

Magnolia
Bassmasters
Hurley, Mississippi
BY-LAWS

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Article I **Name of Society:**
Magnolia Bassmasters
Hurley, Mississippi

Article II **Purpose:**
1. To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport.
2. Work for improvement in conservation of fish and wildlife.
3. Help preserve our natural lakes, streams, and woodlands.
4. Fight pollution of air and water.
5. Help promote bass angling through competitive bass tournaments.

Article III **Membership:**

Section 1.

Membership shall be limited to thirty-two (32) members.

Section 2.

Qualifications shall be as follows:

- A. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- B. Be recommended by a member at a regular monthly meeting or at the monthly tournament. (Member to submit the complete application form at the time of recommendation.)
- C. Be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- D. Be approved by the membership committee.
- E. Be unanimously accepted by membership; vote shall be by secret ballot. (If not accepted candidate must wait for three (3) months before resubmitting application form.)

Article IV **Dues:**

Section 1.

The membership dues shall be \$20.00 monthly, payable at regular meetings or tournament. Dues may be paid quarterly or annually if desired.

Section 2.

Members joining the chapter at any time during the year shall begin paying monthly dues at the time of joining. \$20.00 must be submitted with the application for a new member.

Section 3.

Members who are delinquent on dues will not be permitted to participate in tournaments. Must be no more than 3 months delinquent. (Dues will be accepted at the tournament site.)

Section 4.

Members must be paid up by December tournament of each year to receive their year-end awards.

Section 5.

A person must be a member for a minimum of three (3) months to be eligible for a yearly award.

Article V

Meetings:

Section 1.

There shall be at least twelve (12) meetings of the chapter each year, one of which shall be the annual meeting to be held in December.

Section 2.

The regular meetings shall be on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Section 3.

Special meeting may be called by the executive committee within one week prior notice to the membership.

Section 4.

Regular meetings may be postponed or rescheduled by the executive committee with one-week prior notice to the membership.

Section 5.

The business of the chapter shall be transacted at meetings in the following order using Robert's Rules of Order:

- A. Roll call.
- B. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- C. Financial Report.
- D. Old Business.
- E. New Business.
- F. Standing Committee Reports.
- G. Special Committee Reports.
- H. Program.
- I. Adjournment.

Article VI

Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility:

Section 1. Officers and their duties:

The officers shall consist of:

- A. President - preside over all meetings and direct all official business, appoint and direct all special committee functions (except nominating committee) and supervise all club functions.
- B. Vice President - act as program chairman, assist the president in his duties and preside in his or her absence.
- C. Secretary - maintain accurate minutes of all correspondence that applies to the club.
- D. Treasurer - maintain accurate financial records and report at monthly meetings.

Section 2. Elections:

- A. The election of officers shall be held annually at the regular December meeting. The election shall be by simple majority of members present. The election for each officer shall be held separately in the order listed in Article VI, Section 1.
- B. Any club member in good standing may nominate any other club member in good standing for any office.

Section 3. Eligibility to vote:

- A. Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4. Vacancies:

- A. In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 5. Eligibility for holding office:

- A. Have been a member for six (6) months. <: Waived for first twelve months of chapter life.)
- B. Have attended at least 75% of the chapter meetings and 75% of the chapter functions.
- C. Have shown an active interest in all chapter functions.

Article VII Executive Committee:

Section 1. Executive Committees shall consist of:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Tournament Committee Chair

Section 2. Executive Committee duties shall consist of:

- A. Call special meetings.
- B. Reschedule regular meetings.

Section 3.

- A. quorum of Executive Committee shall be a minimum of four (4) officers.

Article VIII Standing Committees and Duties:

Section 1.

The president shall appoint the following standing committees at the December meeting based on club enrollment:

- A. Tournament Committee

Section 2. Duties of the Tournament Committee:

- A. The duties of the Tournament Committee shall be as follows:
 - a. Be responsible for setting up a set of chapter tournament rules for the following year by the regular January meeting. Tournament rules will be approved by the membership at the regular February meeting.
 - b. Be responsible for determining and announcing the time and place of the chapter tournament at least one-week in advance.
 - c. Be responsible for supervising tournaments which shall consist of:
 - 1. Arranging for a sufficient number of boats.
 - 2. Drawing of names for fishing partners.
 - 3. Seeing that all tournament rules are abided by.
 - 4. Weighing all fish.
 - 5. Providing the secretary with accurate records on weight of fish caught by individual members.
 - 6. Awarding of prizes.
 - 7. Inspection of boats prior to each tournament for life jackets, paddles, etc. and to see that **NO** alcoholic beverages are in boats.
 - d. People who work shifts or graveyard will be allowed to begin tournament late if it has been approved by the tournament chairman prior to the tournament.
- B. The standing tournament committee shall be responsible for twelve (12) tournaments for the year.

