

The Idaho Bass Federation BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This organization shall be called The Idaho Bass Federation Inc.

Section 2: Purpose

- A. To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport.
- B. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement.
- C. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water quality standards.
- D. To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of bass catching techniques and ideas.
- E. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.
- F. To function as a dynamic and effective link between member chapters embracing the principles and purposes of The Bass Federation Inc.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Chapter Member

All Idaho fishing clubs are eligible to join The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc. All member clubs and their members must be current members of The Bass Federation, Inc.

Section 2: Dues

The Board of Directors may establish a dues structure as a requirement to belong to The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc.

Section 3: Requirements for Membership

To become a member chapter

- A. Have either applied for membership or be a member chapter in good standing with The Bass Federation, Inc. (TBF)
- B. Provide by January 1st of each year a list of elected officers and member chapter representatives.
- C. Adhere to any dues schedule prescribed by The Idaho Bass Federation Board of Directors.
- D. Provide an annual report by October 31st of each year to the secretary of The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc. on the chapter's conservation, fishing, legislative, youth and community activities.

ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Federation Board of Directors

The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc. Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. One elected representative from each of the member chapters.
- B. The Federation President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will constitute the Executive Board

Section 2: Term of Office

- A. Shall be for one (1) calendar year, beginning January 1.
- B. All Board of Director members may serve more than one consecutive term in the same office.

Section 3: Officers and Member Chapter Representative's Duties

- A. President:
 - 1. To preside over all Federation meetings and direct all official business of the Federation
 - 2. To appoint from the Federation membership the following committee chairpersons:
 - a) Conservation
 - b) Tournament
 - c) Youth Activities
 - d) Public Relations
 - e) Communication
 - f) Special committees as needed
- B. Vice President:
 - 1. Preside in the absence of the President and assist the President in his duties.
- C. Secretary:
 - 1. Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called by the President
 - 2. Maintain regular liaison between member chapters and the Federation
 - 3. To provide the minutes of previous Federation meetings to all chapter representatives.
 - 4. To provide an annual report of The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc. achievements to be submitted to the Board of Directors and to The Bass Federation, Inc.
- D. Treasurer:
 - 1. Collect and disburse all monies
 - 2. Maintain accurate records and present a current financial report at each regular meeting.
 - 3. Prepare an audit for review by the Federation Board of Directors on request.
- E. Member Chapter Representative:
 - 1. To attend all regular and special meetings as called by the Federation President

2. To provide accurate written minutes of all regular and special meetings to member chapters.

Section 4: Voting

- A. Each member of the Board of Directors, except the President (see B below) is entitled to one vote.
- B. The President will vote on in case of a tie.
- C. A simple majority vote by the Board of Directors is required for approval for general business.
- D. A 2/3-majority vote is required for an Idaho Bass Federation, Inc. by-law change.
- E. All votes for Federation officers shall be by secret ballot.
- F. All other votes shall be by roll call unless in the opinion of the President this particular vote, because of a sensitive nature should best be addressed by the secret ballot method.

Section 5: Vacancies

- A. In the event of a Federation office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held for the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.
- B. When a member chapter's representative to the Federation Board of Directors vacates their office, that member chapter shall elect a new representative to serve on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: ELIGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE

Section 1: Member Chapter Representatives to the Federation

- A. Must be a member in good standing of TBF.
- B. Must be a member of an active affiliated member chapter of The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc.

Section 2: Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Must either have served one year on the Board of Directors or have actively participated in a major project of the Federation or otherwise demonstrated active interest in the efforts of the Federation. A non-member related to a member may hold one of these offices.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominations

Nominations for the Federation officers shall be accepted during the October meeting.

Section 2: Elections

Elections will be held at the regular November meeting.

Section 3: Voting

Voting shall be by a simple majority of the Board of Directors. Every reasonable attempt will be made to insure that every member chapter places a vote. Proxy votes in writing can be accepted. Proxy votes may be made by teleconference if person making the vote has the written proxy in hand.

Section 4: Attendance

A minimum 2/3 of the Board of Directors must be present. Proxy votes would constitute a member being present.

ARTICLE VI: REMOVAL FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Federation Officers

- A. Any member of the Board of Directors who can show just cause why a current Federation Officer is not qualified to execute the duties of that office can ask the Board of Directors for that officer's removal.
- B. A 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors will be required for removal.

Section 2: Member Chapter Representative

If the Board of Directors can show just cause why a member chapter representative should be removed, they may request that the member chapter elect a new representative.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meeting Date

The Federation Board of Directors shall meet the third Thursday of each month.

Section 2: Open Meetings

The Federation meetings shall be open to all TBF chapter members and the public.

Section 3: Closed Meetings

The Federation meetings can be closed to the public at the discretion of the President.

Section 4: Quorum Policy

Fifty percent (50%) of the Federation Board of Directors must be present to constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called as needed by the President with 48 hours prior notice, either written or verbal to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAWS

Section 1: Proposing Changes

Proposed changes to the by-laws may be presented at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Voting on Proposed Changes

Proposed changes must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least one regular meeting prior and will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX: FEDERATION FUNDING

Section 1: Outside Funding

Under no circumstances may The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc. accept monetary assistance from individuals, businesses, corporations, or government agencies if there is any evidence that the goals of these entities are contrary to the primary goals of The Idaho Bass Federation.

ARTICLE X: STANDING COMMITTEES

The purpose of the committees shall be to develop and submit to the Federation Board of Directors for their approval plans and recommendations on their activities at each regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI: POLICIES

Section 1: Definition of Policies

A statement of rules and regulations governing the daily operation of The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc.

Section 2: Changes of Policies

Policies may be made or changed by a simple majority vote by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting of The Idaho Bass Federation, Inc.

Section 3: Maintaining Policies

The State Secretary shall maintain a current and accurate policy manual.

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Youth By-Laws

Section 1: Member Clubs

- A. A youth club must be sponsored by an adult member chapter club.
- B. Each youth club will have an adult supervisor who is an active member of the adult member chapter club. Each youth club supervisor will be responsible for creating activities for their club which may include but not be limited to, conservation projects, youth tournaments, picnics or other activities that the adult sponsor club deems worthy.

Section 2: Dues

- A. Each member of a youth chapter will be required to be a basic youth member of The Bass Federation, Inc. (TBF)
- B. Those youth members who desire to participate in Youth Championship Tournaments are required to be a Premium Youth member of The Bass Federation, Inc. (TBF).
- C. There will be no requirement for state youth dues.