Magnolia Crappie Club Regular Tournament Rules
2026-2027 Season

Annual Membership

- Dues are $75.00 per person.
- Our new year begins on August 22,2026
- Children under the age of 16 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.
- Magnolia Crappie Club reserves the right to refuse and/or revoke memberships without cause and/or explanation and without recourse at our own discretion. Membership does not guarantee the ability to enter a tournament. Magnolia Crappie Club may deny tournament entry to a member without cause, reason, explanation or recourse.

Waiver and Release

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

Teams

- You may enter alone or with a partner of your choice. No more than two (2) adults will be allowed in tournament boats at any point during 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 of which MUST all have prior approved before start of tournament hours. Your fishing partner must be declared at registration.
- **Teams are allowed to fish an unlimited number of minors in the boat as long as they are under 16.**
- No comingling of teams will be allowed. Members of separate teams cannot join together to fish a tournament.

Guest

- Teams may invite guests to fish in regular tournaments.
- Teams are allowed to have one (1) Free Guest Per Season, All other fishing partners must purchase a membership.
- There is no limit to the number of guests a team can use during the regular season.
- No guest will be allowed to fish the State Championship event unless a special exemption is granted by the Magnolia Crappie Club Board. Teams must declare who the "regular" partners are before the end of the weigh-in of the last regular tournament for the season.

Registrations

- 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
- **TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND EXPENSE RECAP FORMS FOR EACH EVENT AT REGISTRATION. FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED CORRECTLY AND TURNED IN PRIOR TO RECEIVING WEIGH IN TICKET**

Fishing Times

- Start fishing times will be announced before each tournament, and stop fishing times will be 2:00pm for each tournament Unless Officially Announced by the Tournament Director.
- Teams may be on their fishing spot early, but teams may not drop hooks into the water until the Official Announced Start Time. All Poles/Lines must be out of the water by 2:00pm or Designated Stop Fishing Time Announced.

Poles/Baits

- Teams may fish with up to eight (8) poles per boat with no more than two (2) hook sets per pole unless local lake rules lower the number of poles allowed.

Boats/Motors

- Teams must fish from one (1) boat with a 9.9 HP motor or larger during tournament hours No swapping of boats will be allowed under any circumstances. Rubber Rafts, Canoes and Go-Devils/Pirogue are not allowed.

Mobile Communications/Other Equipment

- Binoculars and other magnifying devices are not allowed during tournament week. Underwater cameras during tournament hours are not allowed.
- The use of mobile communication devices such as cell phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CB Radios, etc. to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is prohibited.
- Electronic communication is allowed ONLY in the case of emergencies, boat trouble or personal/non-fishing related phone calls, VIOLATERS WILL BE DISQUALIFED.

Weigh-In

- At least one (1) team member must be in the designated weigh-in area with no more than five (5) Live Fish in a container to have fish checked by designated cut-off set by Tournament Director. Fish will not be checked at any other location other than designated weigh-in area. Once your fish have been checked and weigh-in tickets has been signed fish must remain in the designated weigh-in area until fish are officially weighed by weigh master.
- Fish will only be checked once. Whatever fish teams present to the designated tournament official is final.
- You must have your BIG FISH TAGGED with zip-tie, provided to team with weigh tickets before you get your fished checked.
- Fish will be checked as soon as the designated tournament officials are ready to receive teams at the designated weigh-in area. You are advised to keep your fish in live well or aerated cooler until the designated tournament officials are ready. FISH MUST BE HEALTHY AND ALIVE until checked and weigh-in ticket has been signed off on.
- There is no penalty for any fish that die once they have been checked by the designated tournament official.

- NO Ice, Bait, Weigh Clips, or any other objects will be allowed in the container when fish are presented to the designated tournament officials/weigh-in crew. If fish are weighed with any foreign object team will receive a 2 pound penalty.
- Fish will be weighed ONLY One (1) Time.
- Fish judged by the Tournament Director or Weigh Master that are under ten (10) inches or Not Over 12 inches in designated COE Lakes are considered to be SHORT FISH. More than five (5) fish presented to designated weigh-in officials will be disqualified and NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED.
- 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 time for Weigh-Tickets 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 for any reason MUST NOTIFY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR SECRETARY FOR SAFETY REASONS and 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.

Polygraph

- Teams who participate in a Magnolia Crappie Club tournament, you agree to comply with 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.
- Magnolia Crappie Club shall have the right to polygraph any competing team
- A Team Member who fails 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 Magnolia Crappie Club's Regular Tournament Payout Schedule.
- A Team Member Must be Present to receive Prize Payouts.
- Your Anglers under the age of 16 will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Academy Sports Gift Cards and Plaques based on their teams finishing.
- Top Male/Female team will receive $100.00.
- Top Senior Angler (Rabbit Rogers Award 65 and over) will receive a $100.00.
- Points will be calculated with the 200-Point System. Points will be rewarded on the place finished in the tournament.
- Teams that are pre-paid or designated as a Sponsored Team will receive 50 points for entering the tournament if no weigh-in ticket is turned in to designated person by designated cut off time.

Big Fish

- Each team will be entered in the big fish pot at every regular tournament**.** This is not optional and is part of the $120.00 entry fee.
- Two (2) Big Fish Winner Prizes will be awarded for each regular tournament.
- Each team can only weigh one (1) Big Fish.

Ties

- In the case of a tie. Big Fish for each team will determine the winner/place for all ties.

Post-Season Qualifications/Payouts

- The top fifty (50) teams in the points race, fish a minimum of five (5) tournaments (ACTUALLY FISH) and pay a $200.00 championship entry fee per team will Qualify to fish the championship. Deadline for Championship entry fee must be paid by May 15, 2027. ATTENDANCE by one (1) team member is MADATORY at the Awards Banquet to receive post season payouts.
    - **Post-Season Payouts**
        1. Two (2) Big Fish Splits will consist of Five (5) Tournaments each. Each split will pay $500.00 for Big Fish of the 5 tournaments. Overall Big Fish for Season will Pay an additional $500.00.
        2. Top Male/Female Team, Rookie Team, Rabbit Rogers Award and Youth Anglers will be recognized at Awards Banquet.
        3. 25% of the Funds Available at the end of season will be paid out to the top 25 teams that qualified for post season payouts/championship.
        4. Championship Payout will consist of remaining 75% of remaining funds. Championship will consist of two (2) one-day tournaments. Overall championship winner will be declared by teams (2) day points total. In the event of a tie team big fish or both day will determine Championship Overall Winner. Championship Winners and receive an additional $500.00.

Tournament Cancellation

- In the event of inclement weather on tournament day, the President may call a Board Meeting to discuss cancellation. Members of the Governing Board present will meet and may cancel the tournament. Entry fees for canceled tournaments that are not rescheduled will be refunded. Canceled tournaments do not count towards 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. o 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 ACCESIABLE TO EVERYONE. NO PRIVATE LANDING ALLOWED

Safety

- Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by teams. Life Jackets are to be worn by all boaters anytime big motor is running.
- Teams who fish and decide to leave prior to Weigh-In MUST NOTIFY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR SECRETARY FOR SAFETY REASONS.
- Anglers must Stop Fishing thirty (30) minutes before sunset the day prior to start of the competition then exit the water and be off the water by sunset.

Violations

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

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.