

Midwest Crappie Alliance

2025 Pickwick Lake Invitational Shootout

Official Rules

By your participation in Midwest Crappie Alliance Tournament Trail, you agree to comply with all the following rules and agree to submit to be involved in a Polygraph Test or any other test at any given time you must pass said test to qualify for any monetary prizes. By entering this Tournament, you will abide by the Rules. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal."

- Entry Fee: \$300.00 Dollars per Team or Single Angler. No Refunds (Unless the Tournament is canceled for some reason).
- Purse: \$50,000.00 Championship Saturday pays 1st – 25th
- This is based on a complete Field = 150 boat field. We will pay out according to the field entered! 100% payout.
- **THIS YEAR – YOUR PAYMENT is your pole position / BOAT NUMBER FOR DAY 1.**
 - Preferred payments would be **Checks** payable to **(Midwest Crappie Alliance)**
 - Send To: 7009 Village Way Drive Garrettsville, Ohio 44231
 - Cash as well. Venmo if needed Dan-Elko-1
- Pickwick Lake = **NO OFF LIMITS "EXCEPT" on Wednesday October 22nd, 2025.**
- Mandatory Rules Meeting is Wednesday's the 22nd **LIVE REGRISTRATION** where you will be given your BOAT NUMBER for starting position. All Waiver / Liability forms will be signed at this time and accounted for. Rules Meeting that will take place at 3:00PM Wednesday, please be on time, as this is critical to our process.
 - RULES MEETING SITE = Pickwick Landing -120 Playground Loop, Counce, TN, 38326
- Only Invitational Anglers can fish this Event. Effective on Jan 08th, 2025. Anglers participating in the Pickwick Lake Shootout will not be allowed to hire any GUIDES to gain Lake Information. No Active GUIDES / Charter Boat Captains can fish this event that guide on Pickwick Lake that are compensated for services. = ALL SPECIES. Fishing guides are experienced fisherman / women who are familiar with Pickwick Lake that know the waterways and are sought out for hire and compensated.
- Midwest Crappie Alliance – Pickwick Lake Tournament covers water in **TN, AL** and **MS**. Please make sure you follow Local and State Guidelines / Rules. You cannot LOCK OUT or IN for this tournament. You must remain on Pickwick Lake,

- All Tournament Anglers are provided a boat number at time of your live Registration. This will be your placement for day 1 to Launch at Pickwick Landing State Park only. = 116 State Park Rd, Counce, TN 38326. Live-well checks will start at 4:30AM at the location above. Once you arrive the Boat Ramp you can launch your boat in the water, but you cannot go outside the ramp area until your official start time and flight Number is called out by the Marshall.
- Anglers cannot leave their Boat during Tournament Hours or gain access by standing on any Structure.
- If you need to go to the bathroom, you may exit the Boat and both Anglers must **STOP** fishing.
- Fishable Waters! All teams must fish on Pickwick Lake waters only. Once again you will not be allowed to lock out at any time.
- ARTIFICIAL and LIVE BAIT will be permitted.
- You must remain in the Boat while landing a Fish.
- If you leave your Boat during Tournament Hours, you must call one of the Tournament Directors.
- If you break-down during the Tournament you will be allowed to have 1 Angler, come in with another Boat to Weigh-In. The Angler that is riding in the other Boat **CAN** use that Boats Live- well to keep Fish alive (**IF IT HAS A DIVIDED LIVE-WELL**). Or an Insulated Cooler or Bag with Oxygen.
- All Anglers fishing this event will **NOT** be allowed give you any information during Tournament Hours.
- Crappie must be caught in the mouth.
- All Tournament Waters must only be accessible by Boats. (**NO** Kayaks or Canoes allowed).
- No Cell Phones can be used during Tournament Hours unless it's an Emergency. In the event of a Boat Break-down or an Emergency, you must call your directors or Boat Service.
- Each Angler agrees to report any violation = Code of Conduct, any Tournament Rules Violation to the Tournament Director! = Video Confirmation.
- All Protests must be submitted to the Tournament Directors 30 minutes prior to the Weigh-In! Tournament Committee has the Final Word!
- On Tournament days **EVERYONE** will check in at the Pickwick Landing State Park Ramp. Check-in will start at 4:30AM. Pickwick State Park Landing. = **116 State Park Rd, Counce, TN 38326**
- Everyone must wear a LIFE JACKET when you have placed and engaged your throttle in forward and reverse gear. Please Pay Attention to all LAKE SIGNS, **SPEED ZONES** or NO FISHING AREAS.
- Pole Limit: = No more than **3 poles per Angler in TN, AL and MS waters for this Tournament**.
- Teams may weigh-in **FIVE (5), LIVE CRAPPIE** each day of the Tournament. All **FIVE CRAPPIE** must be **ALIVE** and checked when you enter Weigh-In Line. You must be in line by the cut off time. If a fish is considered not alive the fish will be removed from your limit. At no time will you be able to replace a dead fish with a live fish. **Please ask the weigh – In Marshal for a courtesy Check before you enter the weigh-In Line.**

