

## McKinney Bass Club By-laws

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### Article I. Name and Purpose

#### Section 1.01 Name

- (a) This organization shall be called *The McKinney Bass Club* ("MBC").

#### Section 1.02 Purpose

- (a) The purpose of The McKinney Bass Club is to promote the sport of bass fishing through a competitive atmosphere of fellowship and good sportsmanship.

### Article II. Membership

#### Section 2.01 Provisions of Membership

- (a) Membership in MBC is a privilege contingent upon compatibility with the ideas, ethics, and social standards of its Members.
- (b) To become a Member an individual shall first;
  - (i) Submit a completed membership & tournament release form.
  - (ii) Pay the annual membership fee.
  - (iii) Introduce themselves at an MBC meeting or participate in an MBC tournament.

#### Section 2.02 Rights of Membership

- (a) Members shall be entitled to;
  - (i) Participate in MBC tournaments, meetings, and events.
  - (ii) Motion for, second, and vote on MBC business.
  - (iii) Hold an officer position on the Board.

#### Section 2.03 Membership Fees ("Dues")

- (a) \$30 per year or \$15 if joining/renewing after the (5th) tournament of the year.
- (b) Membership Fees are used for MBC expenses, equipment, and awards.
- (c) Officers are exempt from paying a Membership Fee

#### Section 2.04 Revocation of Membership

- (a) If a Member believes that another Member no longer meets the Provisions of Membership, they may state their objection(s) at an official club meeting.
  - (i) The defendant will be given an opportunity to rebut the claim(s).
  - (ii) After both parties have presented their cases, a call for a vote to revoke the defendant's membership may be made. If seconded, a vote shall be taken.
  - (iii) A "YAY" vote of (2/3) of members in attendance is required to revoke membership.
  - (iv) Members abstaining from voting shall be counted towards the Members in attendance.

### Article III. Board of Officer ("Board")

#### Section 3.01 Officer Positions & Responsibilities

- (a) President
  - (i) Schedule, plan, and preside over MBC meetings and events.
  - (ii) Manage public relations and promotion of MBC.
  - (iii) Appoint committees and delegate tasks as necessary.
  - (iv) Manage correspondence on behalf of the board.
- (b) Tournament ("TD")
  - (i) Assemble the preliminary tournament schedule for approval by the Board.
  - (ii) Coordinate and preside over all MBC tournaments.
  - (iii) Conduct tournament weigh-ins.
  - (iv) Present a Tournament Director's report for each tournament meeting.

- (c) Vice President (“VP”)
  - (i) Record attendance, votes, and minutes at all meetings.
  - (ii) Assist TD by recording weights at weigh-in.
  - (iii) Maintain MBC roster, AOY standings, and Classic qualification.
  - (iv) Confirm receipt of applications and tournament release forms for each Member.
- (d) Webmaster
  - (i) Maintain and update the MBC website.
  - (ii) Maintain and update MBC’s social media presence.
  - (iii) Take pictures at MBC functions and tournaments.
- (e) Treasurer
  - (i) Assemble and maintain an annual club budget.
  - (ii) Collect dues and tournament fees.
  - (iii) Issue checks for tournament prizes.
  - (iv) Arrange for payment of club expenses.

*Section 3.02 Election of Officers*

- (a) Nominations for Officers shall be made at the September meeting.
- (b) Elections will be determined by a simple majority of the votes received at the October meeting.

*Section 3.03 Term of Office*

- (a) Terms shall begin immediately after the Classic and conclude immediately after the next year’s Classic.
- (b) Officers may serve unlimited consecutive terms if reelected or unopposed.

*Section 3.04 Vacancies of Office*

- (a) If an office becomes vacant, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

**Article IV. Meetings and Events**

*Section 4.01 Meetings*

- (a) Tournament Meetings shall be held the Monday immediately preceding each Tournament.
- (b) Special meetings may be called by the Board as needed.

**Article V. Tournaments**

*Section 5.01 Tournament Schedule*

- (a) The season shall consist of (10-12) Tournaments between January and October.
- (b) Tournaments shall preferably be held the weekend following the fourth (4th) Friday of each month.
- (c) Scheduling conflicts and changes shall be addressed by the Board.
- (d) The Tournament Schedule shall be finalized by the Board via a majority vote of the incoming Officers.
- (e) The final Tournament Schedule shall be posted to all Members by the end of the calendar year.

