



Magnolia Crappie Club Regular Tournament Rules

2016-2017 Season

Annual membership dues are \$60 per person. Our new year begins on **June 26, 2016**. Children under age of 18 are exempt from this fee. Registration times will be announced, and registration will be held on the morning of each regular tournament. The Tournament Entry Fee is \$100 per boat for each regular tournament held. Teams may pay entry fees for the entire season at the beginning of the season. **All teams must come to early tournament morning registration to register and pick up a weigh-in card and bring their boat for a random boat check. 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. 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, member of the press, outdoor writers, photographers, emergencies, assistance with boat troubles, or assignment of a tournament observer.**

Mobile Communications--Cell phones, radios and any other form of electronic communication may not be used to get fishing information. 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. At least one of the fishing partners must be a member of MCC. Annual membership dues will be waived for guests' first tournament. Should guests wish to come back and fish in later tournaments the annual **membership dues of \$60** will be assessed and guests will then become a member of MCC. 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 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 (NOT over the minimum lake regulation requirement)** will be thrown out and may not 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 can 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 weighed last. Teams should 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 weighed last after they have removed all forms of ice, bait, or other objects from the container. Fish will be weighed only one time. Disqualified teams will receive 10 points for entering.

Teams may weigh as many Big Fish as they like.

POLYGRAPH: By your participation in a 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 2016-2017 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.

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 prizes will be paid at each regular tournament. **1st place is \$150, 2nd place is \$100.** One team may win both Big Fish prizes.

Post-Season Payout Rules--**There are two (2) ways to qualify for the MCC Post Season Tournament, you may do one or the other.**

1. Finish in the TOP 40 in the Points Race AND PAY A \$200 Championship Entry Fee per Boat - DEADLINE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE - MAY 26, 2017 - MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE AND MAILED TO MCC SECRETARY.

2. 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 26, 2017 - 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).

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. Teams may win more than one Big Mama prize per split. The pot will be built at the rate of \$200 per regular tournament. Five Big Mama prizes per split will be awarded. 1st @ 30%, 2nd @ 25%, 3rd @ 20%, 4th @ 15%, 5th @ 10%. Additionally a **\$250 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 post season qualifications. **(3) TOP 10 Points Teams will be paid base on the Top 10 Additional Points Payout Schedule (See Standard Payout Schedule).** **(4) "Championship" Payout.** This event will be two (2) one-day tournaments + the team with the heavies 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 issued.

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.

2015/2016 RULE CHANGES - RED

2016-2017 RULE CHANGES - BLUE