

# PERMIAN BASS CLUB CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE ONE NAME

1. The name of the corporation is The Permian Bass Club, Inc.
2. The duration of the club shall be perpetual and will function as a state chartered non-profit organization and all references hereafter in the Constitution shall be a profit making organization for federal tax purposes only.

## ARTICLE TWO PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this club will be to bring about a closer association of those persons interested in the fine art of bass fishing.
2. Conduct meetings and encourage good fellowship among all bass fishermen.
3. Sponsor men, women, and teams to out of town tournaments.
4. Use all possible influence to improve Bass fishing conditions in West Texas.
5. Cooperate with conservation officials in any manner that will help insure the continuation of or betterment of bass fishing in any area.

## ARTICLE THREE MEMBERSHIP

1. **Membership** in this club shall be open to all persons interested in Bass fishing. To become a member of this club, a person must pay his/hers dues and be willing to abide by all the rules. Dues are:
  - A. \$25.00 per year for regular adult members.
  - B. \$35.00 per year for full family membership.
    - a.)(Family Membership consist of a Paid member and/or spouse, and two (2)Children up to 22 years of age. Children must be registered in College with the same permanent address as the paid member. Children sixteen (16) and under are considered junior members.
2. There will be **four types of membership**:
  - A. **Regular** for those members entitled to vote on all issues and whose dues are paid in full.
  - B. **Honorary** is extended to certain individuals as deemed proper by a 2/3 majority vote of those present at any regular meeting.
  - C. **Junior** is a non-voting membership extended to those meeting the club requirements. A junior who reaches their seventeenth birthday during the club year shall be an adult and vote and fish as such.
  - D. **Lifetime** is for a member of at least fifteen years. Only one lifetime member may be chosen for any one year. The member must be a working member and an outstanding member, preferably one of the oldest members.
3. To become a member of this club, a person must pay his/hers dues and be willing to abide by all rules of this club.

## ARTICLE FOUR OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of this club shall be **President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer/Sergeant at Arms**, and elected **Board of Directors**.
2. All officers and BOD to serve one-year terms with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.

## ARTICLE FIVE MEETINGS

1. Club meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month.
2. Special meetings of the club may be called by the president.
3. Committee meetings shall be subject to the call of their respective chairman.

## **ARTICLE SIX AMENDMENTS**

1. **This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership present at any regular meeting.**
2. No member shall be denied the right to request a vote on any issue provided no motion is on the floor. Any motion brought up for a vote that would affect a change in the Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, and Tournament Rules must go to a Committee to study how it will affect the other parts of the club rules and report to the Board with a recommendation. The Board will render a decision to bring before the General Meeting the following month.
3. *\*\*Rule changes will be submitted only on even numbered years and put into effect in the following odd numbered year. This rule is effective for an indefinite period of time, unless changed by a constitutional amendment.*

**PERMIAN BASS CLUB**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**Article One**  
**Duties of Officers**

1. The **President** shall call and preside over all meetings and supervise the activities of the club. The President shall be custodian of the keys for the locked file cabinet containing all past minutes and records.
2. The **First Vice President** shall preside over club meetings in the absence of the President, be the director of the regular monthly club tournament, purchase all trophies and patches and be in charge of publicity for club functions.
3. The **Second Vice President** shall preside over club meetings in the absence of the President and First Vice. He/she will assist the S.I.T. Director, report to the Board of directors on the S.I.T., and be in charge of the President's scrap book and membership drive.
4. The **Secretary** shall keep a complete, up to date record, of the meetings of the club. Provide copies of each Board of Director and General Meeting's minutes to each Board of Director. Keep all minutes up to date and have them available at each Board of Director and General Meeting. If unable to attend, he/she shall see that the President has the minutes prior to the meeting. The Secretary will also be custodian of a second set of keys for the locked file cabinet containing all past minutes and records.
5. **Treasurer/Sergeant at Arms** shall see the meeting is kept orderly and shall evict any repeated violators. He/she shall pay all bills upon order of the Board of Directors. He/she shall collect all monies and items due the club. He/she shall make a monthly report at each club meeting. Two keys to the Post Office Box are to be kept by two officers, usually the Treasurer and President.
6. The **Board of Directors** will have a general overall supervision of the activities of the club and will act in an advisory capacity. The recommendations of the Directors will be subject to the approval of the general membership. The Directors will be empowered to act in the event of unforeseen emergencies which cannot possibly be delayed until a regular club meeting. The BOD will review the absence of a member from a scheduled board meeting and vote to expel or accept the excuse of the absent member. If expelled, a replacement will be elected or appointed as soon as possible.
7. **S.I.T. Director** will be a voting, elected position under the director of the Board of Directors. He/she must keep the Second Vice President as well as the Board of Directors informed at the General and Board of Directors meetings. His/her expenses will be budgeted for and are not to exceed reasonable expenses.
8. A Director or Officer must make Board of Directors meetings, two working club functions, and eight General Meetings in a calendar year. The Board of Directors will review the absence of a member from a scheduled event and vote to expel or accept the excuse of the absent member. If expelled a replacement will be elected or appointed as soon as possible.

