

# Rules & Regulations: Ohio Crappie Club 2022

**Summary:** See full rules for complete detail

**Must be a member to participate** - \$40 annual fee per member (17 and younger free)

**Registration-** \$70/team, \$40/single (regular event), \$100/team, \$70/single (Classic)

Registration fees include Big Crappie pot entry ( Classic, one fee covers both days entry and big crappie pot)

**Start times** – 7:30am (spring) 7:30am (fall)

**End times** – 3:30 pm (spring) 3:30pm (fall)

**Weigh-in** – Begin – 4:15pm

**Weigh-in cut off time to be in line** – 4:30pm

**Number of Fish** – 7 crappie (fish must be alive to be weighed)

**Payback** – 100%

85% each event to 25% of the field

15% to Classic pot -65% to point's race, 35% to tournament payout

**Big Crappie Pot – Included in registration fee**

\$10 per team Registration goes to Big Fish pot. Pot will pay out 70%/30% to the two heaviest crappies..

**Off Species Pot** – Optional entry \$5 per team.

**Yearly Points race** – Determined by best 8 tournaments total points

**Classic** – Must fish five (5) tournaments to qualify to fish

**Prefishing** - Each lake/reservoir, where there is a Ohio Crappie event, is off limits to all participants the evening before the tournament starting at 8:00pm until the morning of tournament. Anyone caught still in the water at 8:00pm will be disqualified from the next day's tournament.

## REGISTRATION / START TIMES

1. The member fee is due by each person prior to fishing your first tournament. Membership is a one-time \$40 fee that can be paid at the dock before your first tournament. A substitute partner membership is \$20 for one tournament however if you fish a second tournament another \$20 is due and then you are a full member. There is NO member fee at any tournament for anyone 17 or younger.
2. Registration for an Ohio Crappie Club Fishing Tournament is in person at the ramp the morning of the tournament. Cash only, no checks or credit cards. No online registration.
3. Every participant must be paid in full and sign a waiver before they will be granted permission to participate in Ohio Crappie Club tournaments
4. Registration fees are \$70.00 per team, \$40.00 single. The registration fee includes \$10 team entry into the big fish pot. Participants 17 years of age and younger are free
5. Anglers 17 & under are free of charge at any tournament. Any child that is 17 or younger can be on a boat free of charge regardless of if there are 1 or 2 adults on the boat however there is a 4 pole maximum per team. If an angler that is 17 or under is fishing with 1 adult only 2 poles may be in the water if the adult pays the individual registration fee of \$40 however if the adult pays \$70 that team may use 4 poles.
6. Check-in and weigh-in will be at a specific ramp for each tournament. Please visit the tournament website, OhioCrappie.com to find out which ramp we will be at on each lake. Boats will be dismissed using random flight numbers that will be assigned during registration. If you decide not to use the specific ramp for the tournament, you will be permitted to use any boat ramp but cannot leave the parking lot of registration ramp until 7:15 am. At that time you can proceed to your desired boat ramp. Starting at 7:15 we will dismiss boats from the mouth of the designated boat ramp. Each flight will have 5 boats in it, we will start from flight 1 and dismiss boats in order.
7. All boats must receive a boat check and ribbon prior to launching their boat or you may be subject to disqualification.
8. Tournament hours are from 7:30am-3:30pm. **Check-in will begin when a check in official opens registration, no later than 6:30am. Registration will end at 7:00am.**

## FISHING

1. No fishing lines may be in the water, until the start of the tournament. **7:30am** Likewise all lines must be out of the water at the end of the tournament. **3:30pm**
2. You may fish in any part of the lake/reservoir that is fully accessible and connected to the main part of the lake/reservoir. If you can get there floating in your boat, without getting out, that is permitted. If you have questions regarding fishing location please consult with the rules committee.
3. Each participant may use up to 2 fishing rods at one time (see rules for minors) and can use artificial or live bait. ( Ohio law for number of hooks permitted applies)
4. Fish may only be hooked in the mouth. Any fish snagged, netted or caught in any way other than by a hook in the mouth that is brought to the weigh-in line will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any and all money paid into and for the Ohio Crappie Club.
5. Personal flotation devices should be worn at all times while the vessel's motor is running above idle speed
6. All vessel/boating regulations should be followed according to site-specific regulations Violations may be subject to disqualification.

