**McKinney Bass Club – By-laws**

*(March 6, 2018*)

1. **NAME and PURPOSE**
	1. NAME
		1. This organization shall be called *The McKinney Bass Club* (“MBC”)
	2. PURPOSE
		1. The purpose of MBC is to promote the sport of bass fishing through a competitive atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fellowship.
2. **MEMBERSHIP**
	1. PROVISIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
		1. Membership in MBC is a privilege contingent upon compatibility with the ideas, ethics, and social standards of its members
		2. To become a member an individual shall first:
			1. Submit a completed membership application
			2. Submit a completed tournament release form
			3. Pay the annual membership fee

* 1. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP
		1. Members shall be entitled to;
			1. Participate in MBC tournaments, meetings, and events
			2. Motion, second, and vote on MBC business
	2. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (“DUES”)
		1. $30 per year or $15 if joining/renewing after the fifth (5th) tournament of the year
		2. Membership fees are used for MBC expenses, equipment, and awards
	3. REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP
		1. If a member should bring shame upon MBC or become incompatible with its members, their membership may be revoked in accordance with the following procedures;
			1. A member (“Plaintiff”) believing that another member (“Defendant”) no longer meets the provisions of membership, may notify the Board
			2. that they wish to state their objection(s) for continued membership of the Defendant at the next meeting
			3. The Defendant will be given an opportunity to rebut the claim(s) at the meeting
			4. After both parties have presented their cases, a call for a vote to revoke the Defendant’s membership may be made, and if seconded, a vote will be taken
			5. A “YAY” vote of the majority of members in attendance is required to revoke membership
			6. Members abstaining from voting will count towards the members in attendance
1. **BOARD OF OFFICERS (“BOARD”)**
	1. OFFICERS & RESPONSABILITIES;
		1. PRESIDENT
			1. Preside over all MBC meetings and functions
			2. Scheduling and planning of MBC meetings and events
			3. Manage public relations and promotion of MBC
			4. Appoint special committees and assignments as needed
		2. VICE PRESIDENT (“VP”)
			1. Assume duties of an officer in their absence and the role of the President if vacated
			2. Manage correspondence on behalf of the board
			3. Custodian of MBC bylaws and AOY standings
			4. Assist the TD with weigh-in process by recording weights
		3. SECRETARY
			1. Record votes, minutes, and attendance at all meetings
			2. Maintain MBC roster and Classic qualification
			3. Confirm receipt of member applications and tournament release forms
			4. Prepare and present a Secretary’s report for each tournament meeting
		4. WEBMASTER
			1. Maintain and update the MBC website
			2. Maintain and update MBC’s social media presence
			3. Take photos at MBC functions and tournaments
		5. TREASURER
			1. Collect all dues and tournament fees
			2. Issue all checks for tournament prizes and payment for all bills
			3. Assemble and maintain an annual club budget
			4. Prepare and present a financial report at each tournament meeting
		6. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (“TD”)
			1. Responsible for the planning and coordinating all MBC tournaments
			2. Ensure all tournaments are conducted in accordance with the MBC tournament rules
			3. Conduct tournament weigh-in by physically measuring and weighing fish
			4. Prepare and present a Tournament Director’s report for each tournament meeting
	2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS;
		1. Members shall be eligible to hold office provided they are able to perform the duties as described
		2. Nominations shall be made at the September meeting then emailed to current members
		3. Officers will be elected by a simple majority of the votes received at the October meeting
	3. TERMS OF OFFICE;
		1. Terms begin January 1 and last through December 31
		2. Officers may serve unlimited consecutive terms if reelected or unopposed
	4. VACANCIES IN OFFICE;
		1. If an office becomes vacant, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next meeting
2. **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**
	1. TOURNAMENT MEETINGS
		1. Held the Monday immediately preceding monthly MBC tournaments and the Classic
	2. Special Meetings
		1. Special meetings may be called by the board as needed
	3. Community Events
		1. As part of MBC’s engagement with the community, the board will provide no less than two (2) opportunities for members to participate in community events per year
3. **AMMENDING BY-LAWS**
	1. AMENDMENT PROCEDURES
		1. Members wishing to amend the By-laws may present a written amendment that clearly states the proposed change to the board one (1) week prior to the September meeting
		2. President will read proposed amendments during the September meeting and call for discussion
		3. Upon conclusion, the proposed amendment will be restated and email to the club roster
		4. At the October meeting, the President will recite proposed amendments and motion for a vote
		5. If seconded, the members in attendance will vote on the proposed amendments
		6. Proposed amendments require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members in attendance to pass
