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## ARTICLE I NAME

**Section 1** The name of the organization shall be the Olathe Bass Club and shall hereinafter be designated as the Association.

## ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

**Section 1** The objectives of the Association are to promote bass fishing, good sportsmanship, and fellowship.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1** Persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older who are interested in bass fishing as a sport are eligible for membership. Persons eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years of age must have an active parent or guardian at the Association function, as a member of this Association, for eligibility for membership while under the age of twenty-one (21). Application shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Council which includes the endorsement signature of at least one sponsor who is a member of the Association. Membership applications must be approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council, except as noted in the next section.

**Section 2** Total active membership in the Association will be limited in the following ways or any combination thereof:

- 1) The Executive Council may accept members not to exceed thirty-nine (39) persons.
- 2) At any given time at least three-fifths of the members must have a fishing boat as determined in ARTICLE X.

**Section 3** Membership can be determined or terminated in any of the following ways, or combination thereof, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council.

- 1) Association Dues

Annual Association dues include the tournament entry fees for the entire year. Dues must be paid by current members by the Annual

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Banquet or December 1st, whichever is later.

### 2) Application for New Membership

All applicants wanting to gain membership into the Association, including prior members, must be present at one of the Association's regular membership meetings. Dues of the proposed member must be paid to the Association's treasurer within 5 days of approval and acceptance vote by the Executive Council and prior to any tournament to be participated in (See Section 3, (3), "Application for Membership, Waiting List".) Dues will be pro-rated depending on the number of tournaments completed. Pro-rating of dues is applicable only to the Association portion of the total dues. The pro-rata credit will be 5% reduction per completed tournament. Pro-rata dues will not be reduced more than 70% of annualized dues.

#### Pro-rata Schedule

<u>Tournaments Completed</u>	<u>Percent of Annual Dues</u>
1	95%
2	90%
3	85%
4	80%
5	75%
6	70%

### 3) Application for Membership, Waiting List

Applicants seeking membership into the Association must complete an official Association application to be placed upon the waiting list. Applicants may be placed on the waiting list prior to the first Annual Meeting or any regular Association membership meeting thereafter. To validate the prospective member's application, the applicant must be in attendance at the next Association's regular membership meeting. All applications to the waiting list shall be delivered or mailed to the President of the Association or, in the President's absence, to the Vice-President. If two or more applications are received at the same time

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then the order of receipt shall be determined alphabetically by the last name of the applicants. In the event of an opening, each applicant will be called in numerical order of the waiting list. If an applicant declines membership, the next applicant will be called. The declining applicant will be taken out of numerical order and placed at the bottom of the waiting list. The applicant called in numerical order indicating their willingness to become an Association member then has five (5) working days to pay their Association dues to any member of the Executive Council.

### 4) Revocation of Membership

Membership in the Association may be revoked by the Association when a member fails to abide by the By-Laws, rules and or guidelines of the Association, or acts in such a manner as to cause unfavorable views toward the Association.

Examples of actions which may result in revocation of membership include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Contact on behalf of the Association (or any organization with which the Association may affiliate) with any national, state, or local sponsors or clubs without express direction of the Executive Council of the Association or the Affiliation Organization.
- (b) Inappropriate conduct when dealing with members of the Association, any Affiliated Organization, sponsors, and the families of the above mentioned organizations. Contact shall be of a professional nature.
- (c) Failure to abide by the Tournament Director's rules during any competition involving the Association or any Affiliation Organization including functions related to the competition. All members shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to not disgrace or embarrass the Association.
- (d) Excessive, unnecessary contact of the members of the Association by phone, mail, or in person is not acceptable. The Association has regular meetings that are intended for conducting most business pertaining to the functions of the Association.
- (e) Expenditure or commitment of Association funds without the express direction of the Executive Council of the Association. Non-approved expenditures shall not be reimbursed and if on going, will lead to loss of membership.

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The Executive Council of the Association shall be vested with the authority to determine revocation of membership as set forth in these By-Laws. Once a membership has been revoked, the action is final and there is no further recourse. When membership has been revoked, the person whose membership was revoked shall not be eligible for future membership in the Association. All dues paid to the Association are non-refundable.

