

## Bylaws and Standing Rules

### IDAHO B.A.S.S. NATION

The **Idaho B.A.S.S. Nation** formerly known as the Idaho BASS Federation Nation, Inc. comprised of affiliated chapters of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society does hereby adopt the following bylaws and standing rules.

#### ARTICLE I - Membership

This is a non-profit corporation and no stock will be issued and no dividends paid to any members of the corporation. The purpose of the corporation is as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 1. **Members:** The Corporation shall consist of members hereinafter provided and the requirements of membership shall be as follows:

- A. To be eligible for membership, a person shall have voluntarily expressed a genuine interest in membership, and;
- B. Be a member in good standing of an affiliated club of the **Idaho B.A.S.S. Nation** (hereinafter referred to as the **IBN**) and;
- C. Be a member in good standing of the **Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.)** and;
- D. Be a member in good standing of the **IBN** and;
- E. A member may reside outside the State of Idaho, but must be a member in good standing of an Idaho club affiliated with the **IBN**;

Full membership rights are granted to any applicant who fulfills these requirements.

Section 2. **Representatives:** Each club shall elect or appoint one member to serve as official representative to the **IBN**.

Section 3. **Voting Rights:** Each club in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the Board.

## **ARTICLE II - Organization**

The affairs and management of the IBN shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board.

Section 1. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of one representative from each affiliated club, the elected officers, and appointed positions.

Section 2. Meetings: The Board shall meet once each Month, with additional meetings called by the Board as needed. Monthly Meeting(s) may be deferred on a majority vote of the Board at the preceding monthly meeting.

Section 3. Officers: Elected officers of the Board are the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, hereafter referred to as the Executive Board.

Section 4. Elections: Elections shall be held in even numbered years. Nominations will be accepted at the September Board meeting. Club representatives shall take the list of nominees back to their respective clubs for discussion and voting. Election of Officers shall be at the November Board meeting by those club representatives present and the Board of Directors in attendance.

Section 5. Qualifications: To qualify to serve as an officer on the Board of Directors a person must;

- A. Be a member in good standing with the B.A.S.S. and of a currently affiliated club of the IBN.
- B. Be placed in nomination by club representative as an active member of an affiliated club.

Section 6. Voting: All Board members and club representatives shall have voting rights. One person one vote rules shall apply. Proxy voting will be allowed for official Board business.

Section 7. Quorum: A majority of the Board for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

Section 8. Term of Office: All officers are elected to two-year terms beginning January 1 the year following the election and will serve until December 31st two (2) years hence, or until necessary for a new officer to be elected. Each officer shall hold office until a successor has been duly elected or appointed to fill a vacancy.

Section 9. Vacancies: A vacancy in office because of death, illness, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

Section 10. Removal: Any officer, elected or appointed, may be removed by two-thirds vote of the Board upon thirty (30) days written notice, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the IBN would thereby be served.

Section 11. Officers shall conduct the affairs of the IBN in a manner consistent with these Bylaws. to protect the IBN members, and B.A.S.S.

Board Members may not hold positions higher than a club level within any other bass fishing type organization including but not limited to TBF/FLW.

The IBN Board is required to be comprised of members who are free to serve the IBN without a conflict of interest. Any Board Member or employee of any other bass fishing type organization WILL NOT be allowed to hold an office within the IBN at any level.

### **ARTICLE III - Duties of Officers**

Section 1. President: Presides over all meetings of the Board and special meetings of the IBN, directs all official business, oversees all IBN activities, appoint and be ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, be official representative of the IBN in relationship to other organizations, delegate such duties as may be appropriate to best serve the IBN and serve as liaison with B.A.S.S.

Section 2. Vice-President: Assist the President upon request, preside in the absence of the President, and assume the office of President should it become vacated.

Section 3. Secretary: Record and maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Board, call meetings of the Board, maintain regular correspondence with the members clubs and maintains a IBN roster of affiliated club members, maintain and protect all such records for future access and use by the IBN.

Section 4. Treasurer: Receive and distribute all monies upon approval of the Board, or as otherwise directed by the Board, maintain accurate financial records, present a current balance and summary report at each regular Board meeting, submit an annual report to the Board at its final meeting of the year, complete and submit all financial papers and matters as appropriate to conduct IBN business.

## **ARTICLE IV - Standing Appointments**

**Section 1.** Appointment, Terms and Qualifications: The President shall appoint, with confirmation of the Board, the following appointments and any other special appointments as may become necessary. Terms of appointment to these positions shall be two (2) years or less, not to exceed the term of the current President's. To qualify for an appointment a candidate must fully meet requirements as indicated in Article I, Section 1, of these bylaws. Persons with appointments have voting privileges as indicated in Article II, Section 6.

**Section 2.** Conservation Director: The purpose of this appointment is to serve as the IBN liaison in environmental and legislative activities and events. This person is to document and report to the proper authorities any violations of local, state and federal antipollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, and other regulatory devices, shall maintain communication with appropriate local, state and federal environmental, natural resource, regulatory agencies, shall maintain communication with appropriate local, state and federal law making bodies and natural resource regulatory undertake informational and educational programs to bring to the public's awareness the growing impacts to our environment, and to take leadership in federation activities aimed at protecting, repairing and enhancing the quality of local, state and national waters.