7. The use of alcohol and/or drugs may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any and all money paid into and for the Ohio Crappie Club.
8. Be respectful of your competitors and keep a safe and courteous distance from each other (50 ft minimum).
9. Using cell phones or other communication devices to gain an advantage by alerting other members to a fishing location is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification by both the party making and the party receiving the call

## WEIGH - IN.

1. Weigh-in will begin when the weigh-in station is set up and ready to begin. Weigh-in will begin no earlier than **4:15 pm and no later than 4:30pm pm. All teams must be in line with your fish ready to weigh-in by 4:30pm.** If you are not in line ready to weigh your fish by 4:30 pm you will not be permitted to weigh your fish. The rules committee reserves the right to extend the weigh-in cut off time, through majority rules committee vote, if a situation occurs during the tournament that deems the extension appropriate.( see General Rules, #11)
2. To promote fish conservation and a good image for the Ohio Crappie Club, we encourage the release of all fish after weigh-in in order to preserve the lake of the bigger fish.
3. Tournament winners will be decided by the weight of their 7 heaviest crappies. Teams must determine which fish they are going to weigh prior to checking in for the weigh-in. Any team having more than 7 crappie in possession while in the weigh-in line will be disqualified. Any team bringing a fish that is short of the legal length limit as defined by Ohio fishing regulations will be disqualified
4. All fish must be alive in order to be weighed. Any dead fish will be removed prior to official weigh-in. The Rules Committee has the final judgment on whether a fish is deemed dead or alive. If you have fish that are struggling please ask a rules committee member to check your fish immediately.
5. Once your fish are weighed that is your official weight for the tournament. We will not re-weigh any fish at any time
6. **Big Crappie Pot** – FEE INCLUDED in team registration fee. You may select only one fish to be weighed
7. **Big non Crappie Pot** – 100% payback -Pays one spot to heaviest non crappie species weighed.

## PAYOUTS

1. 100% of tournament registration fees will be paid back to the anglers. 85% will be paid back at each tournament to 25% of the field, with the remaining 15% from each tournament going into the pot for the Classic.
2. In the case of all ties, participants will split the prize money 50-50. If 2 teams tie for 1st, they will split 1st and 2nd place money. If 2 teams tie for 2nd, they will split 2nd and 3rd place money, etc

Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd										Tourney
		Paid	Money	Payout	50	30	20										Payout
10	2.5	3	90	\$510	\$255	\$153	\$102										\$510
11	2.75	3	99	\$561	\$281	\$168	\$112										\$561
12	3	3	108	\$612	\$306	\$184	\$122										\$612
13	3.25	3	117	\$663	\$332	\$199	\$133										\$663
14	3.5	3	126	\$714	\$357	\$214	\$143										\$714
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th									
		Paid	Money	Payout	40	30	20	10									
15	3.75	4	135	\$765	\$306	\$230	\$153	\$77									\$765
16	4	4	144	\$816	\$326	\$245	\$163	\$82									\$816
17	4.25	4	153	\$867	\$347	\$260	\$173	\$87									\$867
18	4.5	4	162	\$918	\$367	\$275	\$184	\$92									\$918
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th								
		Paid	Money	Payout	30	25	20	15	10								
19	4.75	5	171	\$969	\$291	\$242	\$194	\$145	\$97								\$969
20	5	5	180	\$1,020	\$306	\$255	\$204	\$153	\$102								\$1,020
21	5.25	5	189	\$1,071	\$321	\$268	\$214	\$161	\$107								\$1,071
22	5.5	5	198	\$1,122	\$337	\$281	\$224	\$168	\$112								\$1,122
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th							
		Paid	Money	Payout	29	23	18	12	10	8							
23	5.75	6	207	\$1,173	\$340	\$270	\$211	\$141	\$117	\$94							\$1,173
24	6	6	216	\$1,224	\$355	\$282	\$220	\$147	\$122	\$98							\$1,224
25	6.25	6	225	\$1,275	\$370	\$293	\$230	\$153	\$128	\$102							\$1,275
26	6.5	6	234	\$1,326	\$385	\$305	\$239	\$159	\$133	\$106							\$1,326
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th						
		Paid	Money	Payout	28	22	17	10	9	8	6						
27	6.75	7	243	\$ 1,377	\$386	\$303	\$234	\$138	\$124	\$110	\$83						\$1,377
28	7	7	252	\$ 1,428	\$400	\$314	\$243	\$143	\$129	\$114	\$86						\$1,428
29	7.25	7	261	\$ 1,479	\$414	\$325	\$251	\$148	\$133	\$118	\$89						\$1,479
30	7.5	7	270	\$ 1,530	\$428	\$337	\$260	\$153	\$138	\$122	\$92						\$1,530
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th					
		Paid	Money	Payout	27	21	16	10	8	7	6	5					
31	7.75	8	279	\$1,581	\$427	\$332	\$253	\$158	\$126	\$111	\$95	\$79					\$1,581
32	8	8	288	\$1,632	\$441	\$343	\$261	\$163	\$131	\$114	\$98	\$82					\$1,632
33	8.25	8	297	\$1,683	\$454	\$353	\$269	\$168	\$135	\$118	\$101	\$84					\$1,683
34	8.5	8	306	\$1,734	\$468	\$364	\$277	\$173	\$139	\$121	\$104	\$87					\$1,734
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th				
		Paid	Money	Payout	26	20	15	10	8	7	6	5	3				
35	8.75	9	315	\$1,785	\$464	\$357	\$268	\$179	\$143	\$125	\$107	\$89	\$54				\$1,785
36	9	9	324	\$1,836	\$477	\$367	\$275	\$184	\$147	\$129	\$110	\$92	\$55				\$1,836
37	9.25	9	333	\$1,887	\$491	\$377	\$283	\$189	\$151	\$132	\$113	\$94	\$57				\$1,887
38	9.5	9	342	\$1,938	\$504	\$388	\$291	\$194	\$155	\$136	\$116	\$97	\$58				\$1,938
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th			
		Paid	Money	Payout	24	19	14	10	8	7	6	5	4	3			
39	9.75	10	351	\$1,989	\$477	\$378	\$278	\$199	\$159	\$139	\$119	\$99	\$80	\$60			\$1,989
40	10	10	360	\$2,040	\$490	\$388	\$286	\$204	\$163	\$143	\$122	\$102	\$82	\$61			\$2,040
41	10.25	10	369	\$2,091	\$502	\$397	\$293	\$209	\$167	\$146	\$125	\$105	\$84	\$63			\$2,091
42	10.5	10	378	\$2,142	\$514	\$407	\$300	\$214	\$171	\$150	\$129	\$107	\$86	\$64			\$2,142
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th		
		Paid	Money	Payout	23	19	13	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2		
43	10.75	11	387	\$2,193	\$504	\$417	\$285	\$219	\$175	\$154	\$132	\$110	\$88	\$66	\$44		\$2,193
44	11	11	396	\$2,244	\$516	\$426	\$292	\$224	\$180	\$157	\$135	\$112	\$90	\$67	\$45		\$2,244
45	11.25	11	405	\$2,295	\$528	\$436	\$298	\$230	\$184	\$161	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46		\$2,295
46	11.5	11	414	\$2,346	\$540	\$446	\$305	\$235	\$188	\$164	\$141	\$117	\$94	\$70	\$47		\$2,346
Teams	25%	Places	Classic	85%	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
		Paid	Money	Payout	22	18	13	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	
47	11.75	12	423	\$2,397	\$527	\$431	\$312	\$240	\$192	\$168	\$144	\$120	\$96	\$72	\$48	\$48	\$2,397
48	12	12	432	\$2,448	\$539	\$441	\$318	\$245	\$196	\$171	\$147	\$122	\$98	\$73	\$49	\$49	\$2,448
49	12.25	12	441	\$2,499	\$550	\$450	\$325	\$250	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$50	\$2,499
50	12.5	12	450	\$2,550	\$561	\$459	\$332	\$255	\$204	\$179	\$153	\$128	\$102	\$77	\$51	\$51	\$2,550

- The Classic pot will be split into a 65% payout to five places to the season point's race and 35% to the Classic pot to be paid out to 10 places.
- In addition to the Classic payout money accumulated throughout the year, the Classic will also payout 100% of the tournament day registration to 10 places.

