

Bylaws for the North Oklahoma City Bassmasters A BASS Nation Chapter

(Revised December 2014)

ARTICLE 1 - Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This Chapter is the North Oklahoma City Bassmasters, Inc. (Chapter No. 007244)

Section 2: Purpose

The Chapter's purposes are to 1) stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport, 2) to offer the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation our organized moral and political support, 3) to promote adherence to all conservation codes, 4) to demand adequate water quality standards, 5) to detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to the crime, 6) to improve our skills as bass anglers through fellowship and the friendly exchange of expert bass-catching techniques and ideas, 7) to promote and encourage youth fishing, and love for this great recreation, and 8) to function as an effective link with other Chapters of the Oklahoma BASS Nation embracing the principal and purpose of BASS.

ARTICLE 2 – Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

This Chapter shall maintain at least six members.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a Chapter member, a person shall:

- a. Be a member of BASS (See ARTICLE 6 for affiliation requirements)
- b. Attend a regular monthly meeting and be recommended by a member.
- c. Fish one tournament as a guest.
- d. Be voted on by membership. Vote by show of hands with majority affirmation.
- e. Waive the right to bring suit against the Chapter, its member(s), or BASS
- f. Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. Written permission from a parent or guardian will be required of members under eighteen (18) years of age.

Section 3: Membership Dues

- a. Dues for new members are \$80.00. Included in club dues are \$30.00 BASS Nation dues which provides a subscription to BASS Times and \$30.00 to the Oklahoma BASS Nation for state dues. New members joining after July 1st of a given year will pay only \$50.00. Dues for the upcoming year are payable in November. New member dues are payable upon being voted into the Chapter. Each member receives a Chapter cap.
- b. Officers will pay \$80.
- c. BASS membership is required of all members. If a new member does not belong to BASS, the member can join via www.bassmaster.com or pay an additional fee with his club membership fee.

Section 4: Meetings of Members

- a. The membership shall hold regular meetings at pre-established times. Meetings of the membership shall be at least one (1) time per month. Meetings shall be conducted following Robert's Rules of Order and shall contain the following at a minimum: Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, Treasurer's Report, President's Report.
- b. Proposed changes to Tournament Rules shall be voted on by the membership and must be provided in writing one (1) month in advance of the November meeting. A simple majority is required for passage of changes.

ARTICLE 3 - Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

- a. President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and is ex-officio member of all committees. Provide budget for Chapter operations. Supervise all Chapter functions.
- b. Vice President: Act as Program Chairman, scheduling informative speakers, videos or other programs at Chapter meetings; assists President and presides in his/her absence; assist Tournament Director as required.
- c. Secretary: Maintains accurate minutes of all meetings and provides a copy of those minutes to the members in a monthly newsletter. Maintains records of each member's BASS affiliation. Maintains regular liaison between the Chapter and State Federation. Keeps records of all tournament and other points for club members.
- d. Treasurer: Collects and disburses all monies including tournament entry fees and payouts. Maintain accurate financial records and presents a current report at each regular meeting.
- e. Tournament Director: Shall provide rules for Chapter-held fishing events to all participants and will oversee all tournament activities including the partner draw, pre-tournament briefing, take-off, weigh-in and the recording of weight and points. Shall maintain accurate records of each Chapter tournament and provide such records to the Secretary. Shall enforce rules and report all rule violations to the Board of Directors. Insures the Chapter uses recommended fish-care methods to maximize survival of released fish. Is responsible for obtaining required permits from regulating authorities (Corps of Engineers, GRDA, State Parks, etc.)
- f. Youth Director: Appointed by the President. Shall preside over the Youth Committee and Chapter youth activities as described in Article 4.
- g. Conservation Director: Appointed by the President. Shall preside over Conservation Committee and Chapter conservation activities as described in Art. 4.
- h. Webmaster: Appointed by the President. Shall maintain the Chapter website making timely and regular updates including tournament results, points standings, photographs, announcements, newsletters, and links of interest to the membership.

Section 2: Elections

Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held in even numbered years in December (see Term of Office, below). Election shall be by simple majority of members present for each office separately.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member is entitled to one (1) vote. Proxy votes are not permitted, however electronic communication (fax, telephone or e-mail) to register votes are allowed.

Section 4: Term of Office

Term of office shall be two (2) years and run the calendar year.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office vacancy, nominations shall be accepted and an election held to fill the term. The Oklahoma BASS Nation and BASS headquarters shall be notified immediately of the change.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

- a. Has been a member for six (6) months.
- b. Has attended 75% of Chapter meetings/functions during a twelve (12) month period.
- c. Has shown an active interest in Chapter functions.
- d. Is a current BASS member.

ARTICLE 4 - Standing Committees

All Standing Committees serve for one (1) year or until a new committee is appointed.

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Youth and Conservation Directors and Webmaster. President will call meetings of the Board and preside at such meetings. The Secretary will record minutes of Board meetings. The Board will decide all protests and rule violations.

Section 2: Youth Committee

This committee shall organize and implement Chapter youth projects, introduce young people to the goals of BASS, give them a basis for respect of our national heritage and appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play, and good sportsmanship and give them an introduction to the joy of fishing.

Section 3: Conservation Committee

This committee protects our natural resources from harm, documents and reports violations of local, state and federal anti-pollution laws, takes legal action where appropriate, undertakes and promotes formal education programs to bring public awareness to environmental issues.

Section 4: Tournament Committee

This committee shall assist the Tournament Director in planning, organizing and operation of Chapter tournaments. This committee will investigate all protests concerning tournaments and make recommendations to the Tournament Director. This committee is made up of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5 - Removal of Membership

A member shall be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons:

- a. Failure to pay dues within three (3) months of due date. A written notice must be mailed to the member.
- b. Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the Chapter and/or BASS
- c. Failure to attend at least one (1) Chapter meeting and/or function during a twelve (12) month period, unless notifying an officer prior to the meeting or function. Each notice will equal an attendance.
- d. Disqualification for any reason from participating in BASS sponsored events.
- e. This Chapter reserves the right to drop a member without due cause or reason, which will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those attending the meeting.

ARTICLE 6 - Disciplinary Actions Other Than Removal of Membership

These actions shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and shall include, but is not limited to, reduction of membership in lieu of removal, or any other action felt necessary by the Board of Directors. Any action recommended by the Board of Directors and not specifically spelled out in the bylaws or tournament rules shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7 - Affiliation

Section 1: Requirement for Affiliation

- a. Update Oklahoma BASS Nation with a current roster by December 1st.
- b. Names and addresses of members must be submitted to BASS as they join along with \$30.00 Federation Nation dues.
- c. Maintain 100% BASS membership.
- d. Must affiliate with the Oklahoma BASS Nation by remitting dues of \$250 prior to the Annual Board meeting.
- e. Any additional requirements that the Oklahoma BASS Nation establishes for Chapters such as attendance at meetings, participation in youth or conservation events, etc. that would make the Chapter eligible to participate in the BASS Nation tournaments and any other BASS Nation-sponsored events.

ARTICLE 8 - Method of Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending members. A written notice of the proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the membership a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

Accepted this 11th day of December, 2014 by Richard Minyard, Chapter President
as a true and accurate representation of the North Oklahoma City Bassmasters, Inc. Bylaws.