Submission of Association dues shall signify acceptance of these By-Laws and the authority of the Executive Council of the Association to implement them.

### 5) Participation

Failure to attend and participate in three consecutive Association functions and after contact by a member of the Executive Council, failure to attend and participate in two more consecutive functions. (A "function" is defined as a regular meeting or tournament.)

### Section 4 Affiliation

Prior to year-end, the Association will vote on whether or not to affiliate with a bass fisherman's association and to participate in its activities, including its affiliated club tournament. If a simple majority present votes to affiliate, each member of the Association must join the chosen association affiliation and have paid their respective dues up through December 31 of the following calendar year. Said dues must be paid by the November meeting of the current year.

### Section 5 Honorary Lifetime Membership

- 1) Honorary Lifetime Membership may be designated by the Association when a longtime member who has made great contributions to the Association retires from active membership. Since this is not active membership, it does not count against any membership cap or limit if such exists.
- 2) Privileges of an Honorary Lifetime Member include participation in all functions and activities of the Association except as follows:
  - (a) Privilege to vote for or hold elective office in the Association.
  - (b) Participation in Association affiliation with other organizations or associations.

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(c) Participation in Association Tournaments except as a non-boater or observer. Any fish brought to the weigh-in shall not count toward any Association standings or individual tournament rankings.

3) An Honorary Lifetime Member may return to active membership status at any time by paying the association dues. An Honorary Lifetime Member returning to active membership status in the Association shall not be subject to the membership waiting list, two-thirds approval by the Executive Council, the three-fifths boat owner clause, or any membership cap or limit should any of these clauses exist in these bylaws.

### Section 6 Affiliate Membership

1) Affiliate Membership is a non-active member who pays the minimum 'Affiliation' dues and a nominal Association handling fee. The sole purpose of the Affiliate Membership is to provide a means for the member to participate in State level 'Affiliation' tournaments. Affiliate Memberships are not used in calculations toward Association membership counts or limits.

2) The Affiliate Member is subject to 'Revocation of Membership' as outlined in ARTICLE III, Section 3, and item 4

3) The Affiliate Member is an Association non-active member and will not participate in any Association activities, which include but not limited to the following:

(a) Privilege to vote for or hold elective office in the Association.

(b) Participation in Association Tournaments.

(c) Participation in any Association event.

2) An Affiliate Member may become an active member by paying the Association dues. An Affiliate Member moving to active membership status in the Association shall be subject to the membership waiting list, two-thirds approval by the Executive Council, the three-fifths boat owner clause, or any membership cap or limit should any of these clauses exist in these bylaws.

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### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

**Section 1** The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Tournament Director, and Publicity Director.

**Section 2** The officers shall be chosen by a vote of the membership for a term of one (1) year.

**Section 3** Any officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for three consecutive terms, and any member holding office may be elected to the office again after one year absence.

**Section 4** The term of office for all officers shall begin following installation at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

### ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

**Section 1** The Executive Council is the representative body of the Association and the Council shall control all funds, properties, and activities of the Association in accordance with these Bylaws. The Council is authorized to enter into agreements with organizations having similar activities for the purpose of developing programs of mutual interest, sponsoring special events or any other activity not inimical to the Association's objectives.

**Section 2** The Council shall consist of six (6) voting members including the most recent Past President and the current Association Officers.

**Section 3** The Council shall hold at least two (2) meetings each year, and the meetings shall be presided over by the President, who will serve as Chairman of the Council. Four (4) members of the Council shall constitute a quorum, and all decisions of the Council shall require approval of at least four (4) members.

**Section 4** A seat on the Council shall be declared vacant by the Chairman in the event that a member should resign their seat, fail to attend 50 percent of the meetings of the Council, or cease to be a member of the Association.

**Section 5** In the event of a Council vacancy in an elective position, the Council shall make an appointment from the membership eligible to hold



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office to be effective until the unexpired term is filled by election at the next letter ballot presented to the membership.