*Section 5.02 Tournament Lake Selection*

- (a) Ray Roberts shall automatically be included for the Ken Novak Memorial Tournament.
- (b) Tournament Lakes shall preferably be located within a 125 mile radius of Virginia Pkwy & U.S. 75.
- (c) The outgoing Board shall provide a ballot of potential lakes and ask each member to select (10).
- (d) The six (6) lakes receiving the most votes will automatically be selected.
- (e) The incoming TD shall select the remaining lakes to complete the Tournament Schedule.

*Section 5.03 Open Tournaments*

- (a) The Board may schedule Open Tournaments to raise funds and awareness for MBC.

- (b) Open Tournaments shall be open to any angler who pays the entry fee.
- (c) MBC Tournament Rules and payouts shall apply.
- (d) Points will not be awarded.
- (e) Open Tournaments don't count towards the number of Tournaments needed to qualify for the Classic.

*Section 5.04 MBC End-of-Year Classic ("Classic")*

- (a) A single (2) day tournament held the second weekend in November.
- (b) Members shall nominate and vote on the Classic Lake using a process outlined by the Board.
- (c) Members must qualify for The Classic by fishing in (1) more than (1/2) the monthly tournaments.
- (d) Members may "buy" (1) tournament for Classic qualification for (\$40). Funds will go to the Classic pot.

**Article VI. Angler of the Year ("AOY")**

*Section 6.01 Earning AOY Points*

- (a) AOY Points ("Points") are earned by competing in monthly tournaments.
- (b) Net AOY Points are the sum of a Member's Points minus their (2) lowest tournament scores ("drops").

*Section 6.02 Tournament Points*

- (a) First place shall be awarded (50) points plus their net bag weight.
- (b) Additional places shall be awarded (1) point less than the preceding place plus their net bag weight.
- (c) Teams weighing no fish shall be awarded (1/2) the points of the lowest scoring team.
- (d) Each Member shall receive the same Points for a tournament fished as a team.
- (e) (5) Points shall be awarded to both Members of the team weighing in the biggest bass.
- (f) Departing a tournament without notifying an Officer shall forfeit Points for the tournament.

*Section 6.03 Determining AOY*

- (a) AOY shall be awarded to the Angler(s) with the highest Net AOY Points following the final tournament.
- (b) Ties and tiebreakers
  - (i) If a tie is between (2) Members routinely fishing as a Team, then both shall be named AOY.
  - (ii) If a tie is between Members that did not routinely fish as a Team, then the tie will go to the Member with the highest single Tournament Points.

**Article VII. Amending By-Laws**

*Section 7.01 Amendment Procedures*

- (a) Members wishing to change a By-law may propose an amendment during the September meeting.
- (b) Any proposed amendments shall be discussed among the Members in attendance.
- (c) Any proposed amendments shall be emailed to Members following the September meeting.
- (d) Proposed amendments will be recited at the October meeting and briefly discussed.
- (e) A motion to vote may be made for each proposed amendment, and if seconded, a vote shall be held.
- (f) Proposed amendments require a two (2/3) "yay" vote of the Members in attendance to pass.
- (g) Members abstaining from voting shall be counted towards the Members in attendance.

*Section 7.02 Exceptions*

- (a) 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
- (b) By-laws can be altered by the board to 'clean up' language or correct grammar

*Section 7.03 Amended By-Laws*

- (a) Amended By-laws shall go into effect the following tournament year unless otherwise specified.

**Article VIII. McKinney Bass Club Tournament Rules**

*Section 1. Participation and Eligibility*

- (a) Tournaments are a Team format with each Team consisting of (1-2) Anglers.
- (b) All Teams must register, pay Tournament Fees, and submit a completed tournament release form.
- (c) All Anglers must have a valid fishing license and any applicable permits.
- (d) MBC Tournaments are not open to professional anglers or guides.
- (e) Anglers may not use a fishing guide on the tournament lake within fourteen (14) days prior to the tournament.

*Section 2. General*

- (a) Anglers must abide by all federal and state laws and USCG regulations during tournaments.
- (b) Interpretation of the Tournament Rules will be left exclusively to the Board Members in attendance.
- (c) The Board may temporarily modify or suspend a Tournament Rule prior to the start of a tournament.
- (d) Changes made by the Board will be communicated at the Tournament Meeting.
- (e) Violation of a Tournament Rule may result in a weight penalty or disqualification.
- (f) Protests must be submitted to an Officer before the scales close.
- (g) Decisions of the Board are final and are not subject to appeal.