## EXAMPLE ONLY

<b>2020 EXAMPLE</b>	\$1,856.00	<b>Classic</b>	20 x \$80	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>Points race 65%</b>	<b>\$1,206.00</b>	<b>Classic 35%</b>		<b>\$650.00</b>
				<b>\$2,250.00</b>
1st	\$350.00		1st	\$500.00
2nd	\$250.00		2nd	\$375.00
3rd	\$225.00		3rd	\$325.00
4th	\$200.00		4th	\$240.00
5th	\$175.00		5th	\$205.00
	<b>\$1,200.00</b>		6th	\$175.00
			7th	\$135.00
			8th	\$120.00
			9th	\$100.00
			10th	\$75.00
				<b>\$2,250.00</b>

## TEAMS / POINTS RACE

1. Teams must declare at the first tournament of the year whether they are fishing individually or as a team and include who their partner for the year will be. At the first tournament of the year that the individual or teams fish you will assigned a boat number. Points always stay with the boat. If one person on the team is unable to fish there will be an exception for 2 tournaments every year where you can use a substitute partner for your boat.
2. 8 total tournaments will count towards the point's race. This means that if you fish 10 tournaments you can drop your 2 lowest tournaments or fish 9 tournaments you can drop your lowest tournament.
3. In the case of all ties, participants will split the points 50-50. If 2 teams tie for 1st, they will split 1st and 2nd place points. If 2 teams tie for 2nd, they will split 2nd and 3rd points, etc.
4. In the event two teams end up tied at the end of the year in the points race the heaviest bag (single tournament) of crappie caught during the year between the two teams tied will be the tie breaker. The same follows if 3, 4, 5, teams etc... are tied for the year end points race.
5. Points will be awarded per event as below – Year end - top 5 places will be paid

Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	50	15th	33
2nd	48	16th	32
3rd	46	17th	31
4th	44	18th	30
5th	43	19th	29
6th	42	20th	28
7th	41	21st	27
8th	40	22nd	26
9th	39	23rd	25
10th	38	24th	24
11th	37	25th	23
12th	36	26th	22
13th	35	27th	21
14th	34		
28th and below		20	
Do not weigh fish		15	

## Classic

1. The Classic will be a two day tournament with the winners determined by the best combined weights of both days. The first day will be held on Alum Creek and the second day will be held on Delaware.
2. **There is 1 way for the team captain to qualify to fish the Ohio Crappie Club Classic.**
  - A. You (team captain) must fish a minimum of 5 of the 10 tournaments.

### **There is 1 way for a partner to qualify to fish with his qualifying captain during the Ohio Crappie Club Classic**

- B. The partners for the team captains that qualify to fish the Ohio Crappie Club Classic must be the partner the captain declared at the beginning of the season or at the captain's first event fished during the year. The captains originally declared partner must have fished a minimum of 3 of the 10 tournaments with the original boat captain to be eligible to fish the Classic with the same original boat captain

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that are unavoidable, death, illness, work transfer, military call up, etc, that impact the teams and partners you may appeal for a rules deviation to be considered. The rules committee will rule on any such request within 7 days.

3. Entry fee for the Classic will be \$100 per qualifying team, \$70 per qualifying single. This fee covers the entry fee into both days of the Classic, one fee, includes both days entry for Alum and Delaware as well as big crappie pot both days.. Payouts are as defined in the payout section of these rules.

