

Mr. Crappie Invitational Tournament Information & Rules



Welcome, you are invited to compete in the Largest Crappie Tournament in the World, the Mr. Crappie Invitational will host 100 of the Top Crappie teams in the country for three days of competition on beautiful Table Rock Lake in Branson, MO November 1-3, 2024.

The 2024 Mr. Crappie Invitational Classic is an invitation only event.

- Entry Fee: \$5000.00 Dollars Per Team
- Purse is 100% payout, determined by number of paid entries on the first day of the tournament.
- Payment Due by August 1, 2024.
- Make Check Payment to:
Mr. Crappie, LLC
14914 FM 3133
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- Venmo: @mrcrappie1
- **Entry fee is non-refundable.**

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Tournament Rules and Info:

- Table Rock Lake in Branson, MO is OFF Limits to all anglers competing in the Mr. Crappie Invitational beginning January 1, 2024.
- Practice days are: Monday, October 28th, 2024 through Thursday, October 31st, 2024 from Safe Light to 5pm. Except Thursday, October 31st, 2024 anglers must be off the water at 3pm.
- All tournament boats must be off the water by 5pm Monday through Wednesday of practice days.
- Day 1 & 2 Tournament Launch Areas include:
 - Table Rock State Park 5272 MO-165 Branson, MO 65616
 - Moonshine Boat Ramp: 3778 MO-165 Branson, MO 65616
 - Indian Point Boat Ramp: 3443 Indian Point Marina Branson, MO 65616
- Day 1 & 2 weigh-in will be held at the State Park Marina at 3pm. Day 3 weigh-in will be held on the Crappie Expo Main Stage at the Branson Convention Center in Branson, MO at 4pm.
- Day 3 all anglers will launch from Table Rock State Park Boat Ramp located at 5272 MO-165 Branson, MO 65616.
- Top 25 teams will have a police escort from the State Park Marina to the Branson Convention Center on Day 3.
- Live well checks will be made beginning at 5:30 AM at the State Park Marina each day of the tournament.
- Upon return each day of the tournament, live wells will be checked for dead fish and the 7-crappie limit.
- There can be no one selected as a partner that guides on, lives near, or

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fishes on Table Rock Lake! Let's Keep it fair and balanced for everyone invited. Taking information from anyone is prohibited!

- Table Rock Lake is off limits to any contestant once they have been eliminated from the tournament.
- Upon arrival at the State Park Marina each team is only allowed to have 7 live crappie in their live well. If you have more than 7 you will be disqualified. Any Dead fish will be removed upon arrival, and you may weigh in your remaining live fish. During fishing/tournament hours you can have the maximum number of fish the state law allows. At conclusion of your fishing day before you reach the marina dock you may only have 7-crappie in Your Boat.
- Invitational anglers cannot put any brush or structures in the tournament waters or have anyone else do so.
- NO Portable Gas Tanks can be in your boat, you cannot put gas out on the shoreline to pick up.
- Anglers cannot leave their boat during tournament hours; the only exception is to get gas at a marina.
- If an angler leaves their boat during tournament hours without consent from Tournament Director, they will be disqualified.
- Anglers can not receive any information from anyone including other teams in the event. Anglers can get information off the internet but cannot receive any information from anyone of any kind. No one can mark, spot, or give you waypoints at any time.
- Fishable Waters: All teams must fish on Table Rock Lake and must be able to get to all fishable waters by your Boat from the State Park Marina.
- Each team can only use one boat to fish during practice days and tournament days. No canoe's, rubber rafts, or Go Devil style boats allowed.