Section 3. Duties of membership committee:

- A. The duties of the membership committee shall be as follows:
 - 1. Provide applications form for new candidates for membership
 - 2. Investigate prospective members and report findings to members at the next meeting.

Section 4. Duties of the program committee:

- A. The duties of the program committee shall be as follows:
 - a. Make arrangements for guest speakers at meetings.
 - b. Make arrangements for special activities for membership.
 - c. Make arrangements for refreshments at the regular meeting as desired.
 - d. See Appendix III for update

Section 5. Duties of the publicity committee:

- A. The duties of the publicity committee shall be as follows:
 - a. Provide write up and pictures for the local newspaper of each club function such as tournaments, parties, special activities, etc. for publicity purposes. (this is important and must be done)

Section 6. Duties of youth committee:

- A. The duties of the youth committee shall be as follows:
a. Make arrangements for youth tournaments.

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority:

Section 1.

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the chapter in all cases to which are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws or the special rules of this chapter.

Article X

Removal of Membership:

Section 1.

A member shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll for the following:

- A. Failure to pay dues for twelve (12) months after your last month paid.
B. Having alcoholic beverages in boat during tournament.
C. Being caught in the act of trying to win a tournament by using dishonest methods such as accepting fish from another party or catching fish by use of illegal equipment.

Section 2.

A member may be expelled from the chapter for any reason if put in the form of a motion and passed by a two-thirds vote of a quorum.

Section 3.

Once a member is removed for any reason, he or she will not be eligible again for membership for a period of at least twelve (12) months.

Article XI

Removal of Officers from Office:

Section 1.

An officer may be removed from office at any time if passed by a two-thirds vote of a quorum.

Section 2.

Once removed from office for any reason other than expiration of term, the person shall not be eligible for any chapter office for a period of twelve (12) months.

Article XII

Method of Amending the By-Laws:

Section 1.

The by-laws may be amended only at the annual meeting in December. Amendments must be presented in writing at the regular meeting preceding the annual meeting in November and read aloud to the membership. Amendments must be accepted at the annual meeting by at

least two-thirds vote of a quorum.

Section 2.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a unanimous vote of all members present (a quorum being present).

Appendix I to By-Laws

Section 1. Method of selecting Angler of the Year:

The top bass fisherman of the year shall be selected using the following point system:

- A. Annual points will be determined by angler's top 10 tournaments.
- B. One Hundred (100) points will be awarded for first place with one (1) point decreasing increments per place. One (1) point for every pound of fish weigh.
- C. All anglers not weighing in fish will get Ten (10) points less than last place weighing in.
- D. One (1) point will be awarded to each member attending the regular monthly meetings.

Section 2.

The member earning the highest number of points for the year will receive a personalized Jacket with "Angler of the Year", date, club name and embroidered bass; value not to exceed 10% of club treasury.

Section 3.

In addition to the Angler of the Year receiving a jacket, the top three (2nd & 3rd) members in good standing shall receive an award as follows:

- A. The member earning the highest number of points for the year during the twelve (12) chapter tournaments shall receive a trophy engraved as follows:
 - 1. MAGNOLIA BASSMASTERS
Angler of the Year
Year
Name

- B. The member catching the largest stringer of bass during the twelve (12) chapter tournaments shall receive a trophy engraved as follows:
 - 1. MAGNOLIA BASSMASTERS
Largest Stinger
Lbs. Oz.
Name

C. The member catching the largest bass during the twelve (12) chapter tournaments shall receive a trophy engraved as follows:

1. MAGNOLIA BASSMASTERS

Lunker of the Year

Lbs. Oz.

Name

Appendix II to By-Laws

Section 1. Inactive Membership:

A. A member may be put on an inactive status upon their request (in writing), or by being 3 months delinquent on dues. Inactive members will not be required to pay monthly dues and will not be allowed to participate in chapter functions

tournaments or to take part in meetings.

B. A member may be reinstated as an active member upon his or her request (in writing) at any time.

Section 2. Exempt Membership:

Any member over the age of 65 with five (5) consecutive years membership shall be considered exempt from regular monthly dues for the duration of his or her membership. Any exempt member not actively participating in club function for three (3) consecutive months will be put on inactive status until such time he or she requests (in writing) to be returned to active status.

Appendix III to By-Laws

Section 1. Program Committee:

Program committee will include a Program Chair who will facilitate volunteers, donations, food, drinks, and programming for the Annual Awards Meeting.