

MTCC RULES 2015

1. Tourney entry fee is \$30.00 per boat to enter MTCC tournament. Non-members pay an additional \$10 fee *per boat* to the MTCC general fund. Any guest fishing with a club member can do so once without paying any fee. Guests who have fished their one free day with a member must pay \$5.00 to the general fund if they fish as a non-member a second time.

2. A Big Fish Pot will be \$5 per boat/team allotted from the entry fee. This will be paid to the boat with biggest fish. The Big Fish winner receives all money entered in that pot. In the event of a tie, the pot will be split equally.

3. The tourney pays member's back 100 percent of the entry fee using the formula below.

- 1 Place if 5 boats or less in tournament. Winner takes all.
- 2 places for 6-8 or more boats- First is paid 60% and the remaining 40% goes to second place. 9-12 boats 50% 1st, 30% second, 20% third. 13-16 Pays 4 places 1st 50%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%. 17 boats and over will be 5 places 1st-45%, 2nd-25%, 3rd-15%, 4th-10%, 5th-5%. This will be rounded into whole dollars.

4. In the event of a tie, both teams will equally divide the earnings for the position tied for and the position under it if there is one. In the event there is not a winning team, all teams will be refunded their tournament fees. If there is only one winning team, that winning team will receive all the money.

5. Entry fees for the entire boat/team along with the Tournament Entry Form must be received by a Tournament Director before the official start of the tournament.

6. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a tournament is cancelled or postponed by the Tournament Directors/Tournament Committee. Entry fees will be refunded if they have been prepaid and phone call is given

to the weigh master that the pre-paid participant will not be able to make it.

7. You may enter alone or with a partner in the tournament. A 3rd person in boat must be below 16 years of age, and boat not exceed Coast Guard posted limit for the vessel.

8. Spectators are not allowed in boat with teams during tournament hours, except for the one allowed that's below 16 years of age.

9. Teams may start fishing only on weigh masters signal at posted time of the tournament. Any fishing by a team member before these hours on the calendar day of the tournament will result in disqualification. The calendar day of the tournament shall start at 12:01 am.

10. The Weight Masters watch shall be the official time piece.

11. Tournament waters shall be defined as areas open to all participants of the event and accessible by normal navigational means only. Fishing within 50 feet of a marina gas pump or within 50 feet of a competitor's boat which was in position first is prohibited. A safe and courteous distance should be maintained when trolling motors are in use. Rule does not apply when both boats are not fishing. A violation of off limits water will result in disqualification.

12. In the case of extreme weather/water conditions, Middle Tennessee Crappie Club reserves the right to postpone or cancel the tournament with the return of entry fees.

13. Fishermen must remain in boat while fishing. A partner may leave early if desired without penalty.

14. Teams without boats are not allowed to enter and fish. No fishing from shore, docks, piers, crappie houses or marina slips will be permitted.

15. Teams may use rod and reel combos, hand held pole and reel combos or hand held poles.

16. Live and artificial bait may be used.

17. Crappie must be hooked and landed with a rod or pole by team member(s). Teams must comply with all state fishing and boating regulations. Kill switches are highly recommended. Fishing and boating licenses are the responsibility of team members. A landing net may be used to assist in landing the fish.

18. Crappie must be weighed at the official weigh-in site.

19. Participants must be in line with chips and fish to be weighed at weigh in time. Late arrivals shall be disqualified. Weigh master will call for chips at weigh in time only and will not be accepted early or late.
20. A team can weigh-in only 7 crappie (by weight). Any team presenting more than 7 crappie to the weigh master will be docked 1 pound per occurrence.
21. All crappie brought to the scales for weigh-in must have been caught during the tournament hours from tournament waters by the team bringing them to the scales.
22. All crappie presented for weigh-in must meet state length requirements for state in which they are being weighed and may not have any weight enhancements.
23. Any team presenting an illegal crappie to be weighed as part of their catch will be at least penalized 1 pound per violation. Any obvious attempt at cheating will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament and subject to removal from the club.
24. Any team having a member who has been disqualified for a rule violation during the tournament because he or she misrepresented compliance with the tournament rule will be disqualified.
25. Alcoholic beverages and drugs, other than prescription drugs, are not allowed in the boat or to be consumed during the tournament fishing hours.
26. A contestant who is disqualified because of a contestant's use of alcohol or drugs during a tournament will be disqualified, and that team will not be allowed to participate in any future Middle Tennessee Crappie Club events that year.
27. Protests must be made to the Tournament Directors within 30 minutes following the end of the official weigh-in. Protests must site the rule allegedly broken.
28. NO ONE can be hired or compensated in any way to fish with you or for you at the tournament sites.
29. Instances of poor sportsmanlike conduct can be grounds for disqualification if circumstances require it. Decision by the Tournament Directors/Tournament Committee will be final.
30. There will be no hole sitting by competitor or non-competitor boat during the tournament (holding a spot for another team).

31. Tournaments held by other organizations but designated as official club events will be subject to that organizations rules and regulations.

32. The Weigh Master will be a club officer (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer). In the case that an Officer may not be able to attend the tournament an alternate weigh master will be elected at the meeting preceding the scheduled tournament. The weigh master will be responsible for checking in all teams at check in time.
33. The Weight Master has the FINAL decision on weight and the measurement of fish. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
34. The Weight Master may measure any fish at his/her sole discretion.
35. The Weight Master will reserve the right to check live-wells before tournament start. Anyone with fish in their live well or anyone who has possession of fish before the tournament will be disqualified.
36. Anyone who is under individual sponsorship from a fishing related vendor is not eligible to fish in the MTCC tournaments. Guides and professional are also excluded from tournaments as these events are directed towards amateurs. Persons who do not disclose this information shall be disqualified.
37. The weigh master shall designate a tournament recorder at the weigh in. The recorder cannot be the weigh masters partner in that tournament.
38. The weigh master shall only use 1 basket to sort and weigh fish. A device such as a bucket shall be used to count and sort fish before weighing.
39. The weigh master shall weigh their fish last and be supervised by the tournament recorder for the day.
40. Co-Ed and kids tournaments shall be limited by the number of legal occupants in the boat designated by the Coast Guard recommended occupancy for that boat.
41. Members may use alternate ramps for designated lake tournaments but must have boat available for inspection by the weigh-master before fishing. Must leave and check in at designated site and time. Non-members must launch and check in at designated ramp