**ARTICLE TWO**  
**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. At the regular October General Meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating Committee composed of three members. This committee shall report to the Board of Directors and offer their recommendations at the regular November meeting. The President shall also receive nominations from the floor at the regular November meeting. The new officers will be elected and installed at the regular December meeting.
2. A vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by election at the first regular meeting following said vacancy.

**ARTICLE THREE**  
**DUES**

1. The fiscal year shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and end December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
2. The memberships for adults and juniors will be administered according to Article III of the *Permian Bass Club Constitution*.

**ARTICLE FOUR**  
**COMMITTEES**

1. The President may appoint such committee chairman as, in his judgement, is necessary to the welfare of the club.

**ARTICLE FIVE  
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The **Order of Business** for meetings shall be
  1. **Registration**
  2. **Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting**
  3. **Reporting and approval of the Treasurer's report**
  4. **Announcements**
  5. **Reports of officers**
  6. **Reports of standing committees**
  7. **Reports of special committees**
  8. **Old business.**
  9. **New business**
  10. **Program**
  11. **Adjournment**

**ARTICLE SIX  
REGULATIONS**

1. No absentee or proxy vote shall be recognized by the club.
2. The club will assume no responsibility for any unauthorized indebtedness incurred by any member.
3. The club will assume no responsibility incurred at any tournament. Any member or guest who participates in a tournament sponsored by the club does so at his/her own risk.
4. Donations or gifts will be accepted by the Treasurer at any time for the benefit of the club.
5. Any member convicted of a violation of the Game and Fish laws of the State of Texas will be automatically dropped from the membership for the duration of the fiscal year. Such person may not be permitted to again join the club without 2/3 vote in his favor at a regular meeting.

