

Eastern Missouri Crappie Club

Bylaws

Section 1 Purpose

- A. The purpose for which the club exists is to promote interest in crappie fishing and to provide a program such that members and their families can enjoy the recreational benefits of crappie fishing and the association with other people with the same interest.
- B. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support.
- C. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards.
- D. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great sport.

Section 2 Membership Dues and Season

- A. An adult membership is limited to persons 16 years of age or older.
A Youth membership is limited to children 15 years of age or younger.
- B. Membership in the club is contingent upon payment of annual dues. Adult dues shall be \$50 the 1st year and \$25 annual renewal fee. Youth dues shall be \$10.00 per year. The club season shall be designated as the period from January 1st through December 31st of each year. Tournaments will be conducted during the months of March through September.
- C. All members will be provided a set of bylaws and tournament rules.

Section 3 Meetings

- A. The regular meetings of the club shall be held prior to each tournament, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate, for the conduct of the club's regular business.
- B. Special meetings may be called at any time deemed necessary by the Executive Committee by notifying all members verbally, or in writing at least 24 hours in advance.

Section 4 Voting

- A. Each single member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters presented before the membership.
- B. All matters placed before the membership at a regular meeting shall

require a simple majority of the members present at the time the vote is taken.

- C. Voting for election of officers shall be by written ballot only. All other votes may be verbal or by show of hands.
- D. Executive Committee cannot vote but will break a tie.

Section 5 Election of officers and their duties

- A. All officers of the club will be elected by the voting membership at the January club meeting and shall hold office for the term of two years, or until their successors are duly elected. All officers will be part to the Executive Committee with the President acting as chairman.
- B. The principle officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Web Master.
 - 1. President – Preside over all club meetings and direct official business and supervise all club functions.
 - 2. Vice-President – Act as program chairman, assist the president in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.
 - 3. Secretary – Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings.
 - 4. Treasurer - Collect and disperse all monies, maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at every club meeting.
 - 5. Web Master – Shall be responsible for all duties that encompass solicitation, currant statistical reports, newsletters, communication with prospective members and E-Mail responses that occur through the club’s web site.
- C. The Crappie Club will present each new officer with a Crappie Club jacket upon election.
- D. Any officer missing three consecutive meetings, or not performing their duties, shall be eligible for expulsion from their office upon recommendation by the Executive Committee and a simple majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.
- E. Any vacancies of officers shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee without delay.
- F. Tournament Committee will by appointed by the Executive Committee prior to each tournament.

G. Top three elected officers will decide all protest, if not involved in that protest.

1. Tournament Committee – To plan, organize and operate all tournaments and determine eligibility. Tournament committee shall rule with authority on proper conduct, procedures, qualifications, and other matters properly relating to the orderly conduct of all tournaments. To make all final decisions on any violations. To be responsible for any and all trophies and plaques.

Section 6 Conduct of Member

- A. The duties of the member and guests shall be to conduct themselves in a proper and fitting manner, to uphold the dignity of the club at all meetings and on the lakes or other club functions: to be alert and mindful of the clubs interests and to be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, club rules and by-laws.
- B. The Board has the right to dismiss any member not adhering to bylaws and tournament rules.

Section 7 Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the principle officers and shall have general management powers over the property, business and affair of the club and shall be responsible for administering it to the greatest benefit of the greatest number of club members. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President.
- B. All expenditures of the club's funds must be approved by the general membership, with the exception of tournament prizes.

Section 8 Removal of Officer

- A. Any officer may be removed by an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting called. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless fifteen days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the officer notifying them of the charges against them and of the time and place of the meeting at which such vote on their removal is to be taken.
- B. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any

member in good standing. The charges must be in writing, clearly stating the facts and circumstances and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits supporting the charges. Such charges shall be filed with any Executive Committee member who will immediately notify the President.

