

Del Norte Bass Anglers BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This chapter shall be called the DEL NORTE BASS ANGLERS of Tucson, Arizona.

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our State Conservation 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 the crime. To improve our skill as bass anglers through fellowship and friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth participation in the sport of fishing, and a love for this great recreation. To function as a dynamic and effective link, with other chapters of the Arizona Bass Nation chapter embracing the principles and purposes of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Number of members

1. The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six members.
2. The number of chapter members shall not be limited.

Section 2: Requirement for membership

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

1. Be sixteen (16) years of age or over.
2. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
3. Be a member in good standing of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.
4. Have and carry proof of current automobile liability insurance, covering himself and passengers for any vehicle used for club functions as well as requisite licenses to drive and/or to fish as applicable.
5. Full membership shall then be awarded.

Section 3: Membership Dues

1. Membership dues shall be established annually by the Board in order to ensure coverage of applicable fees to BASS and AZ BASS Nation as well as allow for sufficient funds for operation of this club.
2. Dues shall be payable by new members as soon as membership is awarded; and for existing members prior to the first tournament of the New Year.
3. Prorating membership dues will not be allowed.
4. Any check returned for insufficient funds will be subject to a \$25.00 service fee. Repeat offenders will be required to pay for all functions on a "cash only" basis.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, ELECTION, VACANCIES AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: Officers and their duties

1. President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all club functions. Be one of two signatories on the club checking/savings account(s).
2. Vice President: Act as program chairman, assists the president in his duties and presides in the absence of the president.
3. Secretary: Maintain accurate, written minutes of all meetings, and ensure posting and archiving of minutes onto the club website. Along with the president, maintain regular liaison between the chapter and the Bass national headquarters and the Arizona BASS Nation headquarters. Establish and maintain an accurate club membership data base and share it with active members of the club.
4. Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records and report the financial status at each club meeting. Maintain the club checking/savings account(s) and be one of two signatories on said account(s). Ensure payment of all club fiscal obligations and awards.
5. Tournament Director: Preside over all club tournaments. Maintain accurate records of tournament results. Obtain the required permits and insurances for club functions.
6. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director will constitute the Del Norte Bass Anglers "Board". The Board shall be responsible for compliance with BASS and AZ BASS Nation requirements, especially those related to membership, dues and tournaments. The Board shall also have responsibilities delineated within these by-laws; see Article II. Section 3; Article VI; and Section 4 of this Article.

Section 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually. Nominations shall be made during the regular meeting in October; and the election vote shall be conducted during the regular meeting in November. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in the order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1

Section 3: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 4: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, the Board shall seek nominations then conduct a vote of the Board members to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office. National B.A.S.S. headquarters should be notified of any change in officers.

Section 5: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

1. Have been an active member for six (6) months.
2. Have shown an active interest in chapter functions.

ARTICLE IV - METHOD OF AMENDING THE BYLAWS

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

The process of amending these BYLAWS:

1. At any regular meeting a motion may be made to change the specific language in any article or section of the by-laws which must then be seconded, discussed and voted upon by members present. If the motion passes by a simple majority vote the matter is then carried over to the next subsequent meeting where the motion for change to the by-laws is re-introduced and must then pass a vote of 2/3 majority of members present. The change to the by-laws then passed shall take effect immediately unless the proposal or motion stipulates another effective date.
2. At any regular meeting a member may submit a written notice proposing a change to the by-laws which will be made known to all members present by reading the proposed change. This written notice will serve as notice that a vote will be taken on the proposed change at the next subsequent meeting. At the next meeting the proposal will be re-read via a motion to be seconded and discussed. The vote on the motion must carry by a 2/3 majority of members present to succeed at which point the proposal passes to take effect immediately unless the proposal or motion stipulates another effective date.

ARTICLE V - VOTING

Section 1. General Voting During Regular Meetings

1. Each member present and in good standing of Del Norte Bass Anglers and B.A.S.S. shall be entitled to one vote.
2. The President's vote will be counted only in the case of a tie.
3. Proxy votes are permitted for general voting, provided, the vote is submitted to a club officer prior to the meeting.

Section 2: Election of Officers

All members present at the regular meeting wherein elections take place who are in good standing are entitled to one vote per office. Proxy votes are not permitted.

ARTICLE VI - REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

1. Removal from membership shall require a majority vote by the club officers.
2. A member may be dropped from the membership rolls for the following:
 - a. Failure to pay dues.
 - b. Any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace on this chapter.
3. Any person so removed has the right to petition the club Board for reconsideration of membership standing.

ARTICLE VII – STATE TEAM MEMBER BENEFIT

Del Norte Bass members that are on the "State Team" will be eligible for monetary compensation (provided funds are available), if the following requirements are met:

1. Member has fished a minimum of 6 club tournaments not including Bass Nation qualifiers, within the qualifying season.
2. Membership with Del Norte Bass must be current.
3. Must be a member in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

Requirements for Affiliation:

1. Approval of Chapter Charter by B.A.S.S.
2. Update B.A.S.S. with chapter membership roster once each year upon receipt of current B.A.S.S. roster at year's end.
3. New members joining Del Norte Bass Anglers during the year, must be submitted to B.A.S.S. as they occur.
4. Maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership.
5. Must affiliate with Arizona BASS Nation and support its conservation and youth programs; and support any additional requirements that the Arizona BASS Nation establishes, such as membership dues and meeting participation that would be necessary to participate in Arizona BASS Nation qualifying tournaments and any other sponsored events.

Effective by vote of the attending membership at the August 2018 meeting.