

University of Arkansas Bass Club Constitution & Bylaws

ARTICLE I

NAME & PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION ONE

- A) The name of the organization shall be The University of Arkansas Bass Club; hereinafter referred to as, The Bass Club.
- B) This organization will be an affiliated member of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation, FLW, MLF, BoatU.S. and the Department of University Recreation Club Sports program.

SECTION TWO

The purpose of this organization is:

- A) To unite tournament bass anglers through the common bond of fishing.
- B) To educate anglers and develop angling skills (emphasis on COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENT bass fishing).
- C) To strengthen student camaraderie/institutional esprit-de-corps.
- D) Promote sportsmanship through athletic competition and fellowship.
- E) Encourage good stewardship of natural resources.
- F) To develop and train student athletes for participation in tournament angling.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP & CLUB PARAMETERS

SECTION ONE

Membership in the Bass Club is open to any member of the University of Arkansas student body, faculty, staff, and spouse.

- A) Student members must be in good academic and disciplinary standing and currently enrolled for classes at the University of Arkansas. They must be enrolled in at least one credit hour at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (global campus does not count). Failure to comply will result in loss of participation privileges with NO refund of club dues.
- B) Bass Club members must meet academic eligibility standards consistent to those of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation, FLW, MLF, Boat U.S. and any standards set by UREC. A membership roster will be submitted annually to these four organizations.
- C) Bass Club members will be required at the beginning of every fall semester to pay a new membership fee that will be set by the officers at the time.

ARTICLE III

Bass Club COLLEGIATE TOURNAMAMET Club (Club Sport)

- A) *Bass Club* will seek to sponsor teams comprised of student athletes that will represent the college/university at local, state and national tournaments.
- B) Student athletes must be in good academic and disciplinary standing consistent with University of Arkansas student athlete standards.
 - 1. Good academic standing and remain enrolled in at least 1 credit hour.
 - 2. B.A.S.S. Federation Nation requires the above requirements along with the angler becoming a B.A.S.S. member on or before their 25th birthday.
- D) *Bass Club* advisor (faculty member and/or appropriate volunteer) will serve as the applicable tournament club coach.

ARTICLE IV

Bass Club OFFICERS

SECTION ONE

The business management and affairs of the club will be under the direction and control of the *Bass Club* officers.

- A) Officers of the *Bass Club* shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Chair, and Tournament Director.
- B) Officers shall be elected. Election of officers will take place at the last club meeting of the spring semester and will be the FIRST order of new business.
- C) Election quorum will be by majority vote of dues paying members present at the meeting
- D) Term of office for all *Bass Club* officers shall be for a period of one (1) year. All positions will be filled simultaneously in February of the following year and will take office beginning May 1st. Officers may be elected for consecutive terms for the same position.
- E) *Bass Club* officers who are unable to carry out their duties as officers are subject to a special meeting with the other officers of the club. Should a solution fail to be reached to appease both parties, the officer in question may be voted out by unanimous decision of all officers in the club. If that officer is voted out of office, the position will remain vacant until a general meeting of dues-paying members and a new officer can be elected to that position.

SECTION TWO

Responsibilities of Bass Club Officers:

A) President shall:

- a. Preside over *Bass Club* meetings.
- b. Direct all official business concerns to the *Bass Club* advisor for appropriate action
- c. Work directly with the University Recreation offices to ensure that the *Bass Club* is in good standing with the University.
- d. Supervise *Bass Club* committees.
- e. Schedule regular meetings and call special meetings as needed, also providing reasonable time for members to be present.
- f. Assure adequate supervision of all *Bass Club* sponsored events.
- g. Distribute club related information to the membership in a timely and professional manner.
- h. Oversee other officers in the club and ensure they are performing their duties in a manner consistent with the standards set forth by the *Bass Club*.
- i. Monitor all social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) of the *Bass Club* as well as maintain aforementioned outlets with status updates involving club news.
- j. Submit all monthly paperwork to the UREC offices on time to stay in compliance as a club.

B) Vice President shall:

- a. Perform all duties assigned to the position by the President.
- b. Preside over club meetings in the absence of the President.
- c. Assume the responsibility until new elections can be held in the event that the President's office becomes vacant.
- d. Assist in monitoring all social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) of the *Bass Club* as well as maintain aforementioned outlets with status updates involving club news.
- e. Work directly with the President on personnel concerns involving officers or club members to deliver a solution in a timely and professional manner.

C) Secretary shall:

- a. Keep and maintain a record of meeting minutes (Members may receive a copy upon request).
- b. Maintain an updated contact list (Name, Student ID, Email, Phone Number, Mailing Address).
- c. Maintain the record of attendance for all meetings and events.
- d. Maintain and update the general records of the *Bass Club*, including, but not limited to, the points status of current members.
- e. Record the points for each of the members of the *Bass Club*.

D) Treasurer shall:

- a. Be responsible for all monetary business of the *Bass Club* and will be responsible for maintaining full and accurate books at all times, in conjunction with the UREC regulations.
- b. Render a statement of the *Bass Club* finances at each club meeting.
- c. Collect for financial obligations (dues, fines, entry fees, club sponsorship, etc.) owed to the *Bass Club* by members and any outside parties.
- d. Work with Fundraising Chair to ensure all funds from fundraisers are promptly and accurately deposited into *Bass Club* accounts.
- e. Ensure proper disbursement of funds in the event of road trips or tournaments.

E) Fundraising Chair shall:

- a. Lead / plan upcoming fundraising opportunities
- b. Responsible for completing all paperwork necessary with University Recreation Offices to stay compliant and in good standing.
- c. Work with Treasurer to accurately and quickly report and deposit any funds received for the *Bass Club* upon completion of an event.
- d. Assist Tournament Director with all tournament duties.