**Section 6** Section 6 It shall be the responsibility of the Council to audit the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report and to review the financial status of the Association prior to the first monthly Association meeting of the new year for the purpose of establishing the Association dues required for membership. Association dues for the following year will be announced prior to the first monthly Association meeting of the new year.

**Section 7** The Council shall review the program of the Association as presented by the President and other members of the Council, furnish appropriate guidance in these matters, and approve or reject elements of the program in accordance with Council procedures.

**Section 8** Meetings of the Council shall be called at the discretion of the Chairman. All sessions of the Council shall require at least ten (10) days prior notification to the members except by unanimous consent of the members. A request to the Chairman made in writing by four (4) members of the Council shall require a meeting to be called.

**Section 9** Ordinarily, the meetings of the Council will be open to the membership of the Association. However, on occasion, the Council may hold Executive Sessions which are not open to any person, or groups of persons, except by invitation.

**Section 10** The Council shall appoint the Standing Committees as defined in ARTICLE IX before the first monthly Association meeting of the new year.

**Section 11** The President will preside over all meetings of the Association and may appoint other individuals to assist with the conduct of the meetings. The President shall appoint necessary committees with the approval of the Council except the Standing Committees and automatically becomes an ex-officio member of these committees. The retiring President shall submit an oral report of the "State of the Association" to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 12** The Vice-President shall perform the duties as delegated by the President, and in the absence of the President at a meeting of the Association, or of the Executive Council, will assume the duties of the President.

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**Section 13** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all transactions and meetings of the Association and Council. The Secretary-Treasurer shall carry out all official correspondence of the Association except for the Newsletter, keep an accurate mailing list of the membership and post all ballots used in election and amending procedures.

**Section 14** The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys of the Association, shall receive all moneys due the Association, and shall pay all authorized bills against the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit the accounts for audit to the Council prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association or upon request by a majority of the Council, and shall turn over to the succeeding Secretary-Treasurer all funds and properties of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit an annual report summarizing the financial status of the Association to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer may be bonded in such an amount as shall be determined by the Council and by a company approved by the Council. When bonded, expense of bonding shall be borne by the Association.

**Section 15** The Tournament Director in conjunction with the Tournament Committee shall be responsible for developing the dates and locations for the Association's tournaments. The Committee shall solicit recommended tournament sites and dates from the Association's members. The dates and locations must be approved by the newly elected and/or re-elected Council before the December annual meeting. The Tournament Director shall make reasonable attempts to file all applicable permits as outlined by state law. The Tournament Director in conjunction with the Tournament Committee will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Association's tournaments.

**Section 16** The Publicity Director in conjunction with the Publicity Committee shall be responsible for coordinating all of the public relations activities of the Association. In addition, the Publicity Director will be responsible for developing an Association Newsletter and which must be distributed to the members of the association via mail, email, or handout on at least a quarterly basis.

**Section 17** Except for the provisions of ARTICLE X, Section 1, the Executive Council shall be responsible for resolving all questions not covered by these Bylaws, and interpreting the meaning of these Bylaws, if questions arise.

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### ARTICLE VI ELECTION PROCEDURES

**Section 1** Except as provided in ARTICLE V, Section 5, of these Bylaws, nominations for all elective positions and election procedures governing the processes of election and balloting shall be in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VI of these Bylaws.

**Section 2** The officers specified in ARTICLE IV, Section 1, shall be elected annually by members of the Association and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. Newly elected officers shall be installed by the outgoing President or the duly appointed representative in a manner set forth by the Council and shall take office during the Annual Meeting following the letter ballot.

**Section 3** The Executive Council shall appoint a Nominating Chairman who will be responsible for all nomination and election functions as listed in this ARTICLE.

**Section 4** Except as provided in ARTICLE V, Section 5, of these Bylaws, nominations for all elective positions shall be made at the October meeting. Also see Section 6 of this Article.