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- **ARTIFICIAL BAIT ONLY!** Two baits per line only during practice and tournament hours. Crank Baits are considered as one. Artificial Power Baits and Scented baits can be used, no dead, live, or freeze-dried minnows, mill worms, or any live or dead creature are allowed.
- No Binoculars or other magnifying devices can be used during practice or tournament days.
- **Landing Fish:** Nets are allowed. Crappie that are foul hooked are not allowed; crappie must be caught in the mouth. Anglers cannot leave their boat to land a fish during tournament hours.
- No cell phones can be used during tournament hours unless it's an emergency. **NO TEXTING.** Call your tournament director and family members.
- Mr. Crappie Invitational, and its employees, will not be responsible in assisting anglers in getting their boats towed or repaired. Anglers must notify tournament director of the situation immediately.
- After notifying tournament director, you can have one team member find a ride back to the ramp with another tournament team. The one team member will take your limit of fish for the day while other team member stays with boat. You are still required to be in by your check in time.
- Each contestant agrees to report any violation or infraction of any tournament rules to the tournament director.
- All protests must be submitted to the tournament director 30 minutes prior to the weigh-in. Tournament Director has the Final Word.
- Everyone must wear a life jacket at take-off and while your boat is onplane all day during the tournament. Pay Attention to all lake signs, **NOWAKE ZONES,** and **NO FISHING Zones.**
- Pole Limit: 4 per person

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- Off-Limit Waters: within 150 feet of a gas pump
- You must keep 100 feet between boats while fishing during tournament hours.
- There will be no early weigh-ins. The weigh-in each day starts at 3pm. We will be Live Streaming on Mr. Crappie YouTube starting at 3 pm.
- Anglers will be allowed to check in with their fish beginning at 1pm each day. Once you have had your fish checked you will not be allowed to return fishing for that day.
- There will be several Tournament Marshal's assigned to boats during this event, there will also be video crews in and around you during the event. If you are approached by television crews, they will respect your fishing area. If you are asked to wear a mic to record your voice while fishing, work with the video crews and all video is being streamed into the Mr. Crappie YouTube Channel and the Branson Convention Center! Working with the Film crews will be a must!
- National Anthem will play before Blast Off at the State Park Marina.
- Your check in time means that your number that you received at the Rules Meeting must be returned to the tournament official on end of pier by that time. If your Number buoy is not returned by check-in time, you will be disqualified for that day. For example, if your check in time is 3:00 you are considered late when the official clock reads 3:01.

Example Times:

Day 1: Blast- Off Check-In

Flight 1: 6:45AM 2:45PM

Flight 2: 7:00AM 3:00PM

Flight 3: 7:15AM 3:15PM

Flight 4: 7:30AM 3:30PM

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- Official times will be announced at Angler Dinner/Rules Meeting.
- Your assigned Boat Number will be the same as Day 1. However, we will launch in reverse order. For example, if you were Boat 100, last out on day 1, you will be the first boat to launch on day 2.
- Blast off and check-in procedures will remain the same.

Example Times:

Day 2: Blast- Off Check-In

Flight 1: 6:45AM 2:45PM

Flight 2: 7:00AM 3:00PM

- At Conclusion of day 2 the field will be cut to Top 25. The top 25 Teams MUST BE PRESENT at the conclusion of the weigh-in or they will be disqualified.
- For Day 3 your assigned Boat Number will be your place in Tournament Standings. First Place team will be boat #1, etc.
- Tie Breaker for 1st place, if needed, will be your teams big fish weighed on Championship Sunday.
- At conclusion of weigh-in the Champions will be crowned and winners will receive their share of the purse depending on where you place and the number of entries in the Invitational.
- Angler code of Conduct: All Anglers will be respectful to others, drive responsible, be safe, do not crowd other anglers that were there first! No fishing with-in 100 ft of another boat! Be Professional at all times, any angler's disrespecting the Mr. Crappie Invitational or Crappie Expo will be Disqualified and Banned from the Crappie Expo! Be Professional your sponsors will be at the Crappie Expo!

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Tournament Angler's Very Important! World's Largest Crappie Fry on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, at 11 am until we run out of fillets. It would be greatly appreciated if each team could bring a couple hundred fillets for the World's Largest Crappie Fry bring frozen and we will take them from you early in the week, let us know when you arrive with your fillets!

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