in line. Once your fish have been checked team member must remain in weigh-in until fish are weighed.
- Fish will be checked only once. Whatever fish you present to the designated tournament official is final.

- **You must have your Big Fish tagged with the zip-tie, provided to you with your weigh-in ticket, before you get your fish checked.**
- If you have no fish to weigh, turn in your weigh-in ticket to the secretary by the Weigh-In Deadline, and you will receive 75 points for participation in the tournament.
- Teams that have not turned in weigh-in tickets by the Weigh-In Deadline will be declared late and receive 50 points only for entering.
- Fish will be checked as soon as the proper tournament officials are ready to receive teams at the Check Station. You are advised to keep your fish in your live well or aerated cooler until the tournament officials are ready.
- The weigh-in will begin as soon as the equipment is ready and a weigh-in line is established.
Fish must be kept alive until they have been checked and your weigh-in ticket signed by designated tournament official.
- **Teams will be allowed to weigh-in a maximum of 2 dead fish with a 0.25-pound penalty for each dead fish weighed. This penalty also applies to your Big Fish if dead when checked.**
- **There is no penalty for any fish that die once they have been checked by the designated tournament official.**
- **Dead fish must be in fresh condition. It is still the Tournament Director's discretion to throw out any questionable fish.**
- **Dead fish must be noted on your weigh-in ticket when checked.**
- **Any additional dead fish will be thrown out and you will weigh your remaining fish.**
- Teams WILL have no form of ice or bait, minnows, jigs, etc., in the container when the container is handed to the weigh-in crew.
- If ice, bait, or any objects other than legal crappie are present when presented to the weigh-in crew, that team will be (MOVED TO THE BACK OF THE LINE) and weighed last after they have removed objects in question from the container.
- Fish will be weighed only one time.
- Fish judged by the Tournament Director or Weigh-Master that are under 10 inches (or not over 12 inches on some COE Lakes) are considered to be SHORT FISH.
- Illegal (undersized "short fish") or more than 7 fish presented to the weigh team, the team will be disqualified.
- Disqualified teams will receive NO POINTS AWARDED.

POLYGRAPH:

- By your participation in an MCC tournament, you agree to comply with the rules and agree to submit to and pass a polygraph test or similar truth test in order to qualify for the receipt of any prize.
- MCC shall have the right to polygraph any competing team.
- A team member who failed to pass a polygraph or whose condition does not permit the administration of a test will be disqualified.

Points & Payouts

- Payouts will be based on the club's Regular Tournament Payout Schedule.
- A TEAM MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE PRIZE PAYOUTS
- Points will be calculated with the 200-point system. Points will be rewarded on place finished in the tournament.
- TEAM MEMBERS MUST TURN IN WEIGH TICKETS TO RECEIVE 75 POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION.
- Teams that are pre-paid or designated as a sponsored paid team will receive 50 points for entering the tournament. IF THE WEIGH-IN TICKET IS NOT TURNED IN BY A TEAM MEMBER BY CUT-OFF TIME.

Big Fish Rules

- Every boat is entered in the big fish pot at every regular tournament.
- This is not optional and is part of the entry fee.
TWO BIG FISH WINNER PRIZES FOR EACH REGULAR TOURNAMENT.
- TEAMS CAN ONLY WEIGH ONE (1) BIG FISH.

Post-Season Payout Rules

- **Finish in the TOP 50 in the Points Race: Fish a minimum of 5 tournaments (Actually Fish) AND PAY A \$200 Championship Entry Fee per Boat. - DEADLINE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE TO BE PAID BY END OF WEIGH-IN OF LAST TOURNAMENT FOR SEASON. ATTENDANCE IS MADATORY FOR AWARDS BANQUENT BY AT LEAST ONE TEAM MEMBER TO RECEIVE PRIZE POST SEASON PAYOUTS.**

Post-Season Payout Pots

- There will be 4 Post-Season Payout pots.
 1. Big Mama Pots. The regular season will be divided into two splits. The first split includes the first 5 held regular tournaments. The second split includes the remaining held regular tournaments. 1st HALF BIG MAMA SPLIT -
 2. \$500, 2ND HALF BIG MAMA SPLIT - \$500. Additionally, a \$500 Biggest Big Mama prize will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught during the regular season.
 3. TOP MALE/FEMALE TEAM; YOUTH ANGELER; ROOKIE TEAM AND RABBIT ROGERS TEAM WILL BE RECONGNIZED AT AWARDS BANQUENT.
 4. 25% OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE AT END OF SEASON WILL PAID OUT IN THE POINTS RACE.
 5. The remaining 75% will be paid out in the championship tournament.
 6. "Championship" Payout. This event will be two (2) one-day tournaments + the team with the heaviest 2-day total weight will be declared State Champions and receive an additional \$500 prize. Exact dates and lake site(s) will be announced later. "Championship" RULES WILL BE IDENTICAL TO REGULAR SEASON RULES.

