

Fish and Ski Marine

2025 Tournament Rules

(Updated August 6, 2025)

1. Entry Fes

- a. Entry fees will be:
Pro Division = \$150 per team
Semi-Pro Division = \$100 per team
- b. The amount or percentage of the entry fees that will be paid out at each tournament will be determined by Fish and Ski Marine.
- c. Entry fees for the entire Team must be received by the Tournament Director by close of the designated late registration period. Withdrawal of entry must be stated by the team by close of late registration.
- d. Website entries will close Wednesday at midnight the week of the tournament.
- e. Entry fees not withdrawn by the close of registration will not be refunded or moved to another tournament unless a tournament is cancelled or postponed by the Tournament Director.

2. Teams

- a. Team members must have valid applicable fishing and boating licenses when participating in any tournament.
- b. A Team must be made up of not more than (i) two Adults, (ii) two Adults and a Junior Angler, or (iii) one Adult and two Junior Anglers.
- c. A "Junior Angler" is any angler that is not yet 18 years old and is a minor child of a Team member or other minor whose parent or legal guardian has authorized such minor to fish with the Registered Team. **A *Junior Angler* is a member of the team and their fish are part of the "team's" 5 fish stringer. The team weighs in 5 fish total. Junior Anglers DO NOT weigh in additional fish.**
- d. Teams must fish out of the same Boat.

3. Divisions

- a. Tournament will be made up of Two Divisions: Pro and Semi-Pro.
- b. Any Team may compete in the Pro Division.
- c. The following individuals will not be allowed to fish in the Semi Pro Division.
 - i. Any person that is a fishing guide, as defined by TP&W regulations, or has been a fishing guide during the previous calendar year.
 - ii. Any person that has won \$1,450 or more in crappie tournaments (excluding Crappiefest) in the previous calendar year?

4. Tournament Lakes

- a. **There will be NO OFF LIMITS**

5. Safety

- a. Tournament Hours will be set and announced by the Tournament Director in his sole discretion.
 - i. "Tournament Hours" is the time period beginning at the start of a tournament and ending when the weigh-in is concluded, all prizes have been awarded and the Tournament Director has declared that the tournament is concluded.
- b. Teams may start fishing (line in the water) anywhere on the lake at the starting time announced by the Tournament Director.
- c. The Tournament Director may cancel, postpone, delay or shorten any tournament in his sole discretion due to extreme weather or water conditions.
- d. Team members must comply with all applicable State and Federal fishing and boating regulations during tournament hours, including the use of boat kill switches.
- e. PFDs must be worn by Team members during Tournament Hours when their Boat is on plane and Kill Switches must be attached in compliance with TPWD regulations.
- f. Team members may not use or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during Tournament Hours.
- g. Team members must operate their Boats in a safe and courteous manner at all times during Tournament Hours.

6. Weigh-Ins

- a. The site for each tournament weigh-in will be determined by the

Tournament Director in his sole discretion.

- i. The weigh-in for this tournament will be held at:

Fish and Ski Marine
13540 I-20 Frontage Rd
Canton, TX 75103

- b. The Tournament Director will determine the time of opening and closure of the weigh-in line in his sole discretion.
- c. Once the Tournament Director announces that the weigh-in line is closed no Team or Team member will be allowed to enter the weigh-in line.
- d. **Not more than 5 Legal Crappie** that are caught and landed by Team members on permissible Fishing Tackle, Bait or Lures may be weighed-in and the total weight of the 5 Legal Crappie weighed-in by each Team will determine the order of finish.
 - i. A Legal Crappie is any crappie that is alive when entering the weigh-in line, is caught from a Permitted Fishing Area during the applicable Tournament Hours, does not have any weight enhancements, was caught in a legal manner, and is legal to be kept by the Team under applicable state law.
 - ii. Once a Team brings its fish to the weigh-in area, no fish may be removed.
 - iii. Presenting more than 5 Legal Crappie to be weighed-in will result in the disqualification of the Team.
 - iv. Presenting any fish to be weighed-in that is not a Legal Crappie will result in the disqualification of the Team.
 - v. Exception--If an otherwise Legal Crappie is dead when entering the weigh-in line, the dead crappie will be removed and the Team may continue to the scales for the weigh-in without replacing the dead crappie.
- e. The first tiebreaker after total weight will be the weight of the Teams' biggest Legal Crappie. Total weight will be the first tiebreaker for the Big Fish pot.
- f. After weigh-in, Teams are encouraged but not required to release all live fish back into the lake. Any donation of fish to other individuals must follow TP&W regulations and be accompanied by a Wildlife Resource Document.

7. Permitted Fishing Areas

- a. All areas of the designated tournament lake during tournament hours that are open to all Teams and accessible by the Tournament Director in his or her Boat, except fishing within 50 feet of another Team that is already fishing is prohibited.
- b. The "50 feet" rule is waived when fishing in and around bridge columns.
- c. The Tournament Director may declare certain areas of a tournament lake to be off-limits.

8. Permissible Boats, Fishing Tackle, Baits and Lures

- a. A Boat is any vessel propelled by a gasoline-powered motor. Canoes, Kayaks, rubber rafts and float tubes are not considered to be "Boats" for purposes of these rules.
- b. Team Members must use rod and reel combos, hand-held pole and reel combos or hand-held poles.
- c. Each Team is limited to not more than 8 poles with not more than 2 baits on each pole in the water at any one time.
- d. Live and artificial baits and lures are permitted.
- e. Landing Nets may be used.

9. Sportsmanship

- a. Team members may not (i) hire or compensate any person in any way to fish with or for a Team Member during any tournament, or (ii) hire or compensate any person in any way to fish with a Team member on a lake which will host a Tournament 30 days prior to such tournament.
 - i. This rule does not restrict Team members from agreeing to share tournament expenses.
- b. The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CB's or the like to communicate fishing information during Tournament Hours is prohibited.
- c. Hole sitting (holding a spot for a Team) by any Team, Team member or any non-competitor on behalf of a Team or Team member is prohibited.
- d. Teams are urged to release any Crappie following the weigh-in that are likely to survive.
- e. Teams are urged not to release any Crappie following the weigh-in that are not likely to survive.
- f. Unsportsmanlike conduct during Tournament Hours may be grounds for disqualification from the tournament.
- g. Any fish may be examined at the weigh in, including but not limited to, metal detectors or opening a fish up, at the Tournament Directors discretion.

10. Violations

- a. Unless otherwise specifically stated in these Rules, a violation of any of these Rules will result in disqualification from the tournament in which the violation occurred and the forfeiture of any prizes received.
- b. Protests alleging a violation of any of these rules during a tournament must be made in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes following the end of the weigh-in. All protests must cite the rule number

allegedly broken and must be signed by the person making the protest. The person making the protest and the person against whom the protest is being made may be required to submit to and pass a polygraph test or other truth test.

- c. At the request of the Tournament Director, one or more Team members that fished in the tournament must submit to and pass a polygraph test or any other truth test deemed necessary to determine compliance with these rules. Each Team whose Team member or members fail to pass a polygraph test or other truth test will result in the disqualification of the Team from the tournament and the forfeiture of any prizes received. If a Team member has a verifiable medical condition that prevents the administration of a polygraph test or other truth test, another Team member may take the test. By participating in any Fish and Ski Marine tournament, Team members agree to release Fish and Ski Marine, its volunteers, and its sponsors from any liability arising from the administration of the test and/or the decisions made as a result of the test.
- d. The interpretation of the rules shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director