

McKinney Bass Club Bylaws

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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 no later than 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 Bylaws

Section 7.01 Amendment Procedures

- (a) Members wishing to change a Bylaw 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) Bylaws 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) Bylaws can be altered by the board to 'clean up' language or correct grammar

Section 7.03 Amended ByLaws

- (a) Amended Bylaws 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.