**Section 5** The Nominating Chairman shall solicit nominations from the floor. Nominations can be made by secret ballot. The Nominating Chairman will place at least one (1), and not more than three (3), nominees with the most nominations on the ballot after obtaining the consent of the nominee.

**Section 6** The Nominating Chairman will prepare ballots and present them to the Association at the November meeting to be voted on at that meeting. The Nominating Chairman may solicit additional nominations from the floor prior to the balloting for each office. The Nominating Chairman shall also prepare Absentee Ballots and mail one to each member at least two weeks prior to the election. Absentee Ballots shall contain instructions for their completion to allow the greatest opportunity for fullest use of the absentee ballot.

**Section 7** If a person has been nominated for more than one position, the Nominating Chairman shall prepare ballots which allow a vote for one position at a time in the following order: President, Vice- President,

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Secretary-Treasurer, Tournament Director, and Publicity Director. No person may be elected to more than one position.

**Section 8** A simple majority vote of the membership present at the meeting including any and all absentee votes will be required to elect for each office. An absentee ballot will only be considered a legal vote if it is signed by the absentee member and given to any Executive Council member or the Nominating Chairman or Nominating Committee member before the November Association meeting. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast for the two candidates with the most votes (including absentee votes if applicable) on the first ballot. If there is still a tie after three total ballots, the tie will be broken by the toss of a coin.

## ARTICLE VII ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

**Section 1** The Association shall hold at least ten (10) regular meetings, including the Annual Meeting, each year. The date, time, and place for each regular meeting shall be established by the Council before the first monthly Association meeting of the new year, except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.

**Section 2** The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held during the month of December in each calendar year.

**Section 3** Other meetings of the Association may be called by the President with the approval of the Council.

**Section 4** A quorum at an Association meeting shall consist of at least 25 percent of the membership.

**Section 5** All meetings of the Association are open to the entire membership. Except when otherwise specified in writing by the Council, any member is privileged to bring guests to Association meetings.

**Section 6** The Council shall develop a standard procedure for governing the order of business for all meetings of the Association and establishing time limits where applicable. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the guide for any parliamentary procedure not specifically provided for in the said rules of the Association. A change in the standard procedure governing the order of business at a meeting of the Association will require the approval of a majority of the membership in attendance.

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## ARTICLE VIII FINANCIAL

**Section 1** All funds received by the Association shall be paid into the office of the Secretary-Treasurer where they shall be entered in the books of the Association and deposited in a financial institution approved by the Council.

**Section 2** Current year membership dues are payable in accordance with Article III, Section 3(1).

**Section 3** Association dues of new members shall be pro-rated in accordance with the Pro-Rata Schedule, ARTICLE III, Section 3, (2).

**Section 4** The Council may, at its discretion, commit a portion of the funds of the Association for special purposes, such as payment of travel expenses for invited speakers.

## ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

**Section 1** The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, individuals and/or committees to assist the officers and the Council in the development and administration of programs, projects policies and so forth.

**Section 2** Each committee shall be responsible for keeping a record of the activities of the committee when directed by the President and shall submit such records to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

**Section 3** The Standing Committees shall be as follows:

- 1) The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and two or more other members. The Tournament Committee shall, at the direction of the Council, handle the arrangements for all Association tournaments. The Director of the Tournament Committee shall be responsible for providing the Secretary-Treasurer with an agenda for each tournament.
- 2) The Publicity Committee shall consist of the Publicity Director and at least two other members. The Publicity Committee shall publicize the activities of the Association and shall respond to all requests

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for information. The Publicity Committee shall also prepare the Newsletter of the Association.

**Section 4** The President shall appoint such other committees as are deemed desirable for the effective operation of the Association.

**Section 5** The membership of all committees appointed by the President shall terminate automatically at the close of the Presidential term in which the appointments were made.

### **ARTICLE X TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section 1** The following rules for Association tournaments will be used. If there is a question on any rule, the final decision will be left to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Committee will be responsible for weigh-in, boat inspection and for resolving any disputes.

