

Ol' Steve Fishing Productions, LLC

BIG DAWG CRAPPIE SHOOTOUT

2027 TOURNAMENT

PRE-FISHING & TOURNAMENT MEETING

Pre-Fishing

Pre-fishing will begin at **first light on Sunday, February 28, 2027**.

Registered anglers may pre-fish tournament waters through **Tuesday, March 2, 2027**, subject to all applicable state and local laws.

Wednesday, March 3, 2027 — Tournament Waters Off-Limits

No fishing, practice, scanning, or scouting of tournament waters is permitted on Wednesday, March 3, 2027.

Wednesday will be designated as an **equipment repair, calibration, or testing day only**. This applies only to **replaced or repaired equipment** and must be **requested and approved in advance by the Tournament Director**. Approved equipment repair, calibration, or testing may only be performed in an area designated by the Tournament Director.

No casting, trolling, fishing, or placing bait in the water is permitted. No electronics scanning of tournament waters is permitted.

Tournament competition begins Thursday, March 4, 2027.

The Pre-Tournament meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 3, 2027**.

- **5:00 PM — Registration**
- **6:00 PM — Rules & Informational Meeting**
- **Location: TBA**

At least one registered team member from each team must attend the meeting. Required release and waiver forms and the Economic Impact Statement must be completed and signed by a registered team member at the meeting.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Big Dawg Crappie Shootout will feature a three-day elimination-style tournament with a tournament field **established at 64 teams**. Ol Steve Fishing Productions reserves the right to increase the field by up to four additional teams, if necessary, for **a maximum field of 68 teams**.

THURSDAY — FIRST ROUND

The 64 participating teams will be divided into **16 four-boat competitions**.

Each four-boat competition will compete against one another, with the **winner of each competition advancing directly to Saturday's Championship Round**.

A total of **16 teams will advance from Thursday**.

The teams that do not win their Thursday competition will not compete on Friday.

FRIDAY — SECOND ROUND / THURSDAY WINNERS ALTERNATE EVENT

The **16 teams advancing from Thursday's First Round will not be permitted on the official tournament waters on Friday**.

Those 16 teams will be offered an opportunity to compete on an **undisclosed area lake for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money, with the prize amounts to be announced**.

The alternate lake will be **announced at the mandatory Wednesday evening Rules & Informational Meeting**.

The Friday alternate-lake competition will consist of a **three-fish weigh-in**.

The remaining **48 teams** will compete on the official tournament waters Friday in the Second Round. Those teams will be divided into **12 four-boat competitions**, with the winner of each competition advancing to Saturday's Championship Round.

A total of **12 teams will advance from Friday**.

Teams that do not win their Friday competition will be eliminated from the tournament.

SATURDAY — CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

The **16 Thursday winners and 12 Friday winners** will make up the **28-team Championship Field**.

All 28 qualifying teams will begin Saturday's competition with **zero weight**.

The 28 teams will compete against one another throughout the Championship Round for the tournament's top prizes.

Every team that qualifies for Saturday's Championship Round is guaranteed a payout.

Teams eliminated during Thursday or Friday will not advance to the Championship Round.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

64 Starting Teams

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16 Thursday Winners

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12 Friday Winners

28 Saturday Championship Teams

The Saturday Championship Round will determine the **Big Dawg Crappie Shootout Champion** and the remaining finishing positions and payouts.

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