F) Tournament Director shall

- a. Obtain necessary permits and information for tournaments in a reasonable time before tournament day.
- b. Record a roster on tournament days.
- c. Manage and record all weights of a tournament weigh in procedure.
- d. Turn in all tournament results to Secretary promptly after the tournaments.

ARTICLE V
Bass Club *ADVISOR*

SECTION ONE

- A) The advisor(s) may be a member of the University of Arkansas staff, faculty, or Administration or appropriate volunteer who is knowledgeable in athletic administration, bass angling, and conservation.
- B) The advisor's responsibility shall be to encourage and to provide direction within the organization as needed and to attend all meetings.
- C) The advisor will serve as the *Bass Club* tournament club coach.
- D) Any advisor will be approved for the position by a simple majority amongst all the officers during a special meeting. Should the advisor not fulfill his/her obligations to the club and need to be removed, a simple majority of all the officers will be required for removal.

ARTICLE VI
Bass Club *MEETINGS*

SECTION ONE

- A) Regular monthly meetings will be held at an agreed upon date and time, by a majority vote of the club members.
- B) All *Bass Club* officers in attendance and a quorum of simple majority of members present are needed to conduct business.
- C) Meetings may be held at any time during the school year, except when the University is out on an academic break (summer & winter breaks, spring break, etc.).
- D) Officers will be elected at the last monthly meeting of the academic school year. Only underclassmen who will attend a full year can run as new officers.

ARTICLE VII
Bass Team *FINANCES*

SECTION ONE

- A) All *Bass Club* finances are to be handled by the Treasurer or Fundraising Chair.
- B) A *Bass Club* budget is to be drawn up for each year by current *Bass Club* officers and advisor in accordance with University of Arkansas protocol.
- C) Operation expenses are to be expensed by applying for college funding, by sponsoring fund-raising activities and contributions.
- D) Expense requests shall be submitted to the Treasurer/Vice President for reimbursement. All expense receipts and appropriate documentation (bills, invoices, receipts, etc.) shall be submitted according to the UREC policies set forth for that year.
- E) Club dues will not be refunded after paying.
- F) Club dues are due before the set date determined during the first meeting of the year. Failure to pay dues will result in forfeiture from the club and immediate disqualification from future tournaments.
- G) Dues for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$120 for all members, paid once at the beginning of the school year.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDING & ISSUING OF THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION ONE

- A) If an amendment is desired by any member in good standing with the Bass Club, it shall be submitted to one of the club officers in writing. The recommendation will be put on the meeting agenda and discussed. The recommendation will then be voted upon at the next meeting.
- B) In order for an amendment to pass, it will require an 80% majority vote of members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE

- A) The *Bass Club* will openly accept for membership all University of Arkansas students, faculty, staff, and spouses who meet the requirements set forth by the UREC offices. Members of the club will be accepted regardless of skill or knowledge level so long as dues are paid by set deadlines.
- B) Members of the club will be subject to a points system that will determine whether each member of the club is in good standing.
- C) Failure to remain in good standing, defined as maintaining a positive point balance, will result in the member forfeiting club sponsorships, also not being able to fish in college tournaments until the member is back in good standing with the club. Officers will be in contact with UREC offices and sponsors regarding members in bad standing.
- D) Any physical altercation or criminal matters involving members of the club will be reviewed by the officers if such an instance should occur. A determination will be made on a case by case basis.

SECTION TWO

- A) The points system will be as follows:
 - 1. Members will start with three (3) points at the beginning of the school year.
 - 2. Attending meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. will add (+) one (1) point. Meetings will be mandatory for members and other events such as Club Sports Nights or similar events will be given point status at least a month in advance by a simple majority officer vote.
 - 3. Missing meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. will deduct (-) one (1) point.
 - 4. Zero or negative points will place members in bad standing.

5. Meetings, events, and fundraisers can be missed with an approved excuse from an officer.
 6. Members are responsible to sign in for each event with an officer on the roster provided at each event.
 7. Club social events (team bonding, cookout, etc.) will add (+) one (1) point upon attendance but will not deduct if missed. Special consideration will be used in determining club social events in regards to age and safety of those involved.
- B) Members who pay dues acknowledge they agree to the terms of the bylaws and consent to the sanctions set forth by the *Bass Club*. Members who are in bad standing will be required to meet with the officers of the club to determine a solution. The member in question will then be given opportunities to regain points and return to fishing and club sponsorship.

ARTICLE X

PRIZES, WINNINGS, PAYOUTS AND SPONSORS

- A) One goal of the Bass Club is to provide traveling members with financial compensation with club funds from our accounts. Since these accounts collect funds through member dues, fundraisers, and donations to the club, it is important to maintain funds within the club accounts.
- B) For anglers fishing tournaments as a designated representative of the University of Arkansas Bass Club (i.e. B.A.S.S., FLW, etc.), any cash prizes will be awarded to the anglers responsible for winning that money. Upon arrival back to campus, prize money will be deposited into an account, an officer that did not win prize money will complete proper paperwork to pay out winning members.
- C) Anglers not fishing tournaments as a University of Arkansas Bass Club angler will not be subject to this rule.
- D) In the event of winning a major prize (boat, truck, motor, etc.), the winning angler(s) is/are responsible to pay back any funds used from club accounts for that specific tournament, with any balance after these are replenished being awarded to the winning angler(s). Taxes, fees, or other expenses associated with prize will be solely the responsibility of the winning anglers and not the *Bass Club*.
- E) Only team sponsors need to be represented within the club. No personal sponsors are allowed to be represented in any club events including but not limited to: FLW, BASS, BOAT US, MLF, and ACS.
- F) If caught representing another sponsor the following action will be taken.
 - a. Loss of all club sponsorships for the academic year.