## PERMIAN BASS CLUB POLICIES

1. **Membership** in this club shall be open to all persons interested in Bass fishing.
2. A **returning member** is one who was a member during the prior year. Returning members may re-join the club at a tournament, General Meeting, Boat Show, or at any time through any Permian Bass Club member that is in good standing
3. **New members** may join at any time prior to two weeks before a tournament or at the tournament if sponsored by a Permian Bass Club member that is in good standing.
4. The Board of Directors may not spend over \$250.00 without the general membership approval if not budgeted for.
5. Yearly memberships are from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Yearly dues are \$25.00 per adult, \$35.00 per family of 4 (18 years of age and over), and \$10.00 per each additional immediate family member.
6. A member may be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons. Failure to pay dues, conviction of a felony, failure to comply with game and fishing laws or any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace on the club.
7. A member may sponsor a non-related child as a non-voting junior member at no fee and will be held totally responsible for that child's actions providing he/she complies within the rule stated for Junior membership.
8. The **State Invitational Tournament** will be held in September at Lake Amistad and will be funded by the yearly budget.
9. The PBC will furnish rooms (not donated by city of Del Rio) and Saturday night Supper (at a designated place) for members dedicated to working the SIT.
10. A club team that wants to fish the SIT and work, will pay the full early entry fee before the deadline and will be refunded \$50.00 at the October meeting providing that the team has fulfilled his/hers obligation. Big Bass is optional and is not refundable. That club team will be at weigh-in 15 minutes before weight-in starts on both days and work designated tasks. The SIT Director and a Committee will have final decision in matters on this policy.
11. If you work the S.I.T. Tournament you will receive \$50.00 per member (max two per family) to cover some expenses. You must only work the tournament and not fish it.
12. The date of the Classic Tournament will be determined by the contestants. The contestants will be the top 25 producers of the preceding year who qualified by weight *\*and minimum number of club tournaments fished.*
13. **Changes to Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, and Rules for Administering Club Tournaments** *\*\*can be considered only on even numbered years and put into effect the following odd numbered year.* Members must present changes in person at the November Board of Directors meeting for discussion. The Board of Directors will review proposed changes. Proposed changes with the Board's recommendations and comments are to be printed in the newsletter and/or website prior to December General Meeting. Vote on changes to be done at the December meeting. No changes are to be discussed at any General Meeting except the months of November and December of even numbered years.
14. The club will buy \$250.00 worth of prizes in January. The following month \$100.00 worth of prizes will be bought plus what was made at the previous meeting. (Tickets will be sold for \$1 dollar each.)
15. 10% of the net profit of the year will be given away to a charity to be determined by a 3 member committee appointed in October by the BOD. The committee will report to the board with their suggestion at the January general meeting.
16. **Guests of members** who are fishing in a tournament.
  - A. A paid member can host one (1) guest in one (1) tournament. Guide Lines: That particular guest has to become a member to fish any additional tournaments in that fiscal year.
  - B. Upon enlistment of that guest as a member, the host is eligible to host another guest.
  - C. Host and Guest must fish out of the same boat.
  - D. Guest must pay tournament fees to be eligible for any prize monies.
  - E. Guest must be aware of and abide by PBC rules and policies.
  - F. Guest must sign a release that PBC is not responsible for any accidents.
17. At the December meeting, after the president has taken office, he will appoint a "**Shirt Committee**" person. This person is responsible to research a high quality shirt and hat, then, present color options and logos options to the Board at the Jan. meeting for final decision. To be on the shirt, PBC logo on one front pocket and the member's name on the other, first and last name. The Shirt Committee person will take orders from 2006 members that have joined for 2007 by March. 15<sup>th</sup>, and coordinate with the treasurer and place an order. For all new 2007 members that were not members in 2006, they must fish 4 tournaments, and then they will qualify of a shirt and hat. Shirts and hats will only be purchased three times a year. It is the responsibility of the member to contact the "shirt Committee" head and place on order there size and sleeve preference. Color will be determined by the B.O.D. This policy, if passed, will be in effect for 2007. Future years will be contingent on the Boards review of this year's cost and profit made from the calendar year S.I.T. to determine if funds are available to continue in 2008 and so on.....

**PERMIAN BASS CLUB**  
**RULES FOR ADMINISTERING CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

**ARTICLE ONE**  
**GENERAL**

1. **Dates and lake sites** for tournaments will be **set by the Board of Directors**.
2. Once a date, lake, weigh-in time, and site have been set, it may not be changed. The only exceptions are hazardous conditions. When deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. An event may be changed 60 days prior to the event for any reason. This will necessitate original lakes and dates are set no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
3. The October tournament shall be called the memorial tournament and held in honor of any deceased members. It will be a regular pay tournament with poundage counting and regular pay back. In addition to this there will also be \$ 250.00 worth of prizes given away by drawing at the Sunday weigh-in to all members present.
4. **Start times** for all club tournaments will be **6:00 AM** both days, with the **weigh-in times 3:30 to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 2:30 to 3:00 PM on Sunday**.
5. No alcoholic beverages may be bought from club funds for consumption of club members. The only exception being beer bought for the S.I.T. if donated beer runs out.
6. **Tournament Sponsors:** At the December Meeting the President will ask for volunteers to sponsor the nine (9) tournaments, (October is still to be sponsored by the BOD and Officers). If all the tournaments are not taken; then names of the previous year's *top 20 fishermen* will be put into a drawing. *Two* people will be drawn to sponsor each tournament. These members must sponsor the tournament they draw. (Only excuses excepted by the B.O.D. will be allowed). If the members do not wish to sponsor the tournament, they cannot fish that tournament. If someone refuses a new name will be drawn.

