

BASIN BASSMASTERS

Constitution and By-Laws



*Denotes new changes

ARTICLE I - NAME: This organization shall be known as Basin Bassmasters and will operate as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE: The purpose of this club is to promote good sportsmanship and fellowship among bass anglers, and provide good wholesome recreation for its members and families.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIPS:

Section A - Qualifications of Membership:

1. A resident of the State of California.
2. Sixteen (16) years of age or older.
3. Current B.A.S.S. membership.
4. Willingness to abide by the rules of conduct set forth by club.
5. Payment of annual dues (After Aug 1st club portion of dues for current year will be reduced by half for new members).
6. Membership is open to the discretion of the Board.
7. Final membership will be voted on by the members.
8. Able to safely operate or learn to operate and be familiar with the safe operation of a boat.

Section B - Expulsion of a Member:

1. Cheating in a tournament will result in immediate dismissal from Basin Bassmasters and all local clubs will be notified.
2. Refusing to abide by club rules and state regulations of lake.
3. Other reasons will require a quorum vote of the club membership present at a regular monthly meeting.
4. Non-active participation in meetings and outings for more than three (3) months.

Section C - Inactive Membership:

Inactive membership may be granted from the Executive Board. A member must go before the Board to request a maximum of six (6) months inactive membership status.

ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL DUES AND CLUB AFFILIATION FEES:

Section A – Amount of Dues:

Executive Board will set dollar amount of dues at Annual Business Meeting.

Section B – Distribution of Dues:

Annual dues will consist of maintaining active membership in Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) and payment of annual affiliation dues.

Section C – Reimbursement of Dues:

Membership dues are not reimbursed once accepted as a member of the club.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS:

Section A – Schedule of Meetings:

There shall be at least twelve (12) meetings during the year. The meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 pm to finish.

Section B – Special Meetings:

Special meetings shall be called when deemed necessary by the President.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

Section A - Executive Board:

The Executive Board shall consist of the following offices:

President

Vice President

Secretary (or Secretary/Treasurer)

Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer)

Tournament Director

Assistant Tournament Director

Weigh Master

Immediate Past President

Section B - Election of Officers:

1. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual

Business Meeting.

2. Officers may be re-elected for as many terms as the membership sees fit (and they are willing to serve).

Section C - Tenure of Office:

Officers shall serve for two years from the date of November 1st.

Section D - Duties of Office:

President:

- a. Preside at and conduct all club meetings.
- b. Permitted to make suggestions and present ideas for improvement of club, but does not make a formal motion while presiding (except at Annual Business Meeting).
- c. Keep meeting moving at an interesting pace.
- d. Keep all club activities progressing in an organized and satisfactory manner.
- e. May not cast a vote with the exception of:
 - (1.) expulsion of a member;
 - (2.) a tie breaking vote on any issue; or
 - (3.) during Annual Business Meeting.

Vice President:

- a. Assist the President.
- b. Preside at and conduct meetings in the absence of the President.
- c. Succeed the President in case of vacancy.
- d. Maintain contact with the standing committees and be aware of their functions and activities and be responsible for reporting to the Executive Board on these activities.

Secretary:

- a. Prepare and read the minutes of each meeting of the general membership and/or Executive Committee/Board.
- b. Be responsible for the club's correspondence.
- c. Record all motions made and record accurate results of all issues voted on.
- d. Keep a permanent record file of the club's business.
- e. Read correspondence and communications at club's meetings.
- f. Make duplicate copies of all correspondence, minutes, and communications for the President's file.

Treasurer:

- a. Sign all checks in conjunction with the President.
- b. Deposit all fees collected.
- c. Keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements of club's funds.
- d. Provide a report for each general meeting and/or Executive Board.
- *e. Provide a year-end report of expenditures.

Tournament Director:

- a. Coordinate each fishing tournament.
- b. Appoint two (2) or more club members to be on the tournament Committee for tournament functions.
- c. See that each member abides by the basic tournament rules and upholds same at each tournament.
- d. Present a schedule for tournaments at the beginning of each year to the Executive Board for approval.
- e. Be responsible to coordinate the drafting of tournament rules.
- f. Has responsibility and authority for any changes regarding tournaments, in reference to unforeseeable lake conditions.
- g. Keeps a complete record of weights and gives a copy of results to the club secretary.
- h. Has responsibility and authority for change of official weigh-in time if necessary due to conflicts or unforeseen conditions.

Assistant Tournament Director: (Same as Tournament Director)

Weigh Master:

- a. Directly responsible to the Tournament Director to coordinate weigh-in.
- b. Responsible to maintain all equipment used for the judging of tournament results.
- c. Responsible for the accurate weighing, measuring and judging of all fish presented by contestants.
- d. Delivers results of all tournaments to the Tournament Director immediately after weigh-in.
- *e. The Weigh Master acts as an advisor on all matters related to the weigh-in for each tournament. *The Weigh-master shall be a voting member of the Board.*

Immediate Past President:

- a. Provide continuity.

Section E - Inactive Board Member:

1. Non-active participation of meetings for more than three (3) consecutive monthly and/or Board meetings will result in expulsion from the Board.
2. The club membership will vote someone to replace that position for the remainder of the year.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES:

The Standing Committees (as needed) will be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII - CHANGE IN BY-LAWS:

Any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting and approved by a majority of the membership present at that meeting.

ARTICLE IX - END OF YEAR AWARDS:

Section A – Angler of the Year:

Angler of the Year - First through fifth based on total points. Boater and Non-Boater get trophies; second and third place get certificates.

Section B – Sportsman of the Year:

Sportsman of the Year is nominated by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Business Meeting. A trophy is awarded.

Section C – Tournament Of Champions:

**Trophies are awarded for first, second and third place teams. Embroidery on jackets (purchased by member) of first place team and Angler of the Year will be paid for by the Club.*

Section D – Big Fish of the Year:

Member with Big Fish of the Year is awarded a trophy.

ARTICLE X - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Section A - Time of Year:

The monthly meeting scheduled for the month of November shall be considered the "Annual Business Meeting" of the Basin Bassmasters Club Membership. The agenda shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Nomination and Election of Officers (as required).
2. Adoption of yearly tournament schedule.
3. Changes in By-Laws and Tournament Rules (January).
4. Sportsman of the Year ballot.
5. Annual dues and fees.

Section B – Representation of Membership:

The members present at the Annual Business Meeting shall represent the entire membership of the Basin Bassmasters Club and a majority vote shall rule. The President may make motions and vote on all issues.

ARTICLE XI - ACTIVE CHARTER MEMBERS:
(See Club Roster Sheet)

ARTICLE XII - AFFILIATION:

Under the requirements for affiliation with B.A.S.S., the Basin Bassmasters Club will comply with the following:

1. Secure approval of Chapter Charter by B.A.S.S.
2. Provide B.A.S.S. an updated chapter membership roster once each year upon receipt of current roster from B.A.S.S. at year's end.
3. Names and addresses of new members will be submitted to B.A.S.S. as they occur during the year.
4. As required for affiliation, the Basin Bassmasters Club will maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership.
5. As required for affiliation, the Basin Bassmasters Club will maintain affiliation with California B.A.S.S. Federation and support its conservation and youth programs.

These Articles are hereby adopted as the regulations governing the Basin Bassmasters Club. The Undersigned Officers of the Executive Board are sworn to uphold the intent of the Constitution and By- Laws and to act in the best interest of the Club and responsible sportsmanship.

Date: _____

President

Tournament Director

Vice President

Weigh Master

Secretary

Treasurer