

## THE NEVADA BASS FEDERATION BYLAWS

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MISSION STATEMENT: The primary goal of the Federation shall be to preserve and further Conservation, Youth, and the sport of Bass Fishing

A. The Bass Federation – Nevada composed of affiliated chapters of The Nevada Bass Federation- hereafter referred to as NVTBF, does adopt the following Bylaws and Standing Rules.

### B. Governing Body

1. The Federation will be governed by an Executive Board of Directors composed of elected officers to include; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Tournament Director, and Youth Director. Along with the Executive Board is the General Board of Directors represented by a designated delegate member of each affiliated club. All members running for an Executive Board position must be a member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years prior to being eligible for any position on the TBF Nevada governing board. The President and Vice President positions must be filled by a member that has served on the executive board as Treasurer, Tournament Director, or Youth Director.

### C. Executive Board of Directors, Manner of Election Term and Duties

1. The Executive Board will meet at least quarterly to conduct the day to day business of NVTBF. Additional meeting will be held at the discretion of the President.

### E. Voting

1. All members in good standing with NVTBF present shall be entitled to one vote at any formal meeting held by the Executive Board. The President will only vote in the event of a tie vote.

### F. Term of Office

1. Officers will be installed at the January meeting and will serve a One year term of office. Officers will serve until such additional time as necessary for a successor to be elected. A vacated office will be filled by appointment of the Executive Board of Directors until an election is held.

### G. Duties

1. President – Preside over all meetings of the Executive Board of Directors or special meetings of NVTBF, direct all official business, supervise all NVTBF activities, appoint ex-officio members of all standing and special committees, be the official representative of NVTBF in relationship to other organizations, delegate such duties as may be appropriate to better serve NVTBF, is designated primary communicator with TBF/FLW and liaison with TBF/FLW.

2. Vice President – Assist the President upon request, preside in the absence of the President, assume the office of President shall it be vacated.

3. Treasurer – Work with the Executive Board in preparation of planned expenses, receive and disburse all monies upon approval of the Executive Board, maintain financial record and present a current balance at each regular board meeting, submit a quarterly report to the membership at a board meeting, and provide an annual report to be presented to the Executive and General Board at the January meeting. The Treasurer will input and update membership as received and audit membership compliance.

4. Youth Director – Oversee and carry out the operations of the NVTBF youth fishing program. Plan and schedule events / meetings related to the youth program. Procure necessary permits for youth tournaments. Communicate with TBF National to coordinate travel arrangements and any youth sponsor programs. Promote youth fishing, including recruitment of Boat Captains for youth events.

5. Tournament Director – Procure all necessary permits and documents for all NVTBF tournaments, file all required reports with the appropriate authorities, preside over all NVTBF tournaments, oversee and determine weigh-in sites, rule on violations of the NVTBF tournament rules and protests with Tournament Committee.

#### H. Removal of Elected Officers

1. Any elected officer may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of NVTBF upon a thirty day prior notice based upon documented concerns, Bylaw or Rule violation, unsportsmanlike conduct, or behavior that compromises the high ideals of NVTBF.

#### I. Delegates

1. Affiliated clubs of NVTBF shall select one delegate and one alternate to serve as the club's representative on the General Board of Directors.

2. Eligibility - Must be a member in good standing with the TBF/FLW and of an affiliated NVTBF club. Each club will submit the requirements of their club to be considered in good standing with that club.

3. Qualifications – Delegates form the nucleus of future Executive Officers or Staff Members. Selection of a delegate by a club is considered to be the club's first indication that the club membership is confident that the selectee possesses those qualifications, dedication, integrity, and moral responsibility required to effectively lead the NVTBF at some future date.

4. Duties – Delegates convey the business of the club they represent to NVTBF and in turn, relay the business of NVTBF meeting to their club membership. This is done in order that the clubs have say in voting on motions put before the board.

