

TENNESSEE B.A.S.S. NATION

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I - NAME & PURPOSE

Section 1. NAME

This organization shall be called the Tennessee B.A.S.S. Nation, hereafter referred to as TBN.

Section 2. PURPOSE

Form an organization to represent the interest of local B.A.S.S. chapters on a statewide basis.

Offer our State Conservation Department and Wildlife Resources Agency our organized and political support and encouragement.

Promote full adherence to all Conservation Codes of existing regulatory standards.

Take political action to improve our environment and to take a leadership role in repairing the harm that has already occurred to the waters of our State.

Promote youth development programs on a statewide as well as a local basis.

Conduct an annual TBN Championship Tournament and a Team Championship tournament.

Conduct other tournaments as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable.

Conduct any program or activity to promote the sport of bass fishing.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS of MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the TBN shall consist of the members of duly organized and B.A.S.S.-affiliated local bass clubs. To be qualified, the local bass club shall:

- a. Voluntarily express a genuine membership interest and have an initial roster of no less than six (6) members.
- b. Submit a roster of all members on an annual basis.
- c. Participate in at least one (1) activity of the TBN each year (annual meeting, state tournament, or state team tournament). Maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership.

SECTION 2: WITHDRAWAL of MEMBERSHIP

A club may be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons:

- a. Failure to comply with Article II – Section 1.
- b. Upon their written request.
- c. Failure to pay dues.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$20.00 per member per year. Clubs who fail to pay their dues by January 31 shall be considered “NOT IN GOOD STANDING” and shall incur an additional penalty of \$100.00.

When this \$100.00 late penalty and the proper amount of club dues are paid, the club shall be considered “IN GOOD STANDING” and allowed to participate in one of the State Tournaments, provided they have met the requirements listed in Rule # 2 of the Official Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 4: ASSIGNMENT to REGION and DIRECTORS

Upon acceptance into the TBN, the Board of Directors will assign the new club to a Region and a Regional (Area) Director will be their contact.

ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of all duly elected Officers & Area Directors (see Article IV). The Board of Directors shall oversee the operation of the TBN and report their actions to the membership.

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF AREA DIRECTORS

For the purpose of electing Directors, the State shall be divided into three (3) geographical regions. The regions shall be West, Middle, and East. Elections of Directors shall be as follows. Each club within an Area may nominate a person to be the Area Director. The Election of a Director for each region will be done only by a vote of the clubs within that region. In case of ties, a run off vote will be taken. Each club shall have a maximum of one (1) vote, the voting member for a club will submit the vote in person at state meeting. Any club wishing to vote on officers or directors must be present to vote.

SECTION 3: TERM of OFFICE

The term of office for each Area Director shall be for one (1) year, which shall begin on the day of the election and end when the successor assumes office. All Area Directors shall be eligible to succeed themselves. Election of Directors by Regions shall be every year.

SECTION 4: VACANCIES

If an office of one of the Directors should become vacant, the remaining Directors shall appoint a person from the same Region as Director to serve the unexpired term of the departing Director.

Section 5: ELIGIBILITY

Any member of a local club in good standing with the TBN shall be eligible to hold the office of Director.

SECTION 6: REMOVAL of DIRECTOR OR DIRECTORS

Any Director may be removed from office for the following reasons:

A. Negligence of duties.

The removal shall be by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting, provided that any Director or Directors accused of violation of Article III – Section 6 – A., shall

not be eligible to vote. A called meeting shall be held, notice to be provided to the Board of Directors a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance. Any Director or Directors accused of a violation of Article III – Section 6 – A., shall have an opportunity to answer the charges prior to a vote being taken.

SECTION 7: DUTIES

The duties of each Regional Director are to hold an Area meeting with all clubs assigned to him (this meeting is mandatory attendance for his clubs). Each Regional Director is expected to remain in regular contact with each club and relate any items of interest that pertain to the TBN. If the President sees fit, he may add to these duties when necessary. Any non compliance of these duties shall be considered negligence of duties.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS and DUTIES

The Officers of the TBN shall consist of:

a. President:

Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all TBN functions. The President shall not vote on any item presented to the TBN except in case of a tie vote. In case of a tie vote, the President shall vote to break the tie.

b. Vice President:

Assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also serve as the coordinator between the TBN and the host club/clubs in organizing and planning the State Tournaments.

c. Secretary:

Maintain accurate minutes of all TBN meetings and to assist the President in his duties.

d. Treasurer:

Maintain accurate financial records and assist the President in his duties. Must also submit a detailed item by item print out to each club yearly.

e. Editor:

Non-voting officer appointed by the President; as editorial responsibility for TBN communications and webpage.

f. Youth Director:

Non-voting officer appointed by the President; responsible for the annual state junior tournament and serves as liaison with junior clubs.

g. Conservation Director

Non-voting officer appointed by the President; responsible for representing our state organization in conservation matters at the local, state, and national levels.

SECTION 2: METHOD of DETERMINING CANDIDATES

a. Only current members of the TBN for past two (2) years.

b. Nominations for candidates for each office can be taken from the floor.

SECTION 3: ELECTION

The election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting. Elections shall be by majority of voting delegates present. If a run off election is needed, it will be held immediately following the original vote between the two (2) candidates receiving the largest number of votes. Election for

each office shall be held separately in the order listed in Article IV – Section 1. The newly elected President shall preside over the elections of the remaining officers. Each club present shall have one (1) vote, present and registered with the Secretary and under no circumstances will absentee or designated voting be allowed for officers.

SECTION 4: TERM of OFFICE

The term of the office of president is for two (2) years, which shall begin on the day of the election and continue until a successor assumes office. The term of the remaining offices are for (1) year, which shall begin on the day of the election and continue until a successor assumes office. Officers may succeed themselves.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES

If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President. In the event of any other office becoming vacant, the President shall appoint someone to fill the unexpired term (see Article IV – Section 6).

SECTION 6: REMOVAL of OFFICERS

See Article III – Section 6 and change Director to Officer.

ARTICLE V - METHOD of AMENDING CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the TBN. Regular meetings include the Annual meeting. All proposed changes/amendments must be turned into the TBN Secretary at least (60) days in advance of a regular meeting. The TBN Secretary will notify each Officer, Director and Club of the proposed change/amendment at least (45) days in advance of the regular meeting. At the regular meeting, each club will be allowed one (1) vote per club. A two-thirds vote will be required to pass a change/amendment to the Constitution and By Laws. The Board of Directors reserves the right to call a meeting as long as the club presidents are notified 45 days in advance. This meeting may be attended in person with the option to call in. ROBERT'S RULES of ORDER shall be used to conduct the meeting and votes on changes or amendments to the Constitution and By Laws.

ARTICLE VI - TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The Tournament Rules and Regulations are an official part of the Constitution and Bylaws.