		7. Members abstaining from voting shall be counted towards the members in attendance
	2. EXCEPTIONS
		1. By-laws may be amended as dictated by changes in state and/or federal law(s) or by necessary safety issues and/or requirements at any time
		2. By-laws can be altered by the board to ‘clean up’ language or correct grammar
	3. AMENDED BY-LAWS
		1. Amended by-laws shall go into effect immediately unless otherwise specified
4. **TOURNAMENTS**
	1. TOURNAMENT LAKE SELECTION
		1. Lakes must be located within a 125 mile radius of the intersection of HWY 75 & HWY 121
		2. TD will provide a list of applicable lakes at the September meeting and ask each member to select ten (10) lakes and return their selections by or at the October meeting
		3. The six (6) lakes receiving the most votes will automatically be selected
		4. TD will select three (3) lakes from those receiving at least one (1) vote from other members
		5. Ray Roberts will be automatically included in honor of MBC founder, Ken Novak
	2. MBC TOURNAMENT SEASON AND SCHEDULE
		1. The regular tournament season begins in January and ends in October
		2. Monthly tournaments held on the Saturday following the fourth (4th) Friday of each month
		3. Tournament dates falling on a holiday weekend will be scheduled for the prior Saturday
		4. The final tournament schedule will be presented at the Classic tournament meeting
		5. Scheduling conflicts and necessary changes may be addressed at the discretion of the board
	3. OPEN TOURNAMENTS
		1. The board may schedule open tournaments to raise funds and awareness for MBC
		2. Shall be open to any anglers who pays the entry fee
		3. MBC tournament rules and payouts shall apply
		4. AOY points will not be awarded
		5. Event does not count towards tournaments needed for Classic qualification
		6. Members attending an open tournament shall receive credit for one (1) community event
	4. KEN NOVAK MEMORIAL CLASSIC (“ CLASSIC”)
		1. To be held two (2) weekends after the October tournament
		2. Two (2) day tournament (Saturday and Sunday)
		3. Potential lakes will be nominated and voted on at the August meeting
			1. Classic lake may be located beyond the radius of 125 miles
			2. Members in attendance will nominate lakes and vote on the lake of their choice
			3. The lake receiving the majority of the votes cast will be the Classic lake
		4. Members must qualify for The Classic by fulfilling each of the following;
			1. Fished in one (1) more than half the monthly tournaments
			2. Participated in one (1) community event
		5. All other tournament rules will apply
5. **ANGLER OF THE YEAR (“AOY”) & TOP SIX PARTICIPATION**
	1. EARNING AOY POINTS
		1. AOY points are only earned in monthly MBC tournaments between January and October
	2. AOY TOURNAMENT POINTS SCALE
		1. Each Member on a Team will receive the same AOY points for a Tournament fished together
		2. First Place is awarded fifty (50) points plus their final bag weight
		3. Additional places are awarded one (1) point less than the preceding place plus their final bag weight
		4. Teams that don’t weigh in any fish are awarded one half (1/2) the points awarded to the team with the lowest final bag weight
		5. Five (5) points are awarded to both Members of the Team weighing in the biggest bass
		6. Departing a Tournament without weighing-in or notifying an Officer will forfeit AOY points for the tournament
	3. DETERMINING AOY
		1. Final AOY points are equal to the sum of a Members eight (8) highest Tournament AOY points
		2. AOY will be awarded to the Angler with the highest final AOY points
		3. Ties and tiebreakers
			1. If a tie is between two (2) Members fishing as a Team, then both shall be named AOY
			2. If a tie is between Members that did not fish as a Team, then the tie will go to the Member with the highest single Tournament AOY points
	4. BASS CLUB OF TEXAS TOP SIX PARTICIPATION
		1. MBC will send one (1) team of six (6) Members to the annual Top Six Tournament
		2. The Top Six team will be made named within one (1) week following the July tournament
		3. Qualification is based on the sum of each member’s five (5) highest tournament AOY points to date
		4. The Top Six team will consist of the Members with the highest AOY points capable of filling a three (3) boat team
		5. If the top six AOY point leaders are not capable of fielding three (3) boats or choose not to participate, then the next qualified member(s) in line will be invited until the team is complete
		6. Ties among qualifying members will be handled at the discretion of the Board
		7. MBC will pay the entry fee for one (1)Top Six team
		8. Any cash won will be shared among the Top Six team after MBC expenses have been reimbursed
		9. Non cash prizes won by Top 6 participants shall be theirs to keep
		10. Additional teams may be sent to the Top Six provided;
			1. MBC is eligible to send them
			2. There are enough members/boats willing/able to field the additional team(s)
			3. The additional team(s) pay all entry fees and expenses & any winnings shall be theirs to keep
6. **MCKINNEY BASS CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES**
	1. GENERAL
		1. Anglers must abide by all federal and state laws and USCG regulations during tournaments
		2. Interpretation of the tournament rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director
