

Lake Thunderbird Conservation Committee  
**Spring Crappie Tournament –April 18th, 2026**

**TOURNAMENT RULES and ENTRY FORM**

**On-Line Entry** - You may type your info into this form, save it, and email it to: conservation@lakethunderbird.us.  
Or you may print it, fill it in, and mail it with your payment to LTA Conservation.

1. Tournament registration will be from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. The tournament will start @7:00 a.m. at the South Boat Launch. Any boat that starts fishing prior to the starting signal will be disqualified.
2. The entire lake is “NO WAKE” for participants during the tournament. All participants must register and all boats must be inspected prior to starting time. Any boat missing inspection will be ineligible to participate
3. Only clip-on culling tags may be used. Live bait MAY be used. Dumping of minnows in the lake is strictly prohibited and will be enforced with a possible LTA fine.
4. All live wells must be in good working order, **able to recirculate continuously**, and will be inspected prior to the start of the tournament. Live wells and trailers must be dry prior to launching and no weeds can be hanging from the trailer.
5. Weigh-in will start at 12:00 p.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. You must be **at** the beach by 12:30 p.m. Late arrivals will be disqualified.
6. Black and white crappie qualify. There is an 8” minimum size (for this tournament only), and a ten (10) fish boat limit. During Tournament hours no more than 10 fish allowed in live well at any one time. No dead fish will be allowed. Dead fish will **NOT** be weighed and there is an 8 ounce deduction for each dead fish and fish under 8 inches. Conservation will determine the total weight for each team/boat.
7. Percentage Payout from total purse collected will be **40% for first place, 20% for second, and 15% for third.**
8. Main motors and trolling motors are to be used for positioning only. **No trolling, fishing from docks, or shore!**
9. All entrants must follow the IDNR rules for availability and use of life jackets.
10. All boats must display valid state registration stickers and certificate numbers. All Coast Guard regulations will be enforced.
11. All boats must have a copy of Liability Insurance on file (i.e. LTA Boat registration) All other boats must provide proof of Liability Insurance or a copy of the Insurance Certificate during registration/check-in time. Lack of proper Liability Insurance Certificate means ineligibility for this tournament.

There may be members of the Conservation Committee on the water throughout the tournament.

Any reported violations of the above RULES will result in disqualification from this tournament and forfeit of entry fee.

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**April 18<sup>th</sup> 2026 Spring Crappie Tournament Entry Form**

**ENTRY FEES: \$75.00 - REGISTRATION-  
MAIL with tournament-day payment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, hereby for heirs, executors, administrators, or myself, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I have against Lake Thunderbird Association, Putnam, Illinois, and their agents for any losses or injuries suffered by me and/or my partner during this event. Sign below at registration!*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL and MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO

LTA Conservation Committee

2 Lake Thunderbird Drive, Putnam, Illinois 61560