5. Alternate Delegates – Alternates represent affiliated clubs as members of the General Board of Directors in the absence of the Delegate. In the event the Delegate is also serving as an Officer of NVTBF, the alternate is not authorized to serve in that Executive office position during the absence of the Delegate

6. Removal of the Delegate – Any Delegate may be removed from office for cause by simple majority vote of the Executive Board and General Board of Directors. Cause includes failure to attend scheduled meetings, and/or failure to assure that the alternate attend in the absence of the Delegate.

#### J. Standing Committees

1. Purpose and Duties – The NVTBF President shall appoint and oversee the three following standing committees and such other special committees as he/she deems necessary. Terms of appointment to standing committees shall be one year or less, unless extension of service is requested by the President. To be eligible for appointment a committee candidate must be a member in good standing of TBF/FLW and a club affiliated with NVTBF.

2. Conservation Director/Committee – The director will chair the Conservation Committee; act as a liaison between the club, state, and national conservation agencies. Plan Nevada conservation and attend all local and state conservation meetings/hearings. They will be responsible for fish health and weigh-in activities pertaining to the condition, handling, and release of fish caught. The committee shall be composed of one to three members as designated by the natural environments from harmful change, to document and report to the proper authorities violations of local, state, and federal anti-pollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, and other regulatory devices; to take political action where appropriate; to undertake informational and educational programs to bring to the public a great awareness of threats to our environment, and above all, to take leadership roles in repairing the harm that has already been done to the life giving water of America.

3. Tournament Director/Committee – The Tournament Director shall chair this committee. This committee shall be composed of members as designated by the NVTBF President. The purpose of this committee shall be to plan, organize, and operate NVTBF tournaments, including the state qualifying tournaments which will determine eligibility to participate in the National Semi-Finals; have final authority on the proper conduct, procedures, and qualifications, and other matters properly relating to the orderly conduct of a NVTBF tournament providing however, that all State qualifying tournaments will be conducted within the spirit of the current tournament rules of TBF/FLW. It will be the primary duty of the Tournament Committee to so conduct it's affairs with honor, integrity, sportsmanship, and the highest ideals of NVTBF and TBF/FLW.

4. Youth Director/Committee – The director will chair the Youth Committee, plan, organize, and implement youth club projects to include the state youth club tournament finals, statewide, NVTBF youth Program; to introduce young fisherman to the goals of NVTBF including conservation; to give them a basis for respect of our natural heritage; to provide an appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play, and good sportsmanship, and to give them an introduction to the sheer joy of bass fishing. Additional members will be appointed as needed by the NVTBF President.

## K. Special Committees

1. Special committees may be appointed by the President for closely defines purposes. Special committees may not supersede or otherwise infringe upon the duties and responsibilities of the Standing Committee.

## L. Club Standing

1. NVTBF clubs will be considered to be in good standing if they meet the following requirements.

a. Hold a minimum of one Youth activity (eg. C.A.S.T. or Reel Kids) or sponsor/maintain a youth club. This can be done with the other NVTBF clubs as a group to make scheduling easier.

b. Have the club delegate attend at least four NVTBF meetings or at least one per quarter.

c. Perform or participate in a least one function outside of NVTBF tournaments, such as a charity or conservation project. This also can be done with the other NVTBF clubs to help with scheduling.

d. Any club in bad standing with NVTBF cannot have members eligible for the State Team unless that member is able to show he/she has completed the above requirements on his/her own.

e. Members in “Bad Standing” are different than a club in bad standing but would also constitute loss of a position on the State Team. Bad standing would include and of the following;

f. Examples of unacceptable activities may include;

\* Writing of bad checks

\* Un-sportsman like conduct during tournament hours.

\* Unpaid Dues/Subscriptions with TBF/FLW, or NVTBF dues.

Failure to meet these requirements may result in a loss in good standing with penalties imposed by the General Board.

## M. Standing Rules

1. Each club is responsible to obtain all their own permits, insurance binders, and any mandatory papers prior to a tournament being held. Members in good standing must participate in at least 4 club events per year.