**Section 2** Repealed.

**Section 3** Scoring is by pounds in increments of 1/100 pound (.01#). Winners will be determined by total pounds caught during that day or day's tournament. Only largemouth black bass, Kentucky and smallmouth bass will be counted on the score. Only bass twelve (12) inches or longer will be counted, except where the state imposes an inch limit in excess of twelve (12) inches, then only such fish that meet the higher inch limit will be counted. Excepted from this would be a decision by the Executive Council to improvise for a specific tournament. Once fish are presented at the weigh-in table, only tournament officials will be allowed to handle the fish. Fish will be measured on an official measuring board. Any bass that do not measure will cause one pound to be subtracted from stringer weight. Only one tournament limit of bass may be weighed in by each contestant. A "Tournament Limit" is defined as the lesser of either 5 fish or the state creel limit, neither of which shall exceed the current state rules. When a large or no creel limit exists by law, the tournament limit will be set by the Tournament Director.

Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, or altered will be weighed only at the discretion of the tournament officials. A one-fourth pound (0.25Lb) penalty will be assessed each contestant for each dead fish weighed in. A "dead fish" will be classified as any fish not alive when presented to the Weigh-in

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officials or any fish not released. Excepted from this penalty is a trophy bass five (5) lbs. and over (largemouth bass) or three (3) lbs. and over (spotted bass or smallmouth bass) which may be kept without penalty. The Tournament Director's decision on live fish will be final.

These penalties will affect only the weight of the day that the contestant is penalized and shall not reduce a participant's weight below zero pounds for that day.

**Section 4** Two contestants will be paired by means of an open drawing held on the first Association meeting before each tournament. No member shall fish with the same Association member in two tournaments in the same year, unless it is due to a limited number of participants, or exceptions as noted in subsequent Section. Only current Association members are allowed to fish in a point accumulating tournament. If the draw results in an odd contestant who is designated to fish alone and that contestant does not wish to fish alone, the member can request the Tournament Director to solicit pairs to volunteer to fish three to a boat. This arrangement will be voided if the odd contestant is matched with a partner in accordance with Section 18 of this ARTICLE. The fact that the odd contestant has previously fished with either member of the pair does not void this arrangement.

**Section 5** It will be prohibited for any contestant to give or offer fish to their boat partner. Partners should get together about thirty (30) minutes prior to starting time, and must stay together during all fishing hours and until the day's fish have been weighed and recorded with the following exceptions:

- 1) Mechanical Breakdown: If a contestant is unable to return to the weigh-in / launch site due to mechanical failure, it will be allowed for another participant's boat to ferry the non-boater and tagged fish from the distressed boat to the weigh-in / launch site. ( Note: Assisting boat will still be bound by Article X, Section 13 )
- 2) Medical Emergency: If a team needs to leave the lake for a medical emergency, they must tag their fish and can have an assisting team weigh them in.

All efforts must be made to contact the Tournament Director or a

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board member when one of the above situations occurs.

The Tournament Director decision on the above exceptions will be final.

**Section 6** Starting procedures, fishing hours, takeoff time, and tournament headquarters will be outlined at a pre-tournament meeting of the Association. These decisions can be changed by a two-thirds vote of the members at a tournament, if inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances arise. The tournament Director will decide if the situation merits a vote.

**Section 7** Only casting, spinning or spin-casting tackle may be used. Contestants may have only one artificial lure in the water at one time. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait may be used. Pork type rinds, chunks, strips, etc. are permitted. Trolling of lures is prohibited. Electronic depth finders, water clarity meters, temperature gauges, etc. are permitted.

**Section 8** Boats must be a minimum of seventeen (17) feet and three (3) inches in length. Motors must be a minimum of 115 horsepower. No pontoon or barge type craft will be permitted. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on the U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the boat manufacturer.

**Section 9** Boat Partners are expected to work out an agreement as to fishing area, giving equal time to both. The partner who does not own the boat will pay one-half of the boater's vehicle gas to and from the lake as well as one-half of the boat operating expense by the end of the tournament.

**Section 10** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed by all contestants at all times. All contestants are required to wear a life jacket whenever the outboard is running. A kill switch is mandatory and must be attached to the driver whenever the outboard is running.

