

# **BY-LAWS FOR SANDHILLS BASSMASTERS**

## **CHAPTER NAME: SANDHILLS BASSMASTERS CITY: SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA 28387**

### **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

#### ***Section I, Name***

This chapter shall be called the Sandhills Bassmasters of Moore county.

#### ***Section II, Purpose***

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our State Conversation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. 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. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other chapters of the State B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation embracing the principles and purposes of Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

### **ARTICLE II- Membership**

#### ***Section I: Number of members***

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least 6 charter members. Total general membership shall not exceed 25 Boating members. (60% boaters/40% non-boaters. )

#### ***Section II: Requirement for Membership***

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

(a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.

(b) If the prospective member is not a member of B.A.S.S. , He is to become a member by the end of his 90 day probationary period. ( RE ) NC Federation Rules.

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(c) Be recommended by one member at a regular monthly meeting. Members are to vote the prospective member in for a trial period of 90 days. Majority vote stands for 90 days. Sponsoring member then acts as "guardian" during the 90 day trial period.

(d) Be voted on by membership after 90 days. Vote shall be by secret ballot and affirmation must be unanimous.

(e) Must be at least 16 years of age.

### *Section III: Membership Dues*

(A) The membership dues shall be \$10.00 monthly, payable upon being voted into the 90 day trial period and every month thereafter; another \$27.00 per year which shall be for membership in the North Carolina State Federation.

(B.) Any member that is 3 months behind in payment of dues, will not be allowed to receive points at meetings or tournaments, nor will they be eligible to receive trophies. Pointsthat are lost cannot be made up. If any member becomes \$50.00 behind in dues he will have all privileges of Sandhills Bassmasters revoked.

## **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

### *Section I: Officers and their Duties*

#### **The officers of the Chapter shall consist of:**

(a) **President:** Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and be an executive official member of all committees. Supervise all club functions.

(b) **Vice President:** Act as program chairman, assist the President in duties and preside in the absence of the President. Chairman of the Tournament Committee. Run all club tournaments.

(c) **Secretary:** Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the Chapter President. Maintain regular liaison between the chapter and the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society and the North Carolina B.A.S.S. Federation.

(d) **Treasure:** Collect and Disperse all moneys. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. prepare an annual audit for review by the Chapter Board of Directors.

(e) **Chaplain:** To deliver prayer at all club functions. To contact members in cases of emergency.

***Section II: Elections***

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of September. Elections shall be by a simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in Article III, Section I. Elections will be held by secret ballot.

***Section III: Term of Office***

The Term of Office is for One Year which begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on the last day of October. Original slate of officers shall serve until the last meeting day of October the following year.

***Section IV: Vacancies***

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

***Section V: Eligibility for holding Office***

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

- (a) Have been a member for six months.
- (b) Have attended at least 3/4 of the Chapter meetings and 3/4 of the Chapter functions.
- (c) Have shown an active interest in all Chapter functions.

**ARTICLE IV - STANDING COMMITTEES**

All Standing Committees will serve for one year or until a new committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the President. Each member will be expected to be on a committee. The president and vice-president will appoint all committees.

(a) **Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors will consist of **7** members:

President, vice-president, Treasurer, Chaplain, two members elected at large by majority vote of the members present at the September regular meetings.

(1)The President will call all meetings of the Board of Directors and will preside at such meetings.

(2)The Secretary will record the minutes of these meetings.

(3)The Board will decide all protests and rule in all violations of the tournament rules and by-laws of the Chapter when appropriately received.

(b) Youth Committee:The purpose of this committee shall be to plan, organize and implement a Chapter Youth Project to introduce young people to the goals of B.A.S.S.: to give them a basis for respect of our national heritage, and appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play and good sportsmanship, and to give them an introduction to the sheer joy of fishing. And to handle the Kids fish for fun Tournament

(c) Tournament Committee:The purpose of the tournament committee shall be to plan, organize and operate all Chapter tournaments. The tournament committee will draft tournament rules which must then be approved by the general membership. The committee will keep tournament records, enforce all tournament rules and investigate all protests concerning tournaments. Tournament Committee will consist of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V - REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

### ***Section I:Removal of Membership***

A member shall be dropped from the membership role for the following:

(a) Failure to pay dues. (Article II, Section III-(b).)

(b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this chapter. All action to be taken by the Board of Directors.

(c) Failure to attend 50% of the chapter meetings and 50% of chapter functions during a 12 month period. (unless for illness or work related).

