



NAUTICAL MILE
MARINE



AutoNation
Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Hyundai
Tyler, TX

OFFICIAL 2016 RULES

ENTRY FEE \$60 PER EVENT

CHAMPIONSHIP: Free per qualification

1. Official East Texas Crappie Series Event Rules: Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and are not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director in his sole and absolute discretion. Each competitor agrees to report any rule violation to the Tournament Director immediately upon discovery of the violation. The violation of a tournament rule may result in weight loss, the loss of weight up to a specific time during the tournament day, total loss of weight for that particular day, the ineligibility to participate in future events, or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director in his sole discretion. Protests must be made in writing within 15 minutes of the official closing of the scales at each tournament. All Entrants are subject to a polygraph test.
2. Participation and Eligibility: Participation is open to anyone who is 18 years old and older. Any person under the age of 18 may fish with written permission of a care provider. Written permission slips must be provided at the time of sign up and be in the possession of the angler during tournament events.
 - 2b: There is a limit of two persons per boat at all times during an event and both occupants must be signed up and paid for.
 - 2c: The only exception to the two person maximum rule is for the "youth day" tournament where each adult angler in the boat may have a youth under the age of 16 with them. This will bring the maximum number of fishers to 4.
3. Teams: Entry fees for the event will total \$60 per team and a "team" may be a single person or up to two persons....with the exception of the above mentioned in line 2c.
4. Off limits: Off limits will begin at 6pm the Friday before the scheduled event.
5. Registration Times and locations: Entrants may register for the events at one of two locations during their business hours...Nautical Mile Marine on Hwy 155 south in Tyler TX or at Creekside Sports off Hwy 31 west in Chandler TX. Deadlines for entry will be the day before each scheduled event.
6. Safety: All persons must comply with all state mandated safety regulations as pertaining to their vessels and persons.
7. Permitted Fishing Means and Methods: Only take of fish by rod and reel will be honored. Either artificial lures or live bait may be used. There will be no maximum number of rods per angler.

8. Sportsmanship and Conduct: All Contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure;
- Any previous conviction, charge, arrest, or investigation for a felony, or a crime related to, arising out of, or involving any fishing tournament or event, except with full, prior written disclosure to the Tournament Director under oath and by affidavit of all facts and circumstances surrounding such conviction, charge, arrest, or investigation at least ten (10) days before the event being entered, and thereafter subject to the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion that such conviction, charge, arrest, or investigation does not result in the Contestant's honesty, integrity, character or qualifications to enter the event being unreasonably questionable.
- Actions or words which reflect unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, and fair competition;
- Chemical substance abuse or addiction;
- Disqualification from tournaments or other fishing organizations that resulted from unexplained rule violations that result in a Contestant's honesty, integrity, character, and qualifications for entry into a ETCS event being questionable in the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion.

Upon review of the circumstances by the Tournament Director, the Tournament Director shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the entry fee of a previously accepted application, or disqualifying a Contestant. ETCS reserves the right to place an official observer in a Contestant's boat at any time during competition hours.

9. Assistance: During hours of competition, Contestants may not receive fishing information from non-competitors or participate in the practice of "hole sitting." The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. In the event of an emergency situation, competitors are urged to call 911 followed by the tournament committee at any of the following numbers...(903)849-2634,(903)714-2938,(903)561-0388,(903)363-8990

10. Boat Regulations: Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Fishing from canoes and or kayaks will be allowed and all anglers will be held to the safety regulations that follow them.

11. Permitted Fishing Locations: Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal officials, or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat which was first anchored (an anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by shallow water anchor (power pole) or a line attached to a weight. The trolling motor must be in the up position for the boat to be considered Anchored), or within 25 yards of a non-anchored competitor's boat unless otherwise agreed upon by the other tournament angler.

12. Trailering: All tournaments will be trailering tournaments.

13. Fishing times: Fisherman may launch at daylight and weigh in will be at 2pm. (All teams must be in line for weigh in at 2pm.....no exceptions)

14. Scoring: This will be a 7 fish limit tournament and anglers will receive points according to every pound and ounce brought to the scales for up to their 7 fish limit.

15. Live Fish: Every effort must be made to keep fish alive. Dead fish may be weighed however at the tournament officials' discretion. This rule is a result of some weigh ins being held at locations off of the lake where trailering fish may result in death and may also conflict with state laws regarding draining of live wells before leaving the lake.

16. Ties: A tie for any place in all Events will be resolved by splitting that place and the next place's money.

17. Championship Qualifiers: The top 10 teams in points standings will automatically qualify for the 2016 Team Championship. Additionally any team that wins any one of the regular season tournaments gets an automatic buy in to the championship.

18. Points: Will be awarded as follows: Anglers will receive points per every pound and ounce brought to the scale. With two persons teams, both entrants will incur the total points to their entry card tally's respectfully. (example: John and Jim weigh in 11.22lbs, both John and Jim will receive 11.22 points on their individual score cards)

19. Angler(s) of the Year (AOY): The Team or Individual that accumulates the greatest amount of points for the entire season will be awarded the prestigious "ANGLER OF THE YEAR" title. Anglers of the Year will receive a free buy in to the following seasons Championship tournament.

20. Entry fee Breakdown: From the \$60 entry fee, \$10 from each entry will automatically be rolled to the championship pot. There will be a 90% payout on the remaining \$50 of each entry paid.

Note. This is a nonprofit series that is designed to provide an affordable tournament option for the good folks who enjoy our sport. The 10% of moneys that is not paid out at each regular season tournament will go towards food and entertainment at the championship!

PAYOUT:

Sample Payout based on 50 entries (\$2250 Stringer Purse):

Total of 5-9 entries – Pays 2 places

1st place: \$1125.00

Total of 10-14 entries – Pays 3 places

2nd place: \$450.00

Total of 15-19 entries – Pays 4 places

3rd place: \$337.50

Total of 20+ entries – Pays 5 places

4th place: \$225.00

5th place: \$112.50

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