**ARTICLE TWO**  
**MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS**

1. All contestants must be members in good standing. Any non-contestant occupying a contestant's boat cannot weigh fish.
2. The club will assume no responsibility incurred in any tournament. You must fish at your own risk.
3. All club tournaments are catch and release.
4. Only Black, Spotted or Smallmouth **Bass** of at least **14 ¼ inches in length** will be weighed in. All live fish brought in less than 14 ¼ inches long will not be weighed and will be returned to the lake. Exceptions: Lakes that do not have a minimum length limit.
5. Black, Spotted, or Smallmouth of at least 14 ¼ inches in length will be weighed in. All live fish brought in less than 14 ¼ inches long will not be weighed and will be returned to the lake.
6. **3 fish limits** on all tournaments.
7. Any contestant attempting to weigh a fish under state and lake legal limits will be disqualified for that day's competition.
8. All bass will be measured on a Golden Rule measuring device with mouth closed and tail having to touch the legal length according to State and lake regulation.
9. Fishing is not allowed on the tournament lake from dusk of the day prior to the start time of tournament. Launching is restricted to 1 hour prior to start of tournament each day. (See Article I, Rule 5)
10. No judge shall measure or weigh his own fish.
11. A member may only weigh his own fish.
12. The individual weight recorded for each member will be in one hundredth. Top producers poundage will be tabulated each regular club tournament and totaled for the year.
13. The tournament director will give a detailed report each meeting on lake conditions and other pertinent information for upcoming tournament.
14. No tournament may be cancelled due to weather without a 100% approval vote of the registered contestants present.
15. All fish must be caught on rod and reel, using artificial bait. Trolling is not permitted. Only two rods per contestant may be used.
16. No fishing will be permitted within one hundred yards of launch areas or live release sites.
17. Members must pay entry fee prior to the start of the tournament.
18. **All federal, state, county, city, lake, fish and game laws must be obeyed.**
19. Fishing will be done only at the designated tournament lake or lakes. Any off limits water will be determined prior to the tournament.
20. Contestants may fish from a boat, kayak, water wagon, tube, or by wading.
21. Any contestant caught throwing litter will be disqualified without refund of entry fees.
22. Any member engaging the services of a professional guide or as a follow boat and tries to weigh in fish during that tournament will be disqualified without refund of entry fees.
23. Contestants and fish or official weigh slip must be in the weigh-in line by final weigh-in time in order to weigh their fish.
24. Fish must be in a bag of lake water or they will be disqualified from that days weigh in.
25. No frozen or pale-gilled fish will be weighed unless otherwise specified by the tournament sponsor at registration.
26. Any protest must be in writing and presented to the tournament sponsor at headquarters within fifteen minutes after final weigh in time.

27. Any person who has guided commercially on the tournament lake during a six-month period immediately prior to the tournament shall be declared ineligible to fish.
28. A junior member may not fish for any monies in our regular club tournaments.
29. Any contestant that violates any rule contained herein will be disqualified.
30. Tournament lakes of the PBC are off limits with a guide Friday prior to a club tournament.
31. Contestants fishing another tournament in conjunction with a PBC tournament must notify the PBC sponsor. Weigh-ins will be at the tournament sponsor's discretion.
32. **Sponsors will set registration guidelines**, but must include Saturday and Sunday. Entrants must pay tournament sponsors only.
33. Penalty deductions of 8oz. (.5 lbs) for each dead fish weighed at any club tournament.
34. All fish caught at club-sponsored tournaments are the property of the PBC.
35. Contestants must be at weigh-in to collect his or her winnings.
36. *\*\*A member from the "Teen" Division can opt to fish as an adult if he/she 1.)Pays the \$30.00 tournament fee and 2.)Understands that once he/she opts to fish as an adult he/she cannot revert back to the teen category. Members under 17 have no voting rights, despite if they fish as an adult. The UIL standing of a teen is not affected by this rule as fishing is not a sanctioned high school sport.*
37. Monthly newsletter will be e-mail only.

### **ARTICLE THREE BIG BASS OF THE MONTH**

1. *Deleted 2008.*

### **ARTICLE FOUR FISHING DIVISIONS AND THEIR TROPHIES AND PATCHES**

1. **Women's