

North Georgia Crappie Anglers Tournament

Official Rules & Regulations

By your participation in this tournament, you agree to comply with the following rules.

Practice is allowed until midnight the day before the tournament. Spectators are allowed in boat with team during tournament hours. Check the weather forecast for your destination, and plan accordingly. Be prepared with alternative fishing locations if you arrive at an overcrowded area, or the crappies just are not biting.

1. Tournament waters shall be defined as “**Lake Lanier**” open to all participants of the event and accessible by normal navigational means.
2. A safe and courteous distance should be maintained when trolling motors are in use. Respect anglers, swimmers, skiers, boaters, divers and others so they can enjoy their recreation activities undisturbed.
3. On water, stay on designated waterways and launch watercraft in designated areas. Any violation will result in disqualification.
4. Avoid operating your watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines at high speeds.
5. In the case of extreme water/weather conditions, North Georgia Crappie Anglers Club reserves the right to change or cancel a tournament date or time.
6. To better our events to coincide with daybreak the following changes will be implemented: Start times for events will be announced at meetings prior to the events. You are responsible for having someone at the meeting to convey start times if you do not attend. End time for fishing will be announced at that time by the Tournament Director. Teams may start fishing (**lines in water**) anywhere on the lake at the announced starting time and may continue fishing until end time. Any fishing by a team member before the announced starting time on the day of the tournament will disqualify the team.
7. One boat per team. Teams need not remain in boat while fishing. You may enter alone or with a partners of your choice.
8. Live and artificial bait may be used.
9. Crappie must be hooked and landed with a rod or pole by team member(s). (Such as, no netting, trotlines, etc.). Landing nets may be used.
10. Teams must comply with all state fishing and boating regulations, including the use of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), kill switches, and Boating Under the Influence Rules (BUI).
11. Fishing and boating licenses are the responsibility of team members.

12. Crappie must be weighed at the official North Georgia Crappie Anglers' weigh-in site (Sherry's Bait and Barbecue, 2807 Dawsonville Hwy. Gainesville, GA 30506-1021, phone number: (678) 971-5607). At least one team member must be present at the time of weigh-in to be eligible for "Any Award or Recognition."
13. No team will be allowed to join the weigh-in line after set "End Time". Angler(s) must be in line with fish by prior to the established end time.
14. No team may not weigh-in more than seven (7) crappie when entering the official weigh-in line. Once you have entered the weigh-in line, **your fish will be verified dead or alive** for count (7) by the Tournament Director. Once your fish have been verified and entered on the weigh-in card, you will then be allowed to weigh-in those fish, and only those fish.
15. The Tournament Director has sole responsibility for the declaration of eligible crappie. All fish will be released to the Tournament Director for the Weigh-in, Photographing and Cleaning. The Tournament Director will turn the cleaned fish over to the "Quarterly Fish Fry Director" at a designed time and place for the "Club Fish Fry".
16. Winners will be determined by the total weight of up to (7) Crappie. The Big Fish winner will be determined by the total weight of a single Crappie. All fish must be a minimum of ten (10) inches in length from tournament waters to qualify. Crappie and only Crappie will be counted. No other species will qualify.
17. 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.
18. All Crappie presented for weigh-in may not have any weight enhancements. Any team bringing an illegal Crappie to the weigh-in line will be disqualified.
19. Only one "Big Crappie" entry per team. Team must designate entry at time of weigh-in.
20. A weigh-in card will be used at the time of weigh-in for each registered team. Weigh-in card to be filled out by Tournament Director or designate.
21. In the case of a dispute for a qualifying position, the Tournament Director will make the final and binding decision.
22. Protests must be made to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes following the end of the official weigh-in. All protests must cite the rule number(s) allegedly broken.
23. No one can be hired or compensated in any way to fish with you or for you.
24. At least one (1) member of your team must be a "North Georgia Crappie Angler" member in good standing to fish in any tournament.
25. Instances of poor sportsmanship may be grounds for disqualification if circumstances require.
26. The use of mobile communication devices such as Cellular Phones, Marine Radios, Walkie-Talkies, CBs, etc. to communicate fishing information during tournament hours are permitted. The use of Aqua View or other underwater cameras (such as Side Scanners) are permitted.
27. All team leaders should be well versed in assembling and executing a float plan. Your float plan must be communicated to the Tournament Director ahead of time for safety reasons. If you are late, we may suspect you had an accident on the lake and call for help. **All teams must call in to the Tournament Director if they choose "Not" to attend the weigh-in!**
28. Leave the area better than you found it, properly disposing of fuel, oil and waste.

RELEASE

Participants in North Georgia Crappie Anglers Club events agree to release North Georgia Crappie Anglers and its sponsors from any obligation for using names and photo likeness in promotional materials and/or video productions.

All decisions regarding compliance with these rules and the interpretation of these rules will be made by the Tournament Director and North Georgia Crappie Anglers which reserves the right to make additional reasonable rules for the conduct of its tournaments if circumstances require. North Georgia Crappie Anglers Tournaments do not discriminate for reasons of Race, Creed, Color, National Origin, and we abide by all rules set forth in the American Disabilities Act.