**Section 11** There is no closed period on a tournament lake prior to the tournament dates. It will be prohibited for any contestant to hire or use the service of a professional guide or dock owner for the purpose of locating bass and or fishing spots for a fourteen (14) day period prior to any Association tournament. Permitted is the use of verbal consultation



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only with such persons. This verbal consultation must be carried on from land.

**Section 12** Fishing will be permitted anywhere that is reachable by boat, except that no contestants are allowed to fish within fifty (50) yards of another anchored contestant at any time. No trailering of boats from one location to another is allowed. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants may not depart the boat to land a fish. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. The tournament takeoff area will be determined by the Tournament Director or Tournament Committee.

**Section 13** Contestants will be penalized 5% per minute for not being at the designated location by end of the tournament day. No weight will be counted after fifteen (15) minutes - no exception will be allowed to this rule. This penalty will affect only the weight of the day that the contestant is tardy.

**Section 14** The greatest number of fish will break heavy stringer ties, and heaviest stringer will break big bass ties. If ties cannot be broken on the basis of the greatest number of fish, then all trophies or moneys will be awarded to the tied contestants on the basis of the "flip of the coin".

**Section 15** All valid protests will be heard and considered by the rules committee. Any contestant wishing to lodge a protest against another contestant must do so in writing and be signed by the protester within one hour following that day's official weigh-in time.

**Section 16** Sportsmanship will be paramount at all times. Consideration at all times for the rights of other contestants must be displayed by everyone. Courtesy is the by-word for all tournaments sponsored by the Association. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the contestant's boats during fishing hours. Drunkenness during tournament hours on the part of any contestant shall be reason for disqualification from the current and any future tournaments sponsored by the Association.

**Section 17** At a pre-assigned area, all paired contestants must be in their boats fifteen (15) minutes prior to take-off for boat inspection. Inspection will consist of:

- 1) Life Jackets (one for each contestant).

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2) Operation of Kill Switch.

3) Live-well Inspection.

**Section 18** If a person who has drawn for a partner cannot participate in the tournament, the Tournament Director will be responsible for any re-pairing of partners. Any one of the following procedures deemed the most appropriate may be used:

- 1) Pair the remaining partner with an "odd contestant" scheduled to fish by their self.
- 2) If there is no "odd contestant", the member may choose to fish by their self.
- 3) If the member does not have a boat, or does not wish to fish by their self, the member may fish with any pair who volunteers to fish three (3) to a boat.
- 4) If the member does not have a boat, the Tournament Director can require the last pair drawn to fish three (3) to a boat.

If a boater not in the draw decides to (or becomes available to) participate in a tournament, he may participate as a boater with a maximum occurrence of one-time per calendar year. After one such occurrence, he must participate as a non-boater in the first available single boat from the draw. If all boats are paired and the boater has already used his one-time occurrence, the tournament director shall make a final decision.

## ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

**Section 1** Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed, in writing, by a member only at the November and February meetings, and, if the motion to change these Bylaws is passed by a majority of the members present, it can be voted on only at the March meeting of the Association. The Council must make sure that the Association membership has sufficient time to study the proposed change in writing before the March vote is taken.

### Section 2 Revision History

2012 #1: Revised Article V Administration Section 1

Change: "and mailing the newsletter to the members of the Association on at least a quarterly

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basis.”

To: “which must be distributed to the members of the Association via mail, email, or handout on at least a quarterly basis.”

2012 #2: Revised Article VIII Financial Section 2

Change: “at the first monthly membership meeting of the Association.”

To: “in accordance with Article III, Section 3(1).”

2012 #3: Revised Article X Tournament Rules and Regulations Section 8

Removed last sentence: “Excepted form this is any boat owned by an Association member prior to March 1, 2009.”

2012 #4: Revised Article X Tournament Rules and Regulations Section 16

Change: “Drunkenness on the part...”

To: “Drunkenness during tournament hours on the part...”

2013 #1: Revised Article III Membership Section 2

Change: “2) At any given time at least two-thirds of the members must have a fishing boat as determined in ARTICLE X.”