		3. The TD may temporarily modify or suspend a tournament rule prior to the start of a tournament
		4. Changes made by the TD will be communicated at the tournament meeting
		5. Violation of a tournament rule may result in a weight penalty or disqualification
		6. Protests must be submitted in writing to the TD within fifteen (15) minutes of the scales closing
		7. Decisions of the TD are final and not subject to appeal
	2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY
		1. MBC tournaments are not open to professional anglers or guides
		2. All anglers must have a valid fishing license
		3. All anglers must register, pay fees, and submit a completed tournament release form
	3. SAFETY
		1. Safe boating practices must be observed during tournaments
		2. Anglers are required to wear a USCG approved PFD while the boat is on plane
		3. Operator of the boat is required to have a working kill switch attached to their PFD while on plane
		4. All bridges shall be treated as no wake zones
		5. Tournaments may be shortened, rescheduled, or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the anglers at the discretion of the TD
	4. BOAT REGULATION
		1. Each boat must have all required USCG safety equipment including a working kill switch
		2. Boats must contain a properly aerated and functioning live well capable of sustaining a limit of bass
		3. All boats must be propeller driven and must be equipped with wheel steering
	5. TEAMS
		1. Tournaments are a team format consisting of no more than two (2) anglers per team
		2. An angler may fish alone as a team if they pay the full entry fee
	6. REGISTRATION
		1. Registration & payment is due to the Treasurer by the Friday preceding the tournament
	7. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE
		1. Tournament lakes have an “off-limits period” Monday-Friday preceding the tournament
		2. Each team will be allowed to be on the tournament lake one (1) day during the off-limits period
	8. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS:
		1. Only artificial lures (including pork rinds) may be used
		2. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at a time
		3. Each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or another rod is used
		4. Trolling with the combustion engine is prohibited
		5. An angler may not leave the boat to catch/land a fish, make the boat more accessible to fishing waters, or locate fish
		6. When sight fishing for bass, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth to be considered a legal fish
	9. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS
		1. Teams may fish anywhere on tournament lakes accessible by boat and available to the public except for areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal officials
		2. Teams must maintain a distance of fifty (50) feet from other teams unless mutually agreed upon
	10. TIMES AND LOCATIONS
		1. TD will determine tournament times and announce them at the tournament meeting
		2. Check-in and weigh-in will be conducted at the tournament checkpoint
		3. Teams will receive a numbered weigh-in chip after checking in and a successful livewell check
		4. Teams are free to leave the tournament checkpoint after receiving their chip
		5. Trailering is permitted
		6. “First cast” is the time at which anglers may make their first cast
		7. “Lines out” is the time at which anglers must finish retrieving their final cast
		8. Teams must return their chip to the weigh-In board by the designated weigh-In time
		9. Teams who are late will be penalized one half (1/2) pound per minute until their chip is turned in
		10. Any team that is fifteen (15) or more minutes late will be automatically disqualified
	11. SCORING
		1. All tournaments are live fish tournaments
		2. Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, and Guadalupe Bass are the only legal fish (“bass”)
		3. State and lake regulations will dictate the legal length and possession limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass
		4. Guadalupe and spotted bass must be at least 14” in length
		5. The tournament limit is five (5) bass per team per day
		6. No team shall be in possession of more than five (5) bass except to immediately cull a live bass
		7. Illegal fish brought to weigh-in will result in a one half (1/2) pound penalty per fish, and the illegal bass will not be weighted
		8. A legal bass that dies in a angler’s possession must be retained and brought to weigh-in
		9. A penalty of one half (1/2) pound will be assessed for each dead bass brought to weigh-in
	12. WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES
		1. Teams must use a serviceable weigh-in bag that contains sufficient water for weighing and release
		2. The “Check-It Stick” is the official measuring device of MBC
		3. Fish shall be measured with the mouth closed and tail compressed to get the maximum length
		4. Teams are responsible for selecting and presenting their biggest bass to be weighed
		5. In the event of a tie, the weight of the biggest bass between them will break the tie
			1. If only one team weighed their biggest bass that team will win the tie breaker
			2. If neither team weighed their biggest bass, the tied teams will split their combined winnings
	13. TOURNAMENT FEES
		1. Tournament entry fees are $80.00 per team/boat
			1. $55 to tournament prizes
			2. $10 to big bass pot
			3. $10 to Classic pot
			4. $5 to MBC expenses