- Teams will be able to weigh-in early unless stated before Takeoff. Weigh- in starts at **NOON** and all Anglers must be checked-in by desired flight time meaning must be in weigh-in line or you will be disqualified for that day if you return past you flight time.
- Teams presenting more than **5 FISH** will be disqualified for that day. Meaning once the Fish are checked by the Weigh-In Line. Once you are in the weigh-In line you cannot remove or replace any fish at any time.
- **Official Crappie Legal Length** = 10 inches Presenting a Short Fish will result in removal of that Fish.
 - How to Measure = Mouth Closed, Tail Pinched. Assumed Short Fish will be measured at the Weigh-In if needed.
- Sportsman Rule – We are adopting a **3-boat length Rule to keep away from other anglers / Boats**. Just respect everyone’s Space / Spot. If an angler approaches you and you ask if you can move in or to a side or a head of your spot that Angler will grant you access or not. Please respect the outcome. Please remember we have a code of Conduct Rule in place that covers this.
- If you are approached by the Directors or Film Crews, please let them take pictures and videos that will be used after the Tournament is over.
- All Fish brought to the Weigh-In line must be brought to the weigh in line either by aerated cooler or tournament weigh-In bag. Once you are in line all fish will be placed into tubs where all fish will be checked. Once checked all fish will be placed into meshed lined bags with a BIG FISH clip for your BIG SLAB. BIG FSLAB will be weighed first. We will have weigh-in Bags if an angler needs to use one.
- If you are late to the Weigh-in cut-off time you, will you be disqualified for that day only. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- FOG Delays – If a delay accrues due to weather, we will extend the tournament based of the delay time up to 1hr per each flight. If the delay goes beyond an extra hour, we will unfortunately need to fish a shorten day.

DAY ONE

Thursday October 23rd - Live-well checks **116 State Park Rd, Counce, TN 38326**

Live-well Check starts 4:30AM.

Flight Start Times = 7:00AM, 7:30AM and 8AM– FLIGHTS BASED ON FIELD.

- All Boats 1 – 150 will launch from **Pickwick Landing State Park**
- 116 State Park Rd, Counce, TN 38326

Quit = 3:00PM, 3:30PM, 4:00PM = Lines Out based on Flight Time
Weigh-In starts at **NOON** daily – You must be in line 60 minutes after your flight quit time. Once you arrive, please show the **Marshall your boat Number**.

ALL Weigh-ins will be held at the Pickwick Landing State Park.

DAY TWO

All Boats will launch in the **reverse Order** of what order you went out of on day 1.

- All Boats 150 - 1 will launch Pickwick Landing State Park

DAY THREE

TOP 25 CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Top 25 – **RESET TO ZERO WEIGHT** - Live-well Checks will start at 4:30 AM Pickwick State Park Landing. 116 State Park Rd, Counce, TN 38326

Top 25 will launch from ANY RAMP After Livewell check at the Shelby Ramp Based on placement. Kick off = 7:00AM to 3:00PM – Scale opens at NOON

Remaining NON-TOP 25 will battle it out for a (1) BIG SLAB EVENT from Pickwick Landing Based on placement of order = 8AM flight

Live-well checks at 5:00AM. Shelby Ramp.

- This is a 5hr event.
- Start time = 8:00AM to 1:00PM.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Any violation of good sportsmanship and or the Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the directors and will be written within 24 hours by the Tournament Directors. These are examples of unacceptable conduct...

- Fighting
- Harassment
- Cheating
- Tampering

Will result in disqualification from Pickwick Lake Shootout and will result in a Committee Meeting to see if the Team is removed from other Midwest Crappie Alliance Events.

Code of Conduct – Anglers participating in Midwest Crappie Alliance Tournament shall abide by this Code of Conduct and the published rules for the Event in which they are participating. Anglers shall always conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a professional that will not reflect negatively on Midwest Crappie Alliance and its members, representatives and Sponsors and Directors. It is an obligation of Anglers to refrain from comments to the media that unreasonably attacks or disparages the integrity of its Tournament Directors, Sponsors, Fellow Members, or the Tournament Trail. Responsible disagreement with policies is acceptable. However, attacks upon the integrity of the Rules or Directors and Members and sponsors are not tolerated. Any invitational Angler who violates any portion of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject up to disqualification and sanctions.