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

- TEAMS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN BIG MAMA TOURNAMENTS WITH NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED. ENTRY FEE IS \$110.00
- TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS ONE TEAM MEMBER MUST BE A MEMBER AND THE OTHER TEAM MEMBER CAN BE CONSIDERED A GUEST. HOWEVER, A TEAM CAN ONLY USE THIS EXCEPTION ONCE PER SEASON.

Tournament Cancellation

- In the event of inclement weather on tournament day, the President may call a Board meeting to discuss cancellation.
- Those members of the Governing Board present will meet and may cancel the tournament.
- Entry fees for canceled tournaments that are not rescheduled will be returned.
- Canceled Tournaments do not count toward qualification for Post-Season activities or payouts.

The Tournament Director oversees all (is in charge ALL) activities on tournament day.

- At his discretion, teams may be subject to polygraphs, boat checks, and official observers.
- In the event a Verbal Protest is lodged, the Tournament Director will listen to the initial complaint and may decide to take the protest to the Protest Committee as provided in the Club's By-Laws.
- Verbal Protests must be filed with the Tournament Director prior to prize payouts being distributed.
- All Protest Committee and Tournament Director decisions are final.
- There is no appeals process.

FISHABLE WATERS

- Fishing within 50 feet of a Marina gas pump or within SAFE & COURTEOUS DISTANCE of a competitor's boat, which is first anchored, is prohibited (Trolling motors must be in up position and anchor rope visible to be considered anchored).
- A safe and courteous distance MUST be maintained when trolling motors are in use. ○ If you can touch a boat with your pole tip then that's TOO CLOSE.
- Boats may fish anywhere except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by Local, State or Federal officials or as announced by Tournament Officials.
- Any violation of off-limits water will result in disqualification. Tournament Officials reserve the right to restrict or enhance tournament waters based on conversations with local authorities.
- MUST USE PUBLIC LANDINGS ON ALL LAKES ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE. NO PRIVATE LANDING ALLOWED

SAFETY

- Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by contestants. Teams who fish and decide to leave early DUE TO SAFETY MUST NOTIFY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR SECRETARY in order to receive participation points.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

- As a condition of participation in each tournament, each contestant must execute a waiver and release of liability.

TIES

- In the case of a tie for first place, big fish of each team will determine the winner. Second place and on down, all ties split the combined purse of that prize level.

VIOLATIONS

- Each contestant agrees to report any violation or infraction of any tournament rules immediately to the tournament director VERBALLY BEFORE PAYOUTS ARE HANDED OUT.

OFF LIMITS

- Anglers must STOP FISHING 30 minutes before sunset the day prior to the start of the competition, then exit the water and be off the water by sunset.
- Anglers ARE ADVISED TO NOT LEAVE THE BOAT RAMP BEFORE DAYLIGHT for safety concerns.
- Anglers ARE ADVISED TO CALL THE TD or Secretary if they are not coming to the Weigh-in for safety concerns

CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

CONDUCT

- Contestants participating in any MCC event shall abide by this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the event in which they are participating.
- Contestants shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a professional that will not reflect unfavorably on MCC, its members, events or representatives.
- The favorable public reputation of MCC as an organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for MCC.
- It is an obligation of contestants to refrain from comments to the media that unreasonably attack or disparages the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow contestants or the MCC organization.

- Responsible expressions of disagreement with MCC policies are acceptable; however, attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials are not tolerated.
- Public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of MCC, MCC officials or sponsors shall be considered unacceptable conduct and may result in disciplinary action. Including Social Media Comments made by a team member.
- Contestants shall demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler who violates any portion of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to disqualification

HONESTY & SPORTSMANSHIP

- Contestants in MCC tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation.
- Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.
- Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any contestant during the tournament will be cause for automatic disqualification from this MCC tournament. The tournament director will disqualify any team where a team member is deemed to be intoxicated.
- Maximum courtesy must always be practice, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-contestants who may be on tournament waters.
- Any act of a contestant which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy will be the reason for disqualification.
- All contestants are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states within which they fish.
- Contestants are responsible for knowing state laws and regulations of fishing and boating practices.
- Contestant agrees that the integrity and competitive honesty of fishing contests are paramount to any crappie fishing club's continued existence and success.
- Contestants compete in MCC contests at the sole discretion of MCC.
- MCC reserves the right to refuse service to any potential contestant and enforce its tournament rules at its discretion.
- Contestants are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of morality, honesty, fair play and sportsmanship.
- Contestants will not do anything which shall be detrimental to MCC, its sponsors.
- Contestants agree to conduct themselves, at all times, with regard to public conventions and morals.
- Contestants agree not to engage in any conduct that will reasonably tend to degrade him/her or bring MCC into public hatred, contempt or ridicule or integrity of competitive angling.
- Contestant agrees that this provision is necessary to protect MCC's goodwill in the community in which the contestant represents it and to protect the competitive integrity of MCC's business.
- MCC may ban any member from any contests for a serious or intentional violation of any law, rule, regulation, bylaw, or any act of dishonesty, theft or misappropriation of MCC property, moral turpitude, insubordination, or any act injuring, abusing, or endangering others.
- MCC does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin.