

**RULES:** By your participation in this tournament, you agree to comply with the following rules, and agree to submit to and pass a POLYGRAPH TEST in order to qualify for the receipt of any prize.

**ANGLERS:** This is a singles tournament but two anglers may fish out of the same boat. No more than two (2) persons will be allowed in a participating boat during tournament hours. Both persons must be contestants in the tournament. Anglers will be allowed to trailer to the weigh-in site (Lake D'Arbonne, Ramp Road).

**Youth Anglers:** Any minor (13 and under) who participates, must make arrangements to have a parent or guardian sign their registration form prior to the tournament and be present at the weigh-in to sign a release form or have the release on the entry form signed prior to the tournament, to allow a polygraph examination if required by the tournament director.

**ENTRY FEES/REFUNDS:** \$100 entry fee per adult with optional fruit jars: \$10 Big Fish and \$10 Heaviest 7-Fish Stringer. Youth entry is \$25. Entry fees are non-refundable unless deemed so necessary by the Barak Shriners. Registration can be done online or at any of the listed locations in this pamphlet.

**WEIGH-IN SITE:** Crappie must be weighed at the official tournament Weigh-In site (Lake D'Arbonne, Ramp Road). You must be in the Weigh-In Line by the cutoff time prior to the end of the 1 hour weigh in times (7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, and the final weigh-in at 12 noon). The Tournament Director will make the announcement when the Weigh-In Line is closed and the last angler in the weigh-in tank will be annotated.

**ALCOHOL:** Alcohol beverages are not allowed during the tournament or during the weigh-in. Use of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs during tournament hours is prohibited and will result in disqualification.

**STATE LAW:** Anglers must comply with all State and boating regulations throughout the entirety of the tournament, including the use of P.F.D.'s and kill switches. Fishing, boating regulations, and licenses are the responsibility of the anglers. State fishing laws and boating regulations supersede tournament rules. Violation of State Laws is grounds for disqualification.

**LIFE JACKETS:** Life jackets or personal flotation devices must be worn at all times while your combustion engine is operating. Life jackets must be properly secured and maintained secured until the combustion engine is turned off. Kill switches must be properly attached at all times when the combustion engine is on. All State and Local rules and regulations supersede tournament rules.

**WEATHER:** In the case of extreme weather/water conditions or National emergencies, the tournament director shall have the right to postpone or cancel any tournaments with the return of entry fees by mail or in person.

**OFF LIMITS:** The Lake will be off limits to all participating contestants at dark on Friday, March 13, 2026 until safe light on the morning of Saturday, March 14, 2026.

**FISHABLE WATERS:** Fishing within 50 feet of a competitor's boat, which is first anchored, is prohibited. A safe and courteous distance (50 feet) should be maintained when trolling motors are in use. Fishable waters are areas that tournament officials can access contestants via a John boat with a gasoline propelled tiller handle with lower unit. Boats may fish anywhere except areas designated as "off limits". Any violation of off-limits water will result in disqualification. Participants are not allowed to exit the boat to gain access to fishable waters. Anglers may enter fishable waters at any boat ramp whether it be private/publicly owned. Trailering to the weigh in is allowed. Off limits waters are as follows: anywhere South (upstream) of Gill's Ferry Landing or North (upstream) of Hogpen Landing.

**TOURNAMENT HOURS:** All crappie brought to the scales for weigh-in must have been caught during the tournament hours from tournament waters by the angler bringing them to the scales. Fishing hours will be from safe light until the final weigh in that will close at 12 noon. Hourly weigh-ins will be 7:00am, 8am, 9am, 10:00am, 11:00pm, and the final weigh-in at 12 noon.

**FISH:** Anglers are allowed to have no more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time during the tournament. Anglers will be allowed to weigh-in three (3) fish per hour. An angler is only allowed one hourly payout per hour for big fish, but all three fish will go towards the overall heavy stringer at the end of the tournament. An angler will be allowed to weigh-in a maximum of 18 fish total if that angler brings three fish to each hourly weigh-in. At the end of the tournament, each angler's top seven (7) fish will be totaled up to give an overall heavy stringer weight. There will be two tanks setup at the weigh-in location. There will be a holding tank (this tank is meant for angler's who have not committed to weighing in). There will also be a weigh-in tank (once you have moved to this tank you are committed to weighing in for that specific hour). If your fish are not in this tank prior to the hour ending you will NOT be allowed to weigh-in for that hour. All fish must be brought to the weigh-in by weigh bag or cooler. Fish will be transferred to a crappie forever bag provided by tournament staff before fish go in the weigh tank. **DEAD FISH WILL NOT BE WEIGHED IN.** The tournament director will be the sole deciding factor if a fish is alive or dead. The tournament director will keep a running list as to which angler's have weighed in what fish and will cull fish as you reach your seven (7) heaviest fish. After each fish weighed in, anglers may choose to donate their fish to the Barak Shriners or have them placed back in the water by a staff member.

**TIES:** In the case of a tie for all paying positions, the payout will be split and the tournament director will make the final decision. For example, if two anglers have a fish that weigh the same and they are tied for 2nd and 3rd those two places payout will be combined and split between the two anglers. The same will happen for overall places at the end of the tournament for big fish and heavy stringers.

**FINAL WEIGHT:** This tournament will be a heavy fish/heavy stringer tournament. A total of the seven (7) heaviest fish overall weight per angler and also a big fish weight. There will also be hourly payouts for big fish. Payouts per hour and overall places will be determined by entries. Angler's will be given the option of fruit jars on the registration forms for heaviest fish and heaviest overall stringer.

**POLES:** Anglers may use rod and reel combos, hand-held pole and reel combos or hand-held poles.

**BAITS:** A maximum of two baits per pole may be used during tournament hours if in accordance with Local and State laws. Live and artificial bait may be used during the tournament.

**LANDING FISH:** Crappie must be hooked and landed with a rod or pole by anglers. Crappie must be hooked through the lip or in the mouth. Landing nets may be used.

**OTHER EQUIPMENT:** Binoculars and other magnifying devices are not allowed during tournament hours. Under water cameras during competition is not allowed. The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CB'S, etc. to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is prohibited.

**SPOTTING:** During tournament hours no one may spot fish for you or mark fishing spots for you.

**HOLE- SITTING:** No hole sitting by a competitor or non-competitor boat during the tournament will be allowed.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, honesty, courtesy, safety, conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves and the Barak Shriners Crappie Tournament.

**CONDUCT:** In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, the tournament director shall have the right to refuse any entry application or to disqualify a contestant. Unsportsmanlike conduct can be grounds for disqualification if circumstances require and will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

**PROTEST:** Protest must be made in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes following the end of the Official Weigh-In. Protests must cite the rule allegedly broken. Protests must be given to the Tournament Director. Protest must be deemed a legitimate protest by Tournament Director. Both parties may be subjected to a polygraph. All parties involved and all grievances, protests, and complaints shall be handled in house with confidentiality. The Tournament Director's decision is final in all matters.

**BOAT/LIVEWELL/STORAGE:** The tournament director shall have the right to at random, board and inspect the boat of any competing members, at any time from Registration until the end of the tournament. Refusal to allow inspection is grounds for disqualification.

**MANDATORY BOAT CHECKS:** Starting at 5:30 a.m. at K & M. All participants will be provided a wrist band once their boat has been checked. Participants must keep their wrist band on throughout the duration of the event.

**RELEASE:** By registering for the tournament, you will hold harmless Barak Shriners, the Tournament Director, or any official of the tournament of any liability of accidents or injuries sustained during the tournament.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tournament Director Brittany Naron with Pelican Crappie Club at (318) 422-5525.



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