

CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS 2006-2007

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1: NAME

This club shall be called "BassPack"

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be:

- To improve the bass fishing skills of its individual members through the FRIENDLY-SHARED exchange of knowledge and experiences.
- To hold tournaments amongst members and as a team representing NCSU.
- To be active in the conservation of the sport of Bass fishing.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The number of members may be limited if club officers deem it necessary for the club to achieve its purpose. See Article 1 Section 2

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be a member an individual must...

1. Be a regularly enrolled student at NCSU. Alumni may hold inactive membership.
2. Absent no more than two club meetings per semester.
3. Have a genuine interest in bass fishing and have a proficiency or willingness to learn basic bass fishing skills.
4. Obtain a current fishing license and agree to keep said license current while a member.
5. Obey all local, state, and federal wildlife and fisheries laws.

SECTION 3: DUES

1. A membership year will follow the NCSU fiscal calendar, July 1-June 30.
2. Club membership dues shall be set by officers in August.
3. Dues should be paid by all members by the end of the third meeting of the year.
4. An increase in dues by more than 51% from the previous year requires a majority vote of members in good standing.
5. Delinquent members will not be allowed to fish in the monthly tournament.
6. Students graduating in Dec or beginning in January may purchase a ½ year membership for ½ price.
7. Paid dues are non-refundable.
8. Officers may confidentially waive a member's dues with clause if a special financial situation arises for that student. This should **rarely** be used.

SECTION 4: USE OF CLUB DUES

Club dues should solely be used to further the purpose of the club. See Article 1 Section 2.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY for OFFICE

SECTION 1: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Club officers will be appointed as follows...

President

The president shall:

1. Preside over all club meetings.
2. Direct and supervise all club meetings.
3. Organize all committees.
4. Break ties on voting matters.
5. Preside over University matters.
6. Prepare all club correspondence including emailing members about upcoming meetings.
7. Make the final decisions with regards to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations. If the president is involved in the violation or feels they should abstain, then this duty is passed to the Vice President. If the VP is also involved then the duty is passed to the treasurer. If the treasurer is also involved then the duty is passed to the Secretary. If the secretary is involved then the duty is passed to the Weigh Master. If the Weigh Master is involved then the duty should be decided by majority vote of members.

Vice President

The Vice President shall:

1. Ambassador to club sports
2. Assist the President in all his duties.
3. Preside over all functions in the Presidents absence.
4. Make safety inspections prior to the start of any event.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

1. Maintain the official club constitution and by-laws.
2. Maintain accurate minutes of all club meetings and submit minutes to officers for approval.
3. Maintain records of tournament results.
4. Maintain files for the club.
5. Perform all functions associated with President and Vice President in their absence in accordance with existing regulations and policies.
6. Maintain records of attendance at club meetings.
7. Notify members of upcoming election information.
8. Give records ie waivers to club sports.
9. Keep track of "Angler of the Year" points.

Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

1. Maintain accurate records of all club financial transactions.
2. Submit accurate financial reports to any member who requests .
3. Maintain all club financial accounts in conjunction with the club faculty adviser. If there is no faculty advisor then the President will assume this duty.
4. Report to club the status of accounts as necessary.
5. Must attend financial training meeting under Club Sports

Tournament Coordinator

The Tournament Coordinator shall:

1. Make arrangements for the tournament sites, reservations, lodging recommendations ect. Help may be enlisted from a committee if desired.
2. Coordinate and control group movement to the tournaments.
3. Participate in making final decisions with regard to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations.
4. Keep records of incoming school contacts and welcome groups
5. Approves tournament plans with president
6. Record the weight of all fish.
7. Present results at tournaments and submit the report to the secretary for recording.

8. Decide live/dead status of fish for the purposes of weight penalty. **Their decision is final.**
9. Maintain scales of the club.
10. Appoint an assistant Weigh Master.

Media Relations

The Media relations officer shall:

1. Actively contacting local media with press releases about future events and results of past events.
2. Collect necessary information for accurate press releases.
3. Develop a club brochure, and keep it updated.
4. Work with Web designer to make sure information is consistent.
5. Contact new sponsors.

Web Master

The Web Master shall:

1. Actively manage the club website space with regular updates.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

1. Any member in good standing nominates candidates for office.
2. Nominations will occur at the first meeting of the year.
3. Election of officers will occur at the second club meeting of the year.
4. Elections should try to be conducted in such a way that an unsuccessful candidate has the opportunity to run for unfilled offices in the same election. Offices will be filled in the following order: President, VP, Treasure, Secretary, Tournament coordinator, Webmaster.
5. Candidates will be elected by the general membership by simple majority.
6. It is preferred if all votes will be made by secret written ballot.

SECTION 3: VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Only members in good standing are entitled to one vote. Absentee voting is permitted. Absentee votes must be submitted in writing to the secretary or email to the faculty advisor in advance of the meeting at which the issue is presented to the general membership for consideration. The member shall submit the ballot to the secretary in a sealed envelope that will be opened at the meeting at which the motion is presented.

SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE

Term of office shall be for one membership year. July 1-June 30 unless said officer resigns, moves, or is removed from office.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES

In the event that an officer's position becomes vacant before February 15th, an election will be held. (See Article III Section 2, elections.) In the event that the office of President becomes vacant after February 15th, the Vice President will automatically succeed to the office and the board will request a member to fill the Vice Presidents position. If an office other than the president becomes vacant after February 15th the board will request a member to fill the position.

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

To be eligible for elected office, a member must...