*Section 3. Safety*

- (a) Safe boating practices must be observed during tournaments.
- (b) Anglers are required to wear a USCG approved PFD while the boat is on plane.
- (c) The driver of the boat is required to have a working kill switch attached to their PFD while on plane.
- (d) 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 Board.

*Section 4. Boat Regulation*

- (a) Each boat must have all required USCG safety equipment including a working kill switch.
- (b) Boats must contain a properly aerated and functioning live well capable of sustaining a limit of bass.
- (c) All boats must be propeller driven and must be equipped with wheel steering.

*Section 5. Registration*

- (a) Tournament registration will take place at the Tournament Meeting.
- (b) Registration & Tournament Fees are due to by 7:00 PM the night before the tournament.
- (c) Anyone withdrawing from a Tournament must notify an Officer by 7:00 PM the night before the tournament or forfeit their Tournament Fee.

*Section 6. Permitted Fishing Methods*

- (a) Only artificial lures (including pork rinds) may be used.
- (b) Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at a time.
- (c) Each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or another rod is used.
- (d) Trolling with the combustion engine is prohibited.
- (e) An Angler may not leave the boat to catch, land, or locate fish.
- (f) Intentionally snagging a fish is prohibited.

*Section 7. Permitted Fishing Locations*

- (a) Teams are permitted to fish anywhere on Tournament Lakes accessible by boat and available to the public except for areas designated as "off limits" by local, state, or federal officials.
- (b) Teams must maintain a distance of fifty (50) feet from other teams unless mutually agreed upon.

*Section 8. Tournament Times and Weigh-In Locations*

- (a) First cast is Civil Twilight rounded up to the nearest quarter.
- (b) Lines-Out shall be determined by the Board with 3:00 PM being the default time.
- (c) Weigh-In will be conducted thirty minutes after lines-out at the checkpoint specified by the Board.
- (d) The Weigh-In Location and Tournament Times shall be posted to the Tournament Schedule.
- (e) Trailering is permitted at all Tournaments.
- (f) Teams who are late to weigh-in shall be penalized one half (1/2) pound per minute.
- (g) Any Team that is (15) or more minutes late shall be automatically disqualified.

*Section 9. Scoring*

- (a) All Tournaments are live fish tournaments.
- (b) Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, and Guadalupe Bass are the only legal fish
- (c) Guadalupe and spotted bass must be at least 14" in length.
- (d) The Tournament Limit is five (5) bass per Team per day.
- (e) No Team shall be in possession of more than five (5) bass except to immediately cull a live bass.
- (f) Illegal bass brought to weigh-in will result in a one half (1/2) pound penalty per bass and the illegal bass will not be weighed.
- (g) A legal bass that dies in an angler's possession must be retained and brought to weigh-in.
- (h) Dead bass, including the "Big Bass" shall be assessed a penalty as follows;
  - (i) .5 pound per dead bass for 1-2 dead bass
  - (ii) 1 pound per dead bass for 3-4 dead bass
  - (iii) 1.5 pound per dead bass for 5 dead bass

*Section 10. Weigh-In Procedures*

- (a) Teams must use a serviceable weigh-in bag that contains sufficient water for weighing and live release.
- (b) The "Check-It Stick" is the official measuring device of MBC.
- (c) Bass shall be measured with the mouth closed and tail compressed to get the maximum length.
- (d) Teams are responsible for selecting and presenting their biggest bass to be weighed.
- (e) In the event of a tie, the weight of the biggest bass between them will break the tie.
  - (i) If only one team weighed their biggest bass that team will win the tie breaker.
  - (ii) If neither team weighed their biggest bass, the tied teams will split their combined winnings.

*Section 1.02 Tournament Fees*

- (a) Tournament Fees are \$80 per Team regardless of the number of Anglers.
  - (i) Tournament Payout
    - 1) \$65 to Tournament Prizes
    - 2) \$10 to the Classic prizes
    - 3) \$3 to the AOY prize
    - 4) \$2 to Big Bass of the Year "BBOY" prize
- (b) Tournaments will have an optional "Big Bass Pot" of \$20 per Team with the biggest bass taking the pot.