

## New York State B.A.S.S Chapter Federation Constitution and By Laws

Article I: This Organization shall be known as the New York B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the New York BASS Nation or “Federation” or “NYBCF”.

Article II: Purpose and Policy This Federation is organized and exists to represent fishermen within the Federation, to formulate policy not inconsistent with the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The Federation is dedicated to the conservation of the Black Bass and all natural resources, promotion of competitive fishing, protection of our sport through education, youth programs, and supporting our member chapters in the pursuit of these goals.

Article III: Membership Section 1: Member(s) in Good Standing A “Member in Good Standing” is defined as person(s): a. is being fifteen (15) years of age or older. b. who is an adult member of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S). c. who is a member of an organized Chapter affiliated with NYBCF and through such club are affiliated with the B.A.S.S. Nation. d. whose NYBCF dues of \$20.00 are not delinquent. Said dues shall be submitted to the state Federation Membership Secretary by January 1 of each calendar year.

Upon the meeting of the above conditions, a Member in Good Standing will be issued a NYBCF Membership Card.

Section 2: Honorary Member Any person who for any dedicated service to NYBCF above any normal standard, may be deemed an Honorary Member by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Youth or High School Member Any youth under the age of 18 who is a member of an organized Youth Club or High School Club affiliated with NYBCF and are members in good standing with B.A.S.S. and B.A.S.S. Nation. This is a non-voting membership.

Article IV: Organization Section 1: Chapters (Clubs) Any group of six(6) or more persons organized for the express purpose to function as a dynamic and effective link with other Chapters embracing our purpose and policy. These Chapters being first chartered by the Bass

Anglers Sportsman Society and consisting of six(6) or more New York State Federation members, one of which is the President. a. Chapter Affiliation Fee Each Federation Chapter (except N.O.N.E.) shall pay a chapter affiliation fee of \$35.00 per year. This fee is due to the Federation Membership Secretary by January 1 year. b. N.O.N.E. Chapter of each calendar The NYBCF N.O.N.E. Chapter's charter is to provide a temporary club for members to register while searching for, starting and/or joining a National and NYBCF recognized chapter. The N.O.N.E. Chapter shall not pay an affiliation fee.

Section 2: Board of Directors This board shall consist of 10 (ten) active members of NY BASS Nation plus a recording secretary. This board will oversee all operations of the organization. At the December meeting each year, a Chairman of the board will be selected by the board to operate the business of the organization. The Board will select a Chairman who will act as the executive leader of the organization. The Chairman will assign various duties to each member to maintain the operations of the organization and to monitor financial stability.

Section 3: The board will operate on a year to year basis and will be reviewed each December for the following year. Board members can resign at any time and will be filled by the remaining board. The Chairman of the Board will serve in the same one year increments.

#### Article V: Duties of the board of directors

Section 1: Chairman shall be the responsible and Chief Administrative Officer of the Federation, and shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and shall appoint all committees of the Federation, shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees and shall ensure that all Federation Board members perform their respective duties in accordance with the constitution. The board of directors will meet three times, once in December, once in January and once in March.

a. Vacancy of Federation Board members shall be managed by the board.

Section 2: Removal from Office Should an officer prove unsatisfactory in the position, they may be removed by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Charges must be submitted in writing and the officer in question shall have the opportunity to defend any and all accusations.

#### Article VII: Committees

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall be responsible for operating the following tasks:

- a. Auditing
  - b. Budget
  - c. Environmental
  - d. Membership
  - e. Promotional
  - f. Public Relations
  - g. Tournament
- b. Kayak and Youth shall operate independently under the leadership of an appointed person and will receive a stipend to support their activities.

Article VIII: Meetings Section 1: Board of Director meetings shall be held at least three(3) times annually with one(1) of these meetings to be held in December and one(1) to be held in January and the third in March. A notice of meeting date and location will be published on the website and Facebook pages.

#### Section 2: Meeting Process

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Parliamentary procedures insofar as it does not conflict with the constitution of the Federation.

#### Article IX: Interpretation and Change of These Bylaws and the Constitution

Section 1: Guidance and Precedence By-laws are promulgated as a matter of guidance and precedence to efficiently administer the affairs of the Federation By-laws must not be inconsistent with the general provisions of the constitution but may contain articles which, due to geographical, political or membership makeup, present problems particular to themselves.

Section 2: Bylaw Interpretation of the meaning of this constitution shall be made by the presiding officer who shall render a decision subject to appeal to the members present, and such decision shall be recorded as a precedent for future guidance.

Section 3: Modification of Constitution and Bylaws Any changes in the by-laws shall be made by a 2/3rds majority of the Board of Directors present at any open meeting of the Federation. Proposed by-law changes must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee a minimum of seven(7) days prior to the open meeting. The member proposing a by-law change must be in attendance to propose said revisions. The by-laws should consist of items which will not conflict with the constitution of the Federation.

Section 4: Dissolving the Federation In the event the Federation is dissolved, all books, funds, papers and property of such Federation shall forthwith be delivered to the Chairman of the Board in escrow for a period of one(1) year for the purpose of re-organizing the Federation or designating a successor organization. If such Federation is not re-organized within one(1) year or if the Federation Executive Board does not designate a successor organization for such members, such books and papers shall become the property of the Federation. Any material properties of the Federation shall be liquidated and these funds along with the funds of the Treasury shall be refunded to the Chapters, based on membership, who were members of such Federation in good standing at the time of its' dissolution.

Article X: Federation Elections Section 1: Board of Directors shall elect the Chief Executive officer  
At the December meeting each year. Any Board replacements can be elected at the time of the  
resignation

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