

DENTON COUNTY BASS CLUB BY-LAWS- Rev 2023

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This club shall be called **Denton County Bass Club (DCBC)** of Lewisville, TX

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.

Article II – Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

There shall be no membership limit other than a two to one member to boat ratio. An active waiting list will be maintained for those prospective members without a boat when the ratio is equal to two to one. There is one exception, a non-boater may join when he joins with a boater.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a member, a person shall:

- a. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership
- b. Be at least 18 years of age or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- c. Agree to abide by the By-Laws of the organization.
- d. If the prospective member is not a member of BASS, he or she is required to join within 30 days of paying club membership dues which are non- refundable.
- e. A non-member may fish as a guest no more than one tournament a year as a non-boater with a registered club member.
- f. Prior year club members in good standing with Denton County Bass Club may join prior to a club tournament boat launch provided the club rules and By Laws are met
- g. A non-member has may join DCBC prior to a club tournament boat launch provided the following are met
- h. The non-member has requested club membership with a DCBC board member at a scheduled club meeting or club function prior to the tournament, or,
- i. The club President and Tournament Director is notified in advanced by 7:00PM on Thursday preceding the weekend tournament.
- j. The non-member provides proof of current B.A.S.S. membership.

Section 3: Membership Dues

A single membership shall be \$30.00 Club fee, \$30.00 National BASS Federation Nation fee, \$30.00 State Federation fee. (Total \$90.00) Anyone joining in the last quarter shall pay the club fee of \$25.00 for the remaining tournaments, and is required to join the following year. Family membership is \$50.00 annually, Membership fees are non-refundable.

Article III – Officers, Elections, Vacancies

Section 1: Officers and their duties

The officers of the club shall consist of:

- a. **President:** preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint all committee chairmen except Tournament Director and supervise all club functions.
- b. **Vice President:** Act as Secretary-Treasurer (chairman) and assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President. Maintain accurate minutes of regular and special meetings as called for by the Club President. Collect and disperse all moneys. Maintain accurate financial records.
- c. **Tournament Director:** Duties outlined in Tournament Rules.
- d. **Youth Director:** Plans and directs Youth Events such as (but not limited to) Casting for Kids, Little Buddies tournaments. Meet with Regional or State Directors as needed.
- e. **Conservation Director:** Work with Texas BASS Nation Conservation Director to coordinate and assist on projects in our area.
- f. **Public Relations Director:** Social Media focused position. Promote DCBC through the use of social media.
- g. **Special Events Director:** Organize and coordinate events such as “Open” Tournaments, Fund Raising activities, etc...

Section 2: Elections

Nominations of Officers shall be made at the November meeting. Elections shall be by majority vote of members present.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote. Each family membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for one (1) year, which shall begin on January 1 and end on the last day of December or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the remainder of the term of the individual vacating the office. **National B.A.S.S. Headquarters** shall be notified immediately of the change of any officers. If a Director position remains unfilled, that position is considered vacant.

Section 6: Eligibility of Office

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- a. Have been a member for at least six (6) months. Six month requirement waived during the first 12 months of club existence.
- b. Have attended at least 75% of the club meetings, and 75% of the club functions including tournaments.
- c. Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

Article IV – Standing Committees, Board of Directors

Section 1: Committees

All standing committees will serve for one year or until a committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the President.

Section 2: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) members. President, Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer, Tournament Director, Youth Director, Conservation Director, Public Relations Director, and Special Events Director. The President will call all meetings of the Board of Directors and preside at such meetings. The Secretary will record the minutes of these meetings.

Section 3: Tournament Committee

The lake selection process shall be defined in the Tournament Rules

Section 4: Youth Committee

The purpose of the Youth Committee is to plan, organize and implement a youth club project. To give them a basis for respect of our national heritage, an appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play, good sportsmanship and to provide them an introduction to the pleasure and joy of fishing.

Section 5: Conservation Committee

The purpose of this committee shall be to protect our natural environment from harmful change, to document and report to the proper authorities any violation of local, state, and federal anti-pollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances and other regulatory devices, to take political action to improve our environment, to undertake informational and educational programs to bring public awareness to threats to our environment and to take a leadership role in repairing the harm that has already been done to the life giving waters of America.

Section 6: Public Relations Committee

The purpose of this committee is to promote Denton County Bass Club to the public, to develop programs for club meetings, to gather and compile information which could be useful and educational to the club

Section 7: Special Events Committee

The purpose of this committee shall be to plan and promote any social function or awards banquet that the club conducts

Article V – Removal of Membership

Section 1: Removal of Membership

- a. Failure to pay dues
- b. Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace to this club
- c. Failure to join B.A.S.S. within 30 days of paying club dues

Article VI – Affiliation

Section 1: Affiliation

The requirements for affiliation with B.A.S.S. are as follows:

- a. Approval of club charter by B.A.S.S.
- b. Update B.A.S.S. with membership roster once a year, immediately following election of club Officers and Directors
- c. Names and addresses of new members joining the club during the year must be submitted to B.A.S.S. as they occur. The necessary forms are included in the B.A.S.S Chapter Handbook.
- d. Maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership
- e. Support State Federation Conservation and Youth Programs. Meet additional requirements that the State Federation establishes for chapters, such as membership dues, attendance at meetings, etc... which would be necessary in order for the chapter to participate in the State Federation qualifying tournaments and any other Federation sponsored tournament events.

Section 2: Federation Club Representatives

The club will have two (2) club members as representatives for the Regional and State meetings. The club President will preside as the voting representative of the club. An Associate Representative will be elected by a majority vote of club members to represent the club in the absence of the President.

Article VII – Yearly Awards

Section 1: Awards

The Year-End Awards will be:

- a. Angler of the Year
- b. Big Bass of the Year
- c. Big Stringer of the Year
- d. Top “6”
- e. Special Awards

In the event of a tie for the Top “6” team award at the end of the tournament year, a tie breaker will be decided by the following sequence:

1. Use each angler’s next lowest tournament points drop score. If a tie remains between anglers, apply each angler’s next tournament point drop score.
2. If the points tie still remains between anglers after the second tournament point drop score, the tie breaker will be decided by the total weight of tournament fish caught by each angler for the year.

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1: Club Meetings

The Denton County Bass Club shall meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meeting time and date schedules may change based on holidays and schedule conflicts decided by a club majority at club meetings.

Section 2: Special Meetings

The officers and Committee chairmen shall meet at the request of the President or the Committee Chairman, The Party calling the meeting will determine the time and location of the meeting.

Article IX – Method of Amending the Constitution

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The Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.