1. Be a member in good standing.
2. Anticipate that he will remain in this local for the term of office.
3. Regularly attend club meetings.
4. Have fished for bass in the previous year.
5. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 at time of election.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS – FREQUENCY AND ATTENDANCE

SECTION 1: FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The club shall conduct meetings regularly as scheduled by officers in August of that year.

SECTION 2: ATTENDANCE

Members are strongly encouraged to attend meetings. Points for tournament standing can be awarded as stated in the points system developed by officers. For a member to remain active they must not miss any more than two meetings per semester.

ARTICLE V: FINANCIAL RECORDS

The treasurer and faculty advisor shall maintain accurate financial record of all transactions involving club funds. Any member has the right to view all records. Audits in December-January and late April-May are to be conducted by the treasurer and faculty advisor. The results of this audit will be reduced to a written report of the general fiscal health of the club.

ARTICLE VI: CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments or changes must be submitted to the secretary in writing in enough time for the secretary to distribute to current members before the meeting when the vote will occur. The proposal shall be announced under new business the meeting. Members in good standing will vote upon the proposal. A two-thirds majority of members in good standing present must pass changes in the constitution or pass amendments that override the constitution. A one-half majority of members in good standing present must pass amendments that do not override the constitution.

ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

CLUB MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED OR DENIED MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS...

1. Failure to pay club dues.
2. Failure to attend any meeting the previous year.
3. Violation of tournament regulations.
4. Theft.
5. Use of illicit drugs during club activity.
6. Any act that the officers deem to be unbecoming of a club member or prejudicial to the good order, discipline or camaraderie of the club.
7. **Cheating. This includes being found guilty of academic dishonesty.**

Termination requires a simple majority vote of members present.

Vote will be taken by way of a secret ballot.

Terminable offenses should be submitted to any officer in writing for review by the board.

Terminated members will be given no refund of club dues.

ARTICLE VIII: REMOVAL FROM ELECTED OFFICE

Any elected official of the club may be removed from office by the general membership for violation of the club constitution and by-laws or for other reasons, which would justify termination of membership of any member. A member who desires to initiate action to remove an elected official shall enter a motion in writing clearly citing the reasons for the motion. Removal from office will require a simple majority of the total general membership. Removal from office will not constitute automatic termination of membership.

ARTICLE IX: TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are applicable to all tournaments conducted by this club. Final interpretation of them will be the responsibility of the Tournament director and the club officers.

SECTION 1: Money

BassPack tournaments will not have financial payouts. Member will only be competing for points amongst each other. An exception is if the intercollegiate competition has financial rewards. However, Members are allowed to participate in simultaneous tournaments that do have financial payouts. A member is not required to join a financial payout tournament to earn points.

SECTION 2: Participation

All club members in good standing may fish club tournaments.

SECTION 3: Tackle

No natural bait (i.e. minnows, worms, shrimp, ect.) may be used. Pork strips and pork ells are permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Extra rods and reels, rigged or un-rigged may be in the boat. Electric fishing aids may be used.

SECTION 4: Boats and Motors

Boats and motors must be properly licensed. Boats must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment.

SECTION 5: Expenses

The purpose of this section is that one member is not forced to pay \$5 while another pays \$105 based on the boat lottery. All club members will pay the same amount for sharing the expenses of a partner's boat. The club will set a rate for each tournament that members are willing to pay a boat owner for the sharing of expenses. Boat owners who are willing to accept less are requested to make a donation to the club's general fund with the excess monies. If enough excess funds are available from a tournament then members of that tournament will receive a rebate. Boat owners not willing to accept the fee are asked not to team up with BassPack members. BassPack boat owners do not pay to be in their own boat and must accept fees from members.

SECTION 6: Equal Time

BassPack partners are entitled to equal time in the front of the boat. Person in front determines the location of the boat. Mutual agreement or coin toss will determine who is in front first.

SECTION 7: Safety

Any tournament director or weigh master may inspect all boats for safety before the start of the tournament. **Life vest must be worn at all times when main motor is running.** Boat must display running lights during hours of

darkness. Tournament director has the right to disqualify any contestant for dangerous conduct during the tournament or at the weigh-ins. Kill switches should be used when the gas motor is running.

SECTION 8: Courtesy

No participant shall fish within 50 yards of another club member's boat unless specific permission is granted or stated permissible at beginning of tournaments on lakes that are small. All club members will treat everyone on and off the water with respect. Any club member who fails to grant the basic courtesies to his fellow fishermen may have their catch for the day disqualified. All decisions regarding any penalties or sanctions will be the responsibility of the Tournament director and officers.

SECTION 9: Late Penalty

Contestants late for weigh-in will lose one-half pound per minute late. Contestants who check in more than fifteen minutes late will be disqualified. If a BassPack member is with a partner that solely causes late arrival, then that member will not be penalized if the partner agrees they were solely the cause of late arrival. If the boat the BassPack member is in breaks down or stops to help a broken boat, then that member will not be penalized if the boat owner agrees mechanical failure was the sole cause of late arrival. Penalties and waivers can be adjusted before the start of an individual tournament if officers see fit.

SECTION 10: Partners

Partners are to be determined by a lottery draw. No two members or guest may fish together consecutively.

SECTION 11: Inclement Weather

BassPack will adhere to the Universities adverse weather policy decisions. Events may also be canceled or delayed by decision of faculty advisor or board members. Contestants are encouraged to take shelter if lightning is present. **Members are responsible for their own safety.**

SECTION 12: Protest

Any protest regarding violations of tournament rules should be submitted to an officer no later than **10 minutes** after weigh-in concludes. The appropriate officers will make a determination and report at the next meeting.