



BASS®



Suggested Bylaws For A Junior BASS® Club

These bylaws are offered as a basis for your new Junior BASS Club. They may be modified if necessary before submitting them to BASS for approval. However, if your club is already in existence and you are operating under other bylaws, please add the article for membership (II) and the article for affiliation (V) and submit two copies to BASS. When your bylaws have been approved, the certified copy will be returned to your chapter secretary.

CHAPTER NAME

NAME OF SPONSORING ADULT CLUB

CITY

STATE

ZIP

ARTICLE I - Name and purpose

Section 1: Name

This chapter shall be called the

Name of Chapter

of _____
City State Zip

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of our Junior BASS Club is to promote and encourage youth fishing through education of fishing ethics, sportsmanship, fishing techniques, and conservation of our natural resources. To fulfill all responsibilities we owe to our community, our state, and our society to help maintain natural fishing resources.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

The Chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six members.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

- a. express an interest in membership.
- b. be 18 years old or younger.
- c. be a member of the state BASS Federation Nation

Section 3: Membership Dues

The dues shall be \$10.00 per member for BASS Federation Nation dues and \$_____ for club dues each year. This entitles each Junior Member eligibility for the Junior World Championship and provides the club with general liability insurance coverage.

Section 4: Meetings

The club shall hold regular meetings at a set time.

ARTICLE III - Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their duties

The officers of the club shall include:

- a. **PRESIDENT:** Run all meetings and conduct all business with the guidance of an adult BASS member.
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Run meetings if the president is not present and assist president in any way possible.
- c. **SECRETARY:** Take minutes of all meetings and take care of all correspondence and mail.
- d. **TREASURER:** Collect, record, and disburse all money of the club.

Section 2: Elections

The elections of officers shall be held annually. Elections shall be by majority of members present. Elections for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1. Each member is entitled to one vote, proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 3: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin when elected, and end with the next year’s election.

Section 4: Vacancies

In the event an office becomes vacant, an election shall take place to fill the position until the end of the term. If this happens, the BASS Federation must be notified of the change in officers.

Section 5: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

- a. have been a member for six months.
- b. have attended 75% of all club activities.
- c. have paid club dues.

ARTICLE IV - Removal Of Membership

Section 1: Causes for Removal

A member shall be dropped from the club for the following reasons:

- a. failure to pay dues.
- b. failure to participate in 50% of club activities.
- c. any action that would reflect dishonor and/or disgrace the club or BASS.
- d. Disqualification for any reason from participating in BASS-sponsored events, including disqualification for use of drugs and alcohol.

ARTICLE V - Affiliation

Section 1: Requirements for Affiliation

- a. Approval of Junior Club by BASS.
- b. Update BASS with chapter membership roster once each year. Annual update cycle begins each year on Nov. 1.
- c. Name, address, and dues of new members must be sent to BASS as they join.
- d. Should be sponsored by an adult BASS Federated club. If this is not possible, request exception to policy from BASS.

- e. Must affiliate with state Federation Nation and support its conservation and youth programs. Any additional requirements that the state Federation Nation establishes for chapters, such as membership, dues, attendance at meetings, etc., would be necessary for the chapter to participate in the state Federation Nation qualifying tournament(s) and any other Federation Nation sponsored tournaments or events.

- f. Must maintain 100% membership.

ARTICLE VI - Method of Amending Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.

We, the undersigned charter members, do hereby agree to the above bylaws and the establishment of this chapter on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Senior Advisor

Signatures of members

Complete two copies and send to BASS. One copy will be returned to the chapter secretary.