**Section 3.** Tournament Director: The purpose of this appointment is to plan, organize and operate all IBN tournaments, including the State Championship Tournament. This position is responsible for submitting to the Board sites and dates selected for all tournaments, determining eligibility, collection of entry fees, determining awards, setting rules with final authority on proper conduct of anglers, establishing procedures and qualifications, and other matters properly related to orderly conduct of all IBN Tournaments. Ensures that all tournaments are conducted within the spirit and letter of current IBN tournament rules, and any applicable federal and state laws and regulations. All IBN open tournaments will be open to all anglers sixteen (16) years of age or older. It will be the primary duty of the tournament director to conduct affairs such that only honor, integrity, sportsmanship and the highest levels of fair play will be reflected by state tournaments, and thus each and every member of the B.A.S.S.

**Section 4.** Youth Director: The purpose of this appointment is to plan, organize and implement all IBN youth activities and events and to act as IBN liaison between member clubs and local, state and national youth related organizations and activities. The primary objective of these activities being to introduce young anglers to the goals of the B.A.S.S. and to bestow upon them a strong basis of respect for our natural resource heritage.

Section 5. WEB Site Manager: The purpose of this appointment is to serve as the electronic voice of the IBN and to manage and maintain the Web site.

Section 6. Special Appointments: The Board may make special appointments as necessary to conduct IBN business, but only for well-defined purposes, and in no case shall the tenure of said appointment exceed two (2) years from the date of appointment or to the end of the term of the President. Special appointments may not supersede or otherwise infringe upon the duties and responsibilities of current appointments.

#### **ARTICLE V - Annual Review**

These bylaws and standing rules should be reviewed every two years by the Board or appointed representatives to ensure they adequately reflect the working needs of the IBN.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Dues**

Section 1. Annual Dues: The Board shall determine the annual dues payable to the IBN by each IBN member and shall give appropriate notice to the IBN members.

Section 2. Payment of Dues: For affiliated clubs, dues shall be payable by the 31st of December each year and will be considered delinquent on the 1st of January of each year. Being delinquent in dues will cause the affected club and all of its members to lose all rights associated with affiliation with the IBN. Delinquent members are not eligible to participate in IBN tournaments until they are a member in good standing of the IBN. New clubs will be affiliated with the IBN upon payment of dues. Likewise, new members of affiliated clubs can become affiliated upon payment of IBN dues.

It is recommended that all State Team Members have their National and State dues paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Fiscal Year**

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the IBN shall be the calendar year starting January 1 and ending at midnight December 31 of each year.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Amendment of Bylaws**

Section 1. These Bylaws may be altered or repealed and may be adopted by a majority vote of Board members present at any regular meeting provided all

club representatives and Board members are given notification thirty (30) days before such actions are taken. All such amendments shall become part of the official bylaws of the IBN.

The interpretation of these rules and procedures rest solely with the IBN Board

### **ARTICLE IX - Operating policies**

Section 1. Operating policies shall be made or changed by a simple majority vote at any regular Board meeting. The Board Secretary shall maintain a current and accurate list of all operating policies in a separate addendum to these By-Laws.

Section 2. The President and or the Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$100.00 each per occurrence on the behalf of the IBN without prior Board approval. To receive reimbursement, copies of any invoice must be submitted to the Board for reimbursement at the next regular IBN meeting. No other Board members are authorized to expend funds on behalf of IBN without prior approval of the Board.

The President and or the Treasurer will notify the Board by e-mail within 72 hours if expenditures are made on the behalf of the IBN.

### **ARTICLE X - Dissolution Clause**

Section 1. Dissolution: If the necessity arises that the IBN should dissolve, (This only can occur if there are less than 6 members left in good Standing) all monies and any other assets of the organization shall be donated to a charitable organization or institution recognized by the IRS (In any event no monies or property can be transferred to another organization that is in direct competition with the IBN. No monies and/or assets may accrue to the benefit of any club or IBN member.

### **ARTICLE XI – Standing Rules**

A. The primary goal of the IBN shall be to preserve and further the sport of bass angling.

B. Funds for the support and maintenance of the IBN will be derived from annual member dues and special projects sponsored by the IBN. Under no circumstance may the IBN accept monetary assistance from individuals, businesses, corporations or governmental agencies or participate/partner monetarily with a for profit entity.

C. B.A.S.S. shall be notified of any amendment of alteration of these bylaws and standing rules.

D. Each affiliated club should have a representative at all regular and special Board meetings and meet all other state and national requirements.

E. The IBN will have annual dues determined by the Board, assessed to each Member affiliated clubs. They shall be collected each year by the Treasurer beginning November 1 of each year. If dues are not remitted by the first day of January of the next year, the club or individual member shall be deemed to be indebted to the IBN and will be excluded from participating as a IBN member as specified in the bylaws. New clubs and members will be affiliated upon payment of specified fees and dues.

F. A member may belong to more than one affiliated club.

G. In all IBN sponsored tournaments, current National B.A.S.S. rules will apply. Any deviations to these rules will be approved by the Board.

H. Violation of any local, state or federal laws and statutes related to fishing, boating or environmental regulations during any IBN sponsored tournament will result in immediate disqualification of the offending angler as determined and resolved by Board members present at the tournament.

I. State team qualifying tournaments, the Tournament Director shall administer arrangements, awards, all rules, regulations and direction of the tournament.

These Standing Rules and procedures may be altered or repealed and new rules and procedures may be adopted by a majority vote of Board members present at any regular meeting provided all club representatives and Board members are given notification thirty (30) days before such actions are taken. The interpretation of these rules and procedures rest solely with the IBN Board.

**Approved and adopted by a majority vote of the Board on June, 6, 2013**



President



Vice-President



Secretary



Treasurer

*Gloria Alvarado by E-mail*

Conservation



Web Site Manager



North Tournament Director



South Tournament Director

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Club Representative

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