2. Funds for the support and maintenance of NVTBF will be derived from membership fees, special projects, and tournaments sponsored by NVTBF. Decision to assess/change membership dues may be made by the General Board after thirty day written notice to the club delegates. Under no circumstances may NVTBF accept monetary assistance from individuals, businesses, corporations, or governmental agencies if there is “prima fascia” evidence that the goals of these entities are contrary to the primary goal of NVTBF.

3. Participants in all NVTBF qualifiers must be a member of an affiliated NVTBF club, TBF/FLW, and sixteen years of age or older. Also any participants must be a resident of the state of Nevada to participate in the State Team Qualifier and be a member of the Nevada State team as of 2016. Anyone can be a member of a NVTBF club no matter what state they live in but must be a resident of Nevada to compete in the State Team Qualifiers.

4. Changes to these Bylaws and Rules may be made by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board members after a thirty day written notice is made to NVTBF delegates for dissemination to the NVTBF membership. In the event of an emergency, a telephone conference call is an acceptable method of communication.

#### N. NVTBF Tournament Format

1. Boaters will fish from the front deck of the boat only. Co-Anglers will fish from the back deck or seating area of the boat only. Boaters will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, Co-Anglers may operate the trolling motor or the outboard but may not fish anytime from the front deck. Boaters may NOT request that the Co-Angler not fish. Any Boater that, in the judgment of the tournament director, operates the boat in such a manner that unfairly handicaps his/her Co-Angler and any Co-Angler who unfairly handicaps his/her Boater may be disqualified. Co-Anglers are not allowed to record GPS waypoints or use any type of handheld GPS during any competition day nor share information about their Boater's location or tactics with any other Boater.
2. The twelve (12) qualified members of the NVTBF State Team will be determined from the top twelve finishers of the qualifying tournaments. The State Team will consist of the six boaters with the highest point totals and the six co-anglers with the highest point totals in their respective divisions. Two alternates will follow as the next highest in points of the boaters and co-anglers.
3. If a Boater or Non-Boater position must be waived, the position will be offered to the next Boater starting with the alternate and then the highest point position in their respective division, until that position is filled. The Boater alternate will be required to meet the function of competition and have provision to tow his/her boat to the competition with the understanding his/her boat may or may not be utilized during the event.
4. If a non-boater position must for any reason be waived, the position will offered to the alternate and a new alternate would be identified from those eligible from the points standing until the position can be filled.
5. All NVTBF members are eligible to fish any of the qualifying tournaments as long as they are current members of TBF/FLW/NV TBF club and are a current resident of the state of Nevada. Failure to be a current member of such may result in a loss of accrued points. Any member of a NV TBF must fish the required number of tournaments of the NVTBF club they are members of. Each NVTBF club will give the NVTBF board written requirements of that club for there members to be in good standing with them.

6. The angler with highest points from the state qualifiers will be the Nevada State Champion and Team Captain. Ties will be broken by the largest big fish weight from all qualifying tournaments.
7. Any exception to the State Team format described in the above section will be accepted only if agreed upon by the Executive Board Members.
8. Anyone who qualifies for the Nevada State Team must have participated in a minimum of two (1) events; a youth activity, NVTBF civic and/or conservation event as per the State Team Contract.
9. Each State Team member must sign a contract with NVTBF and comply with all rules and regulations.
10. All State Team members must pay all qualifier fees.
11. Last place/participation points will be awarded to any angler that pays for any State Team Qualifier prior to the start of the event.

#### O. Expenses for Federation Representatives

During qualifying tournaments a room may be provided if the tournament is outside of the metro area. This will include those who qualify to fish at the National levels of competition as a representative of NVTBF.

State Team member expense will be paid according to available funds. This may include lodging, fishing license, and fuel expense.

#### P. Dissolution

1. In the event of the NVTBF dissolution, all assets will be donated to C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill Foundation) and the Salvation Army.