



Membership #: _____

2026 MEMBERSHIP / PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

1. I understand and acknowledge that fishing is a dangerous sport, including but not limited to drowning, collisions on the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume all risks, identified and unidentified, including injury, death, or property damage to myself or others arising from my participation.
2. I release and hold harmless Suskie Bassmasters, its officers, directors, guides, tournament officials, and all associated persons from any liability, claims, or damages arising from my participation, including those caused by negligence.
3. I have sufficient health, accident, and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred as a result of participation.
4. I have no medical, medication-related, or psychological condition that would impair my participation or cause harm to myself or others.
5. I confirm I have read and understand this document and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand it affects my legal rights.

Captain First Mate Other (If not Captain, list Captain's Name: _____)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Boat Length: _____ Engine Size (C.I.): _____

YES, I have boater's insurance (copy required) **Passenger** in boat with proof of insurance

Provider: _____ Policy #: _____ Effective Date: _____

I acknowledge I have read and understand all rules listed on the back of this form. I also read and understand the Official Wednesday Night Rules and Regulations documents found on the Suskie Bassmasters website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership Fee: \$30.00 per year

Junior Anglers (under 16) are free but require a separate signed application

Membership or Day Pass is required to participate

Mailing Address:

Suskie Bassmasters

304 Vista Drive

Shavertown, PA 18708

Make checks payable to Suskie Bassmasters

Captain's Rules and Expectations

1. Captain Responsibility

The designated Captain shall be fully responsible for the conduct, safety, and actions of all individuals on their vessel at all times while participating in any Suskie Bassmasters event. This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with all club rules, applicable laws, and safe operation of the vessel.

2. Right of Way and Navigation

All participants shall operate their vessels in a safe and courteous manner. In areas including, but not limited to, shallow water, pinch points, chutes, bridge piers, and other navigational hazards, stationary boats shall yield to safely operating moving vessels when necessary to prevent unsafe conditions. All boaters are expected to exercise good judgment and avoid creating hazardous situations.

3. Navigation Lights Compliance

All vessels must utilize proper running/navigation lights in accordance with Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations. Lights must be operational and used during all required times, including low visibility conditions and designated hours.

4. Launch Procedures

All Captains must be aware of their assigned launch group and adhere strictly to the designated launch order. Launches will be staggered, typically allowing faster vessels to depart first. Any deviation from assigned launch procedures may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Directors.

5. Passing and Courtesy Distance

When approaching or passing a stationary vessel, all participants shall maintain a safe and respectful distance, generally not less than twenty (20) feet when conditions allow. Whenever possible, passing vessels should remain between the stationary boat and open water, avoiding shoreline encroachment unless necessary for safe navigation.

6. Mandatory Assistance

In the event that a vessel or participant requires assistance, all nearby members are obligated to stop and render reasonable aid. Assisting members must remain with the disabled vessel until adequate help has arrived or the situation is resolved. A member of the Board of Directors must be notified as soon as practicable. No penalties or loss of fishing time shall be assessed for providing assistance in good faith.

7. Rules Acknowledgment Requirement

All participants must acknowledge, via designated signature on the membership form, that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by all Suskie Bassmasters rules and regulations, including those outlined in this document and in the official Wednesday Night Rules and Regulations.

8. Complaint Resolution and Authority

All complaints, disputes, or rule violations shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for review. The Board shall have full authority to investigate and render decisions. All decisions made by the Board of Directors are final and binding.

9. Rule Clarification and Communication

Members are encouraged to contact a member of the Board of Directors with any questions, concerns, or requests for clarification regarding club rules or regulations. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure they fully understand all applicable rules prior to participation.