



## SLAB MASTERS - BASS PRO SHOPS CRAPPIE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

This series of 3 tournaments will use a points system to determine the Champion(s) based on place of finish and combined at the end of the final tournament. Points are awarded to a team and not to individual anglers unless they are a designated one person team. There will be individual lake winners as well as a winner of the overall Championship Series. Points are assigned from 1<sup>st</sup> place to last place using the existing Crappie Masters points system. Qualifiers to the 2012 Bass Pro Shops Crappie Masters National Championship Classic will also be awarded based on finish in points at the end of the series. Bump downs will be used and at the discretion of Slab Masters and Crappie Masters. Please forward all questions to Slab Masters at [slabmasterstournaments@live.com](mailto:slabmasterstournaments@live.com) or by phone to Jamie Moore (478) 230-7703 or Dan Sidle (478) 214-3207.

**ENTRY FEES:** Tournament entry can be paid by mail and internet or at the registration/seminar. Late fees will apply if entry is received after 10 days prior to the tournament date. Late fees are \$15.00 for all tournaments.

**PRE-FISHING:** Off limits time for both lakes is 6:00 PM EST the day before the tournament on each lake. Teams may fish with anyone except professional paid guides. Professional guides (full time or part time) from any state participating in the tournament can only fish with their team member or a family member.

**SEMINAR:** One team member must be present at seminar and remain until the seminar is dismissed unless approved by tournament director for emergency reasons. Seminar will be held the evening prior to the tournament. Team will pick up weigh-in voucher at registration during the seminar. These tournaments will follow the current season's 2011 - 2012 Slab Masters rules and the Crappie Masters rules which are printed in the 2012 Season Handbook. Copies will be available at the seminars. Some parts of the rules will not apply to this series. Any changes or modifications will be noted here, our web site, and/or at the seminar.

### CLASSIC SWAP - UP CHALLENGE

This is a two day tournament on two lakes. Teams will only be able to fish the designated lake for day one on day one and the designated lake for day two on day two. The lakes and days will be announced prior to the tournament. Teams fishing the wrong lake on the wrong day will be disqualified.

**QUALIFYING:** A team can qualify for the Classic Swap-Up Challenge by entering, participating, attending the weigh-in (even if no fish are weighed), and check-out with tournament official at no less than 1 RST or 1 SM-BPSCM Championship Series tournament. Additional qualifications may be added.

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**PRE-FISHING:** Off limits time for both lakes is 6:00 PM EST the day before the tournament on each lake. Within 10 days of the tournament, ONLY one boat can be used by a team and the team can ONLY fish with the team member entering the tournament. A team member can fish alone during the 10 days prior to the tournament as long as the other team member is not in a boat of any kind on either of the tournament lakes. Prior to the 10 day cutoff, teams can fish with anyone, except professional paid guides cannot be used within 30 days of the tournament. Professional guides from any state participating in the tournament can only fish with their team member for the tournament or a family member within 30 days of the tournament.

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**TEAM CHANGE:** If a qualified team member has sickness, loss of death, other reasonable personal tragedy, or any other issue he/she may fish the Classic Swap-Up Challenge with someone that has qualified for the Classic Swap-Up Challenge. This must be approved by tournament director prior to the tournament.

### SPORTSMANSHIP

Team members/Slab Masters members are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, honesty, courtesy, safety, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to Slab Masters, Slab Masters sponsors, the sport of fishing and Slab Masters efforts to promote the sport. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of or failure to comply with, any of the official rules.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration or during tournament hours.
- Conviction of a felony.
- Suspension/disqualification from any tournament or fishing organization for cheating, refusing or failing a polygraph.
- Any other words, conduct or actions (including and not limited to discussion forums and

internet sites) reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with the tournament rules, or which fail to comply with these standards set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph.

**CONDUCT:** In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, Slab Masters shall have the right to refuse any entry application, or to deny a paid entry application or to revoke a membership, or to disqualify a team at any time.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Unsportsmanlike conduct can be grounds for disqualification if circumstances require. Unsportsmanlike conduct can be grounds for membership revocation.

**PROTEST:** Protest must be made in writing to the tournament director within 15 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, protest and complaints shall be handled in house with confidentiality. The tournament director's decision is final in all matters. Any party found to be at fault, or party making a protest that is deemed unfounded will be responsible for the costs of the polygraph services if a polygraph becomes necessary.

**COMPLAINTS:** Complaints about teams/anglers outside of protest times should be made directly to Slab Masters officials. Complaints must be in written format. Slab Masters decisions in handling complaints are final in all matters.

**SPOTTERS/OBSERVERS:** Slab Masters shall have the right to place a spotter boat/s and/or an observer in the boat with any team at any time during the competition from the start of competition to the finish. Any refusal will be grounds for disqualification.

**BOAT/LIVEWELL/STORAGE:** Slab Masters tournament officials shall have the right to at random, board and inspect a boat or boats for fishing license, fish bags, storage lockers, live wells at any time from registration time until the end of the tournament of any competing member. Slab Masters and tournament officials reserve the right to board any boat entered into the tournament at any time from registration to the end of the tournament. Refusal to allow inspection is grounds for disqualification.

**POLYGRAPH:** By your participation in this tournament, you agree to comply with the rules, and agree to submit to and pass a polygraph test or similar truth test in order to qualify for the receipt of any prize. Slab Masters shall have the right to polygraph any competing team at Slab Masters discretion. Any team having a member who has failed or refused to take a polygraph test or was a team that was disqualified or denied a prize because either member of that team failed or refused to take a polygraph or who has ever been denied a prize because he or she misrepresented compliance with a tournament rule or because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be disqualified. A contestant who failed to pass a polygraph or whose condition does not permit the administration of a test because of contestant's use of alcohol or drugs will be disqualified. The use of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs during tournament hours is prohibited.

**Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament officials. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.**

### RELEASE

By entering any Slab Masters tournament, contestants agree to release Slab Masters Tournament Trail, its staff, all sponsors, and affiliates from any liability arising from the administration of the test and/or the decisions made in result of the test. All decisions regarding compliance with these rules and the interpretation of these rules will be made by the tournament director and Slab Masters Tournament Trail which reserves the right to make additional reasonable rules for the conduct of its tournaments if circumstances require. A pre-tournament seminar is held for the review of the rules. You are liable to abide by the rule changes made during the seminar. Therefore, your team should be represented at this meeting; one team member is required to attend unless absence is pre-approved by tournament director. Slab Masters Tournament Trail tournaments do not discriminate for reasons of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

