

Paducah Bass Club By-Laws

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1 – Name: Paducah Bass Club

Section 2 – Purpose:

- A. To actively participate in matters of constructive conservation which concern fishing waters.
- B. To enhance the transfer of invaluable fishing information to individual members.
- C. To encourage instruction and development of fishing skill of the membership and youth of the community.
- D. To afford the opportunity to engage in competitive tournament fishing.

Article II

Membership Qualifications

Section 1 – An applicant for membership must:

- A. Express a genuine interest in the principles of the club.
- B. Be in general agreement with the by-laws.
- C. Be sponsored by an active member.
- D. Not have paid, or had others pay for on their behalf, a \$1000 entry fee for a single bass tournament and be considered a professional angler.
- E. Be accepted by the membership by a ¾ majority vote of those members voting. Voting may be by secret ballot if requested by one of the members. The applicant shall be notified by the president of this acceptance or rejection if the applicant is not present at the meeting.
- F. If accepted by the membership, pay the annual club dues.

Section 2 – A member shall be dropped from the membership roll for the following:

- A. Flagrant and continuous actions or expression demonstrating a belief inconsistent with and contrary to the purpose of the club.
- B. Readmission – any member dropped from the membership roll due to the above stated actions, can be reinstated by a 2/3 majority vote of the members voting the issue providing the person seeking readmission has been granted a hearing by the Board of Directors and as a result of such hearing, the Board of Directors recommends reinstatement. A member reinstated must pay membership dues, if not already paid for the year, prior to participating in any club activity.

Article III

Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1 – Officers and their duties

- A. President – Presides over all meetings and directs all official business. Appoints and directs all committee functions. Supervises all club functions.
- B. Vice President – Acts as program chairman and club reporter, assists the president in his duties, and presides in the absence of the President.
- C. Secretary – Maintains accurate minutes of all meetings, maintains attendance roster and reports at each meeting.
- D. Treasurer – Maintains accurate financial records, prepares and presents a recommended budget for the membership approval at the beginning of each tournament season. The budget shall contain a line item in the amount of at least \$50 for carry over into the next years’ budget for miscellaneous expenses.
- E. Board of Directors – Consist of six (6), two (2) of whom are elected to serve two year terms. The other four (4) are the elected officers.

Section 2 – Elections

- A. Elections shall be held in November or December of each year. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in Article III, Section I. Each officer and director shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected, or their resignation, or they are removed from office, or their death.

Section 3 – Eligibility to vote

- A. Each active club member in good standing is entitled to one vote on all issues brought before the club.

Section 4 – Term of Office

- A. Officers will be elected for a term of one year.
- B. Directors will be elected for a term of two years.

Section 5 – Vacancies

- A. In the event on an office becoming vacant, this vacancy will be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 6 – Eligibility for holding office

- A. To be eligible for an office, a member must have been a member for one year.

Article IV Meetings and Tournaments

Section 1 – Meetings and Tournaments

- A. Every attempt will be made meet at least quarterly to conduct club business.

- B. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- C. A tournament schedule shall be adopted annually by majority vote of the membership.
- D. This club will have a minimum of seven (7) official tournaments per year.
- E. Deleted

Article V Rules and Procedures

Section 1 – Rules and Procedures

- A. Time and place of club meetings will be determined by the Board of Directors. Every attempt will be made to provide the membership with at least four (4) day notice of any change in time or place of each meeting.
- B. Any special meetings will be designated by the Board of Directors.
- C. All committees and committee chairmen will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Interpretation of the by-laws is the responsibility of the Board of Directors and their decision is final.
- E. The Board of Directors and all committees will conduct separate meetings prior to each monthly meeting, when necessary.
- F. All meetings will be conducted by the president or vice president in the absence of the president, or secretary if both the president and vice president are absent, and shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Article VI Activities

Section 1 – Activities

- A. Interclub activities will be planned by the committees and voted on by the membership.

Section 2 – Tournament Awards

- A. All tournament awards will be 100% payout of the entry fees paid. Number of places paid shall be based on the number of participating boats in accordance with the tournament rules.

Article VII Committees

Section 1 – Committees

- A. There will be one (1) standing committee (tournament committee) which will function at all times and will consist of at least (3) club members appointed by the president and who are approved by club membership vote.

- B. The following additional committees are authorized and may be appointed by the President at any time a need arises:

By-laws	Membership
Tournament	Programs
Public Relations	Nominating

Section 2 – Duties of Committees

A. By-laws:

1. Draft any amendment to the by-laws in proper form and submit to the Board of Directors and officers.
2. Handle all legal actions in regard to the club.

B. Membership:

1. Review all tournament and meeting attendance records and take necessary action regarding membership matters.
2. Handle all membership applications and turnover said applications and recommendations to the Board of Directors.
3. Notify all absent members of any changes or upcoming events.

C. Tournament:

1. Establish tournament schedule through club vote.
2. Officiate at all tournaments.
3. Pick locations and times of tournaments.
4. Select a tournament director from one of the committee members for each club tournament held.
5. Establish, publish, and maintain written tournament director duties.
6. Establish and maintain written tournament rules. Tournament rules may be changed at anytime by a majority of members present.

D. Program:

1. Prepare entertainment program for all meetings and social functions.
2. Obtain speakers, films, etc., for meetings.

E. Public Relations:

1. Arrange all publicity.
2. Handle all tournament photography.

F. Nominating:

1. Propose a slate of officers or directors for the next year.

Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1 – Amendments to by-laws

- A. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by simple majority of the members present if the amendment is approved by the by-laws committee and the Board of Directors, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership, either at the regular monthly meeting immediately prior the taking of the vote, or by notification of each member not less than fourteen (14) days before the taking of the vote.
- B. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present regardless of the thoughts of the by-laws committee and Board of Directors if the above stated notice is properly given.

Article VIII Policy

Section 1 – Policy

- A. All fish weighed in a tournament must be released alive when possible, with the exception being that members may keep a black bass over six (6) pounds or any smallmouth or Kentucky bass weighing over four (4) pounds. All dead fish will be disposed of discretely by the angler(s) that caught the fish.
- B. Sportsmanship, safety, and conservation are expected of each Paducah Bass Club member. Any infraction of these principles will be deemed cause for disqualification from a tournament and expulsion from the Paducah Bass Club.
- C. Cheating during any tournament shall be cause for automatic disqualification from the tournament in which the infraction occurs and immediate expulsion from the club. Cheating is defined as any proven violation of tournament rules, any intensive action taken to cause other club members to be disadvantaged, and failure to abide by club by-laws.

Article X Federation Affiliation

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