Section 9 Revising Bylaws

- A. Amendments or revisions to these Bylaws may be effected by a simple majority of the voting members present at a regular meeting of the club.
- B. Amendments to Bylaws shall be proposed at the regular meeting. All proposed bylaw changes must be made in writing. Such proposed amendments shall not be voted on until the next regular meeting. Only in the case of urgency will any amendments be considered at any other time. Urgency shall be defined as a case where these bylaws conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, or when deemed dangerous or unsafe to club participants in any activity.
- C. All approved amendments or revisions to the bylaws shall be furnished in writing to the club members in a timely manner.

Section 10 Tournaments

- A. The tournament year is designed as the period from March through September 30th of each calendar year.
- B. A preliminary tournament schedule of lakes, times, dates (one day or two), for the entire year will be presented to the club's membership, at or before the January meeting, for approval. Once approved, the schedule will be final. However, the Executive Committee may effect changes when circumstances dictate.
- C. Weigh-in locations will be chosen at the club meeting prior to all tournaments. Two locations will be nominated and the majority vote will determine the site. Tournaments will be divided between sponsor locations.
- D. A member may fish with a guest a maximum of three (3) times per tournament year. A guest, however, may fish as a guest only one (1)

tournament per year.

- E. All tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the tournament rules as set forth by the club. Tournament Judges will familiarize themselves with the tournament rules and tournament judges' duties.

Section 11 Points Race

- A. Only current club members are eligible for the point race. Points will be awarded as follows:

20 points for big fish winner of a club tournament

10 points for 2nd big fish

200 points for a tournament winner

Drop 5 points for each place thereafter

- Year –end awards:
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| 1) Angler of the year | Jacket and a Plaque
Or \$100 and Plaque |
| 2) Angler of the year runner-up | \$75.00 and a Plaque |
| 3) Big Fish of the year | \$50.00 and a Plaque |

Top 5 In points get membership dues paid for the following year.

In the event of a tie the prizes will be shared equally.

Section 12 Dissolution Process

- A. This club may be dissolved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the club members. In the event, the assets of the club shall be donated to a non-sectarian charity by action of the Executive Committee.

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Rules & Regulations

1. Team Tournament (Teams will consist of a Maximum of 3 Persons). All teams' members must be in the same boat (except special tournament formats).
2. All teams may take off at any ramp on Mark Twain Lake.
3. A team cannot weigh-in more than 7 crappie and those must be alive when entering the Official Weigh-In Site line. Any team presenting more than 7 crappie will be disqualified. Once you have entered the weigh in line, your fish will be counted (7 Fish) and be verified dead or alive. Dead Fish will be removed and you may continue to the scales for your official weigh-in. Once your fish have been verified alive, and entered on the weigh-in voucher, you will then be allowed to weigh-in those fish, even if one of more die before reaching the scales. The tournament committee has sole responsibility for the declaration of dead or alive crappie.
4. Fish weighed must be at least 9 inches long – official measure will be the grip and check..
5. Live and artificial baits may be used
6. Fish must be caught on a pole and line. **NO SNAGGING or POOLING OF FISH BETWEEN TEAMS.** Max 4 poles per persons, 8 baits per person.
7. Teams may start fishing (line in water) anywhere on Mark Twain Lake. Tournament hours will be determined at pre-tournament meeting.
8. All teams' members must be present at time of weigh-in and fishing tournament hours.
9. Only one big fish entry per team. Team must designate big fish entry at time of weigh-in. big fish pot will be paid as follows: 1st Place Big Fish 70% and 2nd Place Big Fish 30% of Total Big Fish Pot/
10. All State Boating and Fishing Regulations Must Be Followed.
11. Fishing and Boating License and launching fees are the responsibility of each angler.
12. In the event of a tie Big Fish will determine winner.
13. No one can be hired or compensated in any way to fish with you or mark your spots for you prior to tournament at any time
14. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from each tournament contestant. There will be no fishing within 50 feet of any boat unless you have permission from that boat or water conditions void this rule. Tournament waters are off limits on the day prior to the tournament at start of pre-tournament meeting.
15. During trolling tournament all rods must be in racks.