To: “2) At any given time at least three-fifths of the members must have a fishing boat as determined in ARTICLE X.”

2013 #1: Revised Article III Membership Section 5

Change: 3) .... two-thirds approval by the Executive Council, the two-thirds boat owner clause, or any membership cap or limit should any of these clauses exist in these bylaws.”

To: “3) .... two-thirds approval by the Executive Council, the three-fifths boat owner clause, or any membership cap or limit should any of these clauses exist in these bylaws.”

2014 #1: Added Article III Membership Section 6

Add: Section 6 Affiliate Membership

Affiliate Membership is a non-active member who pays the minimum ‘Affiliation’ dues and a nominal Association handling fee. The sole purpose of the Affiliate Membership is to provide a means for the member to participate in State level ‘Affiliation’ tournaments. Affiliate Memberships are not used in calculations toward Association membership counts or limits.

2015 No revisions

2016 #1 Amended Article X, Section 18

Change: If a boater not in a drawing decides to fish and if there is any boater fishing by himself, the new boater will be paired with a previously selected boater.

To: If a boater not in the draw decides to (or becomes available to) participate in a tournament, he may participate as a boater with a maximum occurrence of one-time per calendar year. After one such occurrence, he must participate as a non-boater in the first available single boat from the draw. If all boats are paired and the boater has already used his one-time occurrence, the tournament director shall make a final decision.

2017 No revisions

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2018 #1 Amended ARTICLE X, Section 13

Change: Contestants will be penalized 5% per minute for being tardy to weigh-in. No weight will be counted after fifteen (15) minutes - no exception will be allowed to this rule. This penalty will affect only the weight of the day that the contestant is tardy.

To: Contestants will be penalized 5% per minute for not being at the designated location by end of the tournament day. No weight will be counted after fifteen (15) minutes - no exception will be allowed to this rule. This penalty will affect only the weight of the day that the contestant is tardy.

2019 #1 Amended ARTICLE X, Section 3

Change: Scoring is by pounds and ounces.

To: Scoring is by pounds in increments of 1/100 pound (.01#).

2019 #2 Amended ARTICLE X, Section 3

Change: A "Tournament Limit" as defined as one fish under state creel limits.

To: A "Tournament Limit" is defined as the lesser of either 5 fish or the state creel limit, neither of which shall exceed the current state rules.

2019 #3 Amended ARTICLE III, Section 1(2)

Change: Dues of the proposed member must accompany the Association's official application before consideration and vote by the Executive Council.

To: Dues of the proposed member must be paid to the Association's treasurer within 5 days of approval and acceptance vote by the Executive Council and prior to any tournament to be participated in.

2019 #4 Amended ARTICLE IV, Section 3

From: Any officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for two consecutive terms, and any member holding office may be elected to the office again after one year absence.

To: Any officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for three consecutive terms, and any member holding office may be elected to the office again after one year absence.

2019 #5 Amended ARTICLE X, Section 3

Add (new paragraph): These penalties will affect only the weight of the day that the contestant is penalized and shall not reduce a participant's weight below zero pounds for that day.

2020 No revisions

2021 Amended ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

From: Section 1 Persons sixteen (16) years of age or older who are interested in bass fishing as a sport are eligible for membership. Persons sixteen (16) to twenty-one (21) years of age must have an active parent or guardian at the Association function, as a member of this Association, for eligibility for membership while under the age of twenty-one (21). Application shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Council which includes the endorsement signature of at least one sponsor who is a member of the Association. Membership applications must be approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council, except as noted in the next section.

To: Section 1 Persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older who are interested in bass fishing as a sport are eligible for membership. Persons eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years of age must

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have an active parent or guardian at the Association function, as a member of this Association, for eligibility for membership while under the age of twenty-one (21). Application shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Council which includes the endorsement signature of at least one sponsor who is a member of the Association. Membership applications must be approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council, except as noted in the next section.

2022 No revisions

2023 No revisions

2024 No revisions