## GENERAL

1. Each lake/reservoir, where there is a Ohio Crappie Club event, is off limits to all participants the evening before the tournament starting at 8:00pm until the morning of tournament. Anyone caught still in the water at 8:00pm may be subject to disqualification from the next day's tournament.
2. All participants must have a valid Ohio fishing license and may be asked to show proof of license at any time during the tournament. All ODNR, State of Ohio, local and site specific fishing laws and regulations should be followed. Anyone found breaking any laws or regulations may be subject to disqualification and may forfeit any and all money paid into and for Ohio Crappie Club if disqualified.
3. Professional guiding service shall not be used on a lake within 2 weeks of an event date. Guides may fish the circuit but are not allowed to be utilized by any members within 2 weeks of an event date. Utilized means paying a guide with cash or goods for their services on the water.
4. No participant shall pay or compensate another person for their fish or to fish with/for you during the tournament. Fish caught for weigh-in at the tournament must be caught yourself or caught by your team member. Anyone found to break that rule may be disqualified; membership revoked and may forfeit any and all money paid into and for the Ohio Crappie Club.
5. No participant shall fish another lake on the tournament schedule the same day as a scheduled tournament.
6. There shall be no "hole sitting" or "spot saving" by anyone before or during the tournament
7. The tournament can be cancelled by the Rules Committee due to weather or other unforeseen occurrence.. Tournament may be rescheduled however if it is not rescheduled, registration can be transferred to another Ohio Crappie Club event in the same calendar year. It is the responsibility of each participant to know if the tournament is cancelled, so please check the Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692938977700784/> for updates and to see if the tournament has been cancelled.
8. No refunds will be permitted for any tournament.
9. Please present extenuating circumstances to the rules committee prior to weigh in. If you're unable to locate anyone on the rules committee please call any of the numbers below.
10. The Rules Committee,( through majority vote) has the final say regarding enforcement of rules and disqualifications during any tournament. No disqualification will be enacted without a vote by the Rules Committee. (See General Rules #11)
11. All decisions regarding rules, rules enforcements, rule amendments, disqualifications and all other matters will be decided by a majority vote of the Rules Committee. In the event that all of the full Rules Committee is not present at a tournament the majority vote decision will be determined by a majority vote of the Rules Committee members present. If any members of the Rules Committee have a personal conflict of interest in a subject vote the suitability of those Rules Committee members voting will be determined by a majority vote of the remaining Rules Committee members free of conflict on the subject vote. In the event of a tie vote, the tie will be broken by the votes of 3 randomly selected members of the club that are present.
12. The Ohio Crappie Club reserves the right to refuse membership or tournament participation to anyone at any time for any reason as the Rules Committee, through majority vote, deems is in the best interest of the Ohio Crappie Club and its members.

## **MISCONDUCT**

1. All vessel/boating regulations should be followed according to site-specific regulations. Any violations may be subject to disqualification.
2. Anyone found cheating in any way during the tournament may be disqualified by the rules committee and may forfeit any and all money paid into and for the Ohio Crappie Club
3. All anglers are subject to a polygraph exam and any failure or refusal to take the test may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any and all money paid into and for the Ohio Crappie Club. Protests must be made in writing to any member of the rules committee within 10 minutes after the official weigh-in has concluded. One half of a polygraph fee (\$200.00) must accompany the written protest. Whoever is wrong based on the outcome of the polygraph test, whether it is the accuser or the accused, will be responsible for the full polygraph fee (\$400.00). Refusal to take or failure of a polygraph, that competitors' membership may be terminated with no refund, also the individual(s) may be banned from all future Ohio Crappie Club events and may forfeit the right to any cash, bonus, and/or prizes allegedly won. Anyone caught in the wrong may be subject to criminal charges.
4. Any members who are disqualified at a tournament for a minor infraction may be given a warning. A second minor infraction or any major infractions or cheating may result in revocation of membership and forfeiture of any and all money paid for previous or future tournaments. Any disqualified member of a tournament in any of the Ohio Crappie Club previous years may be subject to a one strike and you're out membership ban. Anyone found to break any rules and receive a disqualification from any tournament may be subject to a membership ban from the rules committee.
5. The Rules Committee has final say in all matters and reserves the right to accompany or follow any team during the tournament.
6. If any participant suspects or sees another participant cheating in any way, it should be reported to the rules committee in person or by calling (937) 218-4038 or any other number at the bottom of the rules sheet no later than the weigh-in time (60 minutes after tournament fishing hours end).

## **YOUTH TOURNAMENT**

1. More Details to come!

## **Tournament Day Contact Information**

Call: Greg (419) 467-5401 Tim (937) 218-4038 or Steve (614)-260-5090