## **ARTICLE VII - AFFILIATION**

### ***Section I:Requirements for Affiliation***

(a) Approval of Chapter Charter by B.A.S.S.

(b) Update B.A.S.S. with a Chapter membership roster once each year, upon receipt of current B.A.S.S. roster at years end.

(c) Names and addresses of new members joining the chapter 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. Any additional requirements that the State Federation establishes for chapters, such as membership dues, attendance at meeting, etc. would be necessary in order for the Chapter to participate in the State Federation qualifying tournaments, and any other federation sponsored tournaments or events.

## **ARTICLE VII - METHOD OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

### ***Section I: Amending the Constitution and By-Laws***

The constitution and by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at that meeting .

## **ARTICLE VIII - PHONE CALLS**

### ***Section I:Phone Calls***

- (a) There will be no decisions made during phone conversations in regards to Sandhill's Bassmasters
- (b) If an issue needs an immediate decision, the President will call an emergency meeting. Majority vote during this meeting will stand.
- (c) If no one meets the President decides.

# TOURNAMENT RULES

The following rules and regulations of the Sandhill's Bassmasters are set forth by the tournament committee. The interpretation of these rules will be by the committee. The vice-president is the chairman of this committee.

A. Tournaments are open to Sandhill's Bassmasters club members approved guests, unless there is an open tournament.

B. Tournaments consist of competition in the Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass, and Spotted Bass categories.

C. Tournaments will be held regardless of weather conditions. However the tournament committee may change starting times and locations for the safety of its members.

D. Fishing must be with one rod and reel at a time, **No Trolling**, and any fish caught on an unattended rod will be disqualified, No live bait will be used i.e.. Artificial lures only. (Pork trailers designed for the purpose of dressing baits may be used.)

E. Two ounce (oz.) of the total reel weight will be deducted for each dead fish.

F. All boats must be coast guard approved, and have some type of live well with working aerator.

G. Violation of any rules may be cause for suspension or disqualification from the tournament and/or the club. Appeals should be directed to the Board of Directors within (30) days of the incident in writing.

H. There will be a penalty of ten (10) ounces of the total creel weight for each one (1) minute a contestant is late for weigh-in. Any contestant who fails to check in within ten (10) minutes of weigh-in time will be disqualified, with the exception of those with mechanical trouble resulting in which the boat must be towed in. You are considered present if you are within the no wake zone of the landing. It is the responsibility of the team to verify time with the starter of tournament.

I. Personal floatation devices (P.F.D.) will be worn when the boat is on plane or operating at speeds faster than idle speed, and always at Blast off regardless of the speed.

J. Tournament scores will be based on the total weight in pounds and ounces (one point per ounce) by each contestant. Daily creel limit will be consistent with the State creel limit in force. Sixteen (16) points will be awarded to each member for showing up at the tournament. Ten (10) points will be awarded for attending the regular scheduled meeting.

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K. All protest must be made within thirty (30) minutes after the weigh-in time to the President or the vice-president. (Then it will be brought before the Board of Directors).

L. In case of a tie for any position, both contestants will receive a trophy for that place and the next closest one will move up one position.

M. Lake of tournament will be off limits from Wednesday at sun down until Saturday's tournament. (With the exception of two day tournaments.)

N. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the boat during tournament hours.

O. Any member who does not show for a tournament in which said person would fish, without contacting an officer twelve (12) hours prior to tournament, will be charged sixteen (16) points and will still be responsible for one half of his partners gas. The penalty is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and will be used for future reference.

P. Big Fish pot is \$ 5.00. And is Optional. Guest may also participate in Big Fish.

Q. The mandatory tournament entry fee is \$10.00 and pays back 3 places.

1<sup>st</sup> \$5 per person

2<sup>nd</sup> \$3 per person

3<sup>rd</sup> \$2 per person

All money will be taken up before blast-off, any unusual conditions will be decided on by the tournament director.

R. Fishing Partners will be drawn at the meeting before each tournament. The boaters and the non boaters will alternate drawing names. Each member is allowed to put back one name and redraw one time per year. Non boaters are responsible for half of the gas for the truck and the boat for that tournament. There is a \$10.00 minimum, if ether partner does not feel that this a fair amount at that time they may request to go to the pumps. (Truck and boat should be full before tournament.) Non boaters are entitled to one half day on lake location, boater receives first choice.

We, the undersigned charter members, do hereby agree to the above by-laws and the commencement of this chapter on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.