

BASSPACK CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS 2011-2012

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1: NAME

This club shall be called “BassPack – The Bass Fishing Club at NC State”

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. Limiting will be based on:

- Seniority
- Participation

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be a member an individual must...

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

SECTION 3: DUES

- A membership year will follow the NCSU fiscal calendar, July 1- June 30.
- Club membership dues shall be set by officers in August.
- Dues should be paid by all members by the end of the third meeting of the year.
- An increase in dues by more than 51% from the previous year requires a majority vote of members in good standing.

- Delinquent members will not be allowed to fish in the monthly tournament.
- Members will not be able to participate in club tournaments until their dues are paid.
- Students graduating in Dec. or beginning in January may purchase a ½ year membership for ½ the yearly price.
- Paid dues are non-refundable.
- 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

The duties of each club officer are as follows:

President

The President shall:

- Preside over all club meetings.
- Direct and supervise all club meetings.
- Organize all committees.
- Preside over voting matters in an unbiased setting. President's views/opinions shall only be given if individually solicited in a private setting.
- Preside over University matters and maintain all club property.
- Prepare all club correspondence including emailing members about upcoming meetings.
- 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 Tournament Director. If the Tournament Director is involved then the duty should be decided by majority vote of members.

Vice President

The Vice President shall:

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

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Maintain the official club constitution and by-laws.
- Maintain accurate minutes of all club meetings and submit to officers for approval. Read minutes at the club meetings.
- Maintain records of tournament results.
- Maintain files for the club and have members sign all required forms from the University.
- Perform all functions associated with President and Vice President in their absence in accordance with existing regulations and policies.
- Maintain records of attendance at club meetings.
- Notify members of upcoming election information.
- Give records i.e. waivers to club sports.

- Keep track of “Angler of the Year” points.
- Send out reminder emails to club members.
- Assist Treasurer in preparing budgets for allocations.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Maintain accurate records of all club financial transactions.
- Submit accurate financial reports to any member who requests.
- Maintain all club financial accounts.
- Prepare budgets for allocations.
- Report to club the status of accounts as necessary.
- Must attend financial training meeting under Club Sports.
- Must have his or her name on the club’s account within two weeks of being elected.
- Has access to tax records for the club’s account.
- Handles the sales of approved club items (i.e. t-shirts, jerseys)

Tournament Director

The Tournament Director shall:

- Make arrangements for the tournament sites, reservations, lodging recommendations etc. Help may be enlisted from a committee if desired.
- Coordinate and control group movement to the tournaments.
- Makes final decisions with regard to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations in regards to the club tournament regulations.
- Keep records of incoming school contacts and welcome groups.
- Approves tournament plans with president.
- Record the weight of all fish.
- Present results at tournaments and submit the report to the secretary for recording.
- Decide live/dead status of fish for the purposes of weight penalty. **Their decision is final.**
- Maintain club scales.

Public Relations

The Public Relations officer shall:

- Actively contact local media with press releases about future events and results of past events.
- Collect necessary information for accurate press releases.
- Contact new sponsors.

Agri-Life Council Representative

The Agri-Life Council Representative shall:

- Attend ALL Agri-Life Council meetings for the duration of the school year.
- Report news and upcoming event information from Agri-Life to the club at club meetings.
- Submit budget each semester.
- Help sell tickets and collect sponsors for the Masquerade Ball with help from officers and club members.

Media Manager

The Media Manager shall:

- Develop a club brochure, and keep it updated.
- Work with the Web Master to make sure information is consistent.
- Send write-ups in a word document to Web Master and newspapers.
- Upload pictures to the message board.
- Archive newspapers in a .pdf file and make accessible on the website.
- Develop a media recording (i.e. video, slideshow) of the year’s events (i.e. community service, parade, tournaments, meetings) for viewing at the end of year banquet.

Web Master

The Web Master shall:

- Actively manage the club website space with regular updates.
- Must attend a level one training course for web design at no cost to the Web Master.
- Should maintain communication with the Secretary and Media Manager.
- Maintain Orgsync account.
- In charge of recording weights at each tournament weigh-in and responsible for sending that information to the Secretary.

