

## Field Guides Crappie Classic - 2020 Official Rules

It is the responsibility of each participant to know/be aware of all tournament deadlines, rules and regulations associated with the tournament. Interpretation and enforcement of the rules is the duty of the tournament director.

Failure to comply may result in a disqualification. All decisions of the tournament director are final.

### **General Rules and Information:**

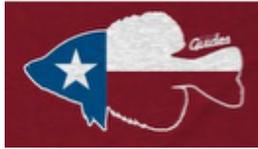
- Registration Deadline:** Each team must be registered and paid in full with all documents turned in before they are allowed to fish. No exceptions will be made.
- Check-In:** All contestants must check-in with tournament officials at the Twin Bridges boat ramp prior to any fishing. Check-In starts at 6:15am. Boat and live well inspection will take place at that time.
- Participants may launch their boats from any ramp on the lake but they must come to the official check-in location prior to fishing.
- First Cast:** After teams are checked-in they may proceed to their desired fishing location but they **MAY NOT** fish. First cast will be in flights according to sign-in order and on the honor system. The earliest first cast will be at 7:00am and then every 15 minutes per 20 teams.
- All participants are expected to have the appropriate fishing license and abide by all state and local fishing laws. Safe boating will be observed at all times.
- Tournament Boundaries:** Participants may fish Lake Waco and its tributaries only. Please observe a 25 yard buffer between boats. Any team that allows another team to enter that buffer has opened that water to all competitors.
- Weigh-In:** Weigh-In times will be in flights as well. The first official weigh-in time is at 1:00pm and then every 15 minutes per 20 teams. Official scales will be available starting at 12:30pm if you desire to weigh-in early. Participants must check-in again with tournament officials with the fish they wish to submit. Participants will choose a maximum of 10 crappie to weigh-in from their catch. Feel free to catch your full limit of crappie, but only a maximum of 10 will be weighed-in per team. Official check-in times will be assigned at the morning check-in. Participants who arrive late to their assigned weigh-in time will be penalized at the rate of .1 pounds per minute, deducted from their total weight. Participants who are more than 15 minutes late or do not recheck-in will be disqualified.
- If your registered partner is unable to participate, you may fish solo. You may not add another team member in their place.
- In the event of extreme weather on tournament day we reserve the right to adjust tournament date and details. This decision will be left to the Tournament Director.

### **Scoring and Ties:**

- The pounds and ounces of each team's 10 presented crappie will determine tournament standings.
- All crappie that are turned in and/or kept should meet the minimum size requirements set out by the State of Texas.
- In the event of a tie, the team with the heaviest single crappie will win the prize. If the tied teams biggest fish are also tied, the prize will be divided equally between the tied teams.

### **Tackle, Equipment and Sportsmanship:**

- Live and/or artificial baits are both allowed. Boat (including but not limited to: airboat, jet boat, paddle boat, kayak, canoe, etc...) and/or bank fishing are both allowed. Teams utilizing individual "boats" must fish together in the same "hole/area" as their partner- they may not split up.
- Only one rod and reel combo may be used per team member at a time.
- Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs are not allowed during tournament hours. They should not be present on your person or in your boat.
- Switching or sharing of fish between or with other teams/participants is not allowed.
- Receiving fishing info from non-participants during tournament hours is not allowed.



**Pro-Am Division:**

- Any Guide (anyone who makes a living guiding on the Lake Waco) or Professional Fishermen (anyone who has paid a single entry fee of \$1800 or more in the last year) who wants to participate in the tournament will be placed in the Pro-Am Division.
- There is no entry fee to fish in the Pro-Am Division.
- A team of 2 young people (who are involved with Field Guides and an age range 6-18yrs old) will be placed with each Guides/Pro. Tournament rules info and scoring all apply to the Pro-Am Division. Each division has separate prizes.