

Sample Bass Club Bylaws And Tournament Rules

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Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This club shall be called _____

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To improve our skills as bass anglers through fellowship and the friendly exchange of bass-catching techniques and ideas. To organize and conduct select fishing events and to act as the caretakers of the environment.

Article II - Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

The club shall begin with and maintain at least _____ members.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a club member, a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- (b) Be recommended for membership by a member of the club (excepting charter members).
- (c) Be voted on by membership in a regular meeting. Voting will not be held in the candidate's presence and vote affirmation shall be unanimous.
- (d) Be at least 18 years of age.

Section 3: Dues

The club membership dues shall be \$ _____ annually and paid on or before _____, or on being voted into the club.

Section 4: Meetings of Members

The membership shall hold regular meetings at pre-established times.

Article III – Officers, elections, Vacancies and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

The officers of this club shall consist of:

President: Presides over all regular club meetings and directs all official business. Supervises all club functions. Votes only as a tie-breaker.

Vice President: Assists the president in his/her duties and presides in the absence of the president.

Secretary: Maintains accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the chapter president. Maintains all member tournament results, rankings and essential data.

Treasurer: Collects and disburses all monies. Maintains accurate financial records and presents a current treasurer's report at each regular meeting. Prepares an annual audit for review by the club Board of Directors. The club may vote that the treasurer and any other officer handling chapter funds must be bonded

Tournament Director: The tournament director shall plan, organize and be in charge of operating all club tournaments. Draft tournament schedules and rules, which must be approved by the general membership. Keep tournament records, enforce all tournament rules, investigate all protests concerning tournament and make recommendations of the Board of Directors.

The above club officers shall constitute the Club Board of Directors.

Section 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of _____. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3: Eligibility of vote

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of each office shall be one year, which shall begin on the first day of _____ and end on the last day of _____ or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- (a) Have been a club member for six months (waived during the first 12 months of club existence) and,
- (b) Have attended at least ____% of the club meetings and ____% of club functions during the current 12-month period.
- (c) Have shown an active interest in all chapter functions.

Section 7: Removal of membership

A member shall be removed from the club membership roll for any one of the following:

- (a) Failure to pay dues.
- (b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the club.
- (c) Disqualification for use of drugs or alcohol, or continued unsafe boating practices.

Removal must be voted on and approved by a majority of the voting club members.

Article IV: Tournament Rules and Regulations

Section 1: Tournament Locations and Rules

Club tournament locations and rules will be reviewed and amended (see Article V Section 1) as necessary by the Board of Directors. The board will present the membership with tournament locations and rules prior to the first tournament each year and will attach a copy of these by-laws as an addendum.

Section 2: Miscellaneous

- (a) At the meeting prior to each tournament, the tournament director will pair boater with non-boater. (Optional provision: No two members can be paired more than once during a season).
- (b) There shall be no more than one boat at any regular season club tournament with a single club competitor. In the event a club member is drawn without a partner, that member may invite whomever he/she chooses to participate as an observer only. The observer's catch will not be counted in the tournament in any form.
- (c) The cut-off time and date for any changes to the tournament pairings will be as follows: the tournament director must be notified no later than 8:00PM on the date two days preceding the tournament date. Any unavoidable changes made after the cut-off will be at the discretion of the tournament director.
- (d) The tournament director will establish the tournament details concerning live vs. paper weigh-in, big fish rules, off-limit rules and other details of each tournament at the club meeting prior to each tournament and announced to the membership at that time.

ARTICLE V – Method of Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

These bylaws and tournament rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-third vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED Board of Directors, do hereby certify the above bylaws and the continued commencement of the club on this the _____ day of _____, 20__.