Faculty Advisor

The Faculty Advisor shall:

- Lend his/her experience, judgment and knowledge and assist officers in developing the club.
- Help to maintain continuity in club programming and provide knowledge and a historical context of university policies/procedures.
- Have the right to contact media.
- Have full rights to audit and update the website and message board.
- Be treated as a club member with regards to removal due to unethical activities. See Article VII, Sections IV, V, and VI of the constitution.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

- Any member in good standing nominates candidates for office.
- Nominations will occur at the second to last meeting of the year.
- Election of officers will occur at the last meeting of the year or at the End of Year banquet.
- 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, Treasurer, Secretary, Tournament director, and Web Master.
- Candidates will be elected by the general membership by simple majority.
- It is preferred that all votes 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 1st - June 30th unless said officer resigns, moves, or is removed from office.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES

In the event that an office'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:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Anticipate that he will remain in this local for the term of office.
- Regularly attend club meetings.
- Have been bass fishing in the previous year.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 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 three meetings per semester. If a member misses more than three meetings during a semester their name will be removed from the points' records and all accumulated points will be lost. Members can rejoin the following semester and start their points record over.

ARTICLE V: FINANCIAL RECORDS

The Treasurer 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 of 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 at 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 the good standing present must pass amendments that do not override the constitution.

ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

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

- Failure to pay club dues.
- Failure to attend any meeting the previous year.
- Violation of tournament regulations.
- Theft.
- Use of illicit drugs during club activity.
- 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.
- 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, etc.) may be used. Pork strips and pork ells are permitted. Only one rob may be in use at a 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.

Any Regional or National tournament that requires the anglers to haul their own personal boat to the destination the club will pay the angler the national gas price average for 13 miles per gallon and 15 miles per gallon for tournaments that do not require bringing personal boats. For the practice days sanctioned for Regional and National tournaments the boater will receive \$30 per practice day to be used for boat fuel only. The checks will be made and presented to the teams before they leave for the tournament.

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. **A Coast Guard approved 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 the 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. The team must fish at least half the day or they will be completely disqualified or meet with an officer before the half-day cut off.

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.

ARTICLE X: APPAREL

All members should be in appropriate attire during any BassPack event to include: tournaments, boat shows, or any publicized event where BassPack is being represented. Rule specifications are as follows:

- During tournaments BassPack Attire (club sponsor gear, BassPack jersey or BassPack gear) or NCSU apparel or NC State sponsored gear/apparel must be displayed during but not limited to: Arrival to the ramp to blast off and from check in to the closing of weigh in. During the on the water time (From designated blast off time to designated check-in time) members will be allowed to wear protective clothing for the weather elements but will not be allowed to be in any pictures
- During Club Events (Boat shows, Sponsorship Promos, community service, etc.) BassPack apparel or Basspack jersey must be displayed at all times unless otherwise specified by the club officers or by the event the club is participating in.
- At no time during any BassPack event will the following be displayed: Conflicting sponsor apparel that has a dominate logo that covers a large portion of the article of clothing (example, large Bass Pro shops circle logo, browning and Calcutta logos greater than 2 inches wide and 1 inch tall), jerseys other than BassPack jerseys, or any clothing deemed inappropriate by the club officers or club sports.
- Permitted clothing: BassPack Clothing, BassPack Jerseys, NCSU Clothing, NCSU and BassPack

Sponsors, clothing with no company labels displayed on them, Jeans/pants with manufacture sewn labels (Levis, Lee, Wrangler, etc.) only on the belt line, or any clothing that has been brought to the attention of the officers by the individual and allowed by the officers.

Infractions to this rule will result in a docking of points from that member's total points for the year and will be documented in a separate point's deduction column on the point's sheet. All penalties will be determined after the event at the location of the event by the officers present at the event. If the majority of the officers (half plus one) are not present, then the infraction will be assessed at the next officers meeting. Documentation of the infraction by the secretary will be taken immediately following the infraction. The first infraction will constitute a 25 point deduction. All infractions after the first infraction to this rule will result in a 25 point deduction and a heavier penalty (more points deducted, removal from club, forfeit the year etc.) determined by the officers and/or club sports depending on the severity. (REVISED Aug 2011)

ARTICLE XI: CLUB MERCHANDISE

Advisor and officers can store unsold gear and merchandise at their house until the following semester. A detailed list of all merchandise stored will be taken up before storage to ensure all items are accounted for and do not get misplaced.

ARTICLE XII: WINNINGS FROM REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Tournament winnings are divided into 2 checks, 1 check goes to the club and should be deposited into the club bank account and the other check is sent to NC State to use as needed. Any check over \$10,000 can be discussed with club sports in order to change winning percentage according to need. This is a breakdown of how winnings will be divided.

- Club Sports, 25%
- Bass Fishing Club, 75%

The club will decide how the 75% of winnings allocated will be divided between angler and club account.

- BassPack Account, 20%
- Angler(s), 80%

The checks will go through the Treasurer, the Treasurer will take out the percentages, and he will write the appropriate checks and make the appropriate deposits. If a boat is won by a team then its price will be set at \$16,000, so the total winnings from the tournament will be \$16,000 plus the value on the check presented.