



Magnolia Crappie Club Regular Tournament Rules

2017-2018 Season

Annual Membership

- Dues are \$60 per person.
- Our new year begins on **June 25, 2017**.
- Children under age of 18 are exempt from this fee.
- **MCC will offer ONLINE REGISTRATION, ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE Thursday AT 8 pm. Friday Night Registration will be done afterward.**
- **NO Saturday Morning Registration unless announced by the Tournament Director.**
- **Participants may mail registration to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to Tournament, but it's up to the Participants to VERIFY that payment is received beforehand.**
- **Participants may send their entry fees by another person for Friday Night Registration.**
- **Weigh Tickets will be issued on Tournament Morning (Saturday) unless announced by the Tournament Director. This is to verify that your boat was checked and you fished the tournament.**
- **The Tournament Entry Fee is \$110 per boat for each regular & \$110 per boat for each Big Mama Open Tournament held.**
- Teams may pay entry fees for the entire season at the beginning of the season.
- **Teams may pay entry fees for THE REMAINING OF THE SEASON at any time during the season.**
- **All teams must come to a designated area tournament morning at the appointed times to pick up a weigh-in card and bring their boat for a random boat check.**
- **WEIGH TICKETS AND/OR BOAT CHECKS WILL CLOSE AFTER THE APPOINTED TIME (NO EXCEPTIONS). TIMES WILL BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**
- Teams found with fish in their boat during a boat check will be disqualified. They will receive their 10 points for participation. No entry fee refund will be issued.

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 they may not drop hooks into the water until the Official Announced Start 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 the age of 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.**
- **Electronic communication is allowed 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 regular tournament season.

Weigh-in Rules.

- At least one team member must be in the immediate weigh-in area with no more than 7 crappie caught by the tournament team on tournament day in a container before 3:00 PM.
- Teams that have not turned in weigh-in tickets before 3:00 PM will be declared late and receive 10 points only for entering.
- The weigh-in will begin as soon as the equipment is ready and a weigh-in line is established.
- The weigh-in order will be organized in the order that the weigh-in cards are turned in.
- Fish judged by the Weigh-Master to be UNDER 10 INCHES OR UNDER THE MINIMUM LAKE REGULATION REQUIREMENT WILL BE THROWN OUT AND CANNOT BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER FISH.
- Fish must be kept as healthy as possible.
- There is no penalty for dead fish, but any fish that is questionable (**Example: BELOW MINIMUM LENGTH**) WILL be taken out by the Tournament Director or Weigh-Master. In the event they cannot agree, the President will break the tie. The remaining fish will be weighed.
- Presenting more than 7 crappie to the weigh-in crew will cause the team to be **(MOVED TO THE BACK OF THE LINE)** and weighed last.
- 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. **IF OBJECTS ARE PRESENT 2ND TIME OR ILLEGAL (MORE THAN 7 OR UNDERSIZED) FISH PRESENTED, THE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- Disqualified teams will receive 10 points for entering.

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 NEW 2017-2018 Regular Tournament Payout Schedule.
- Overall points will be kept for the year, and the Top Ten Teams will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.
- Teams will receive 10 points for each regular tournament entered.
- Fish will be weighed to the nearest one-hundredth of a pound, and points will be assigned to the team's points total at the rate of one point per pound, points will be calculated to the nearest one-hundredth.

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, 1ST PLACE - \$300 & 2ND PLACE - \$100.**
- **TEAMS CAN ONLY WEIGH ONE (1) BIG FISH.**

Post-Season Payout Rules

- There are two (2) ways to qualify for the MCC Post Season Tournament; you may do one or the other.
 - Finish in the TOP 40 in the Points Race AND PAY A \$200 Championship Entry Fee per Boat - **DEADLINE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE - MAY 25, 2018** - MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE AND MAILED TO MCC SECRETARY.
 - FISH AT LEAST 8 TOURNAMENTS (A team member must pick up the weigh-in card at registration even if you are pre-paid) AND PAY A \$200 Championship Entry Fee per Boat - **DEADLINE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE -MAY 25, 2018** - MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE AND MAILED TO MCC SECRETARY.
- You can pre-pay the Championship Entry Fee at ANYTIME DURING THE SEASON AFTER YOU QUALIFY (MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS ABOVE #1 OR #2).

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 - \$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.**
 2. **Overall Points Payout.** \$1 per point per team will be awarded to every team that meets the postseason qualifications.
 3. **"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.**

Big-Mama Tournaments (2017-2018)

- **ENTRY FEE FOR ALL BIG-MAMA OPEN TOURNAMENTS - \$110**
- **BARNETT – NOVEMBER 11, 2017 (RIDGELAND TOURISM)**
- **GRENADA – MARCH 17, 2018**
 - **\$1,000 – BONUS IF BIGGEST FISH WEIGHED IS OVER 3 POUNDS (PROVIDED BY SPONSOR)**
- **BARNETT – APRIL 28, 2018 (ACADEMY SPORTS + OUTDOORS)**

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

- **TEAMS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN BIG MAMA TOURNAMENTS WITH NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED.**
- **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 is in charge of all activities on tournament day.

- At his discretion, teams may be subject to polygraphs, boat checks, and official observers.
- In the event a 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.
- Protests must be filed with the Tournament Director on the day of the tournament.
- 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.**

SAFETY

- Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by contestants.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

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

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 IN WRITING BEFORE PAYOUTS ARE HANDED OUT.**

OFF LIMITS

- Tournament waters are off-limits 30 minutes before sunset the day prior to the start of the competition unless otherwise stated by the Tournament Officials. Use the sonar tables to determine sunset times.
- 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.

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.
- 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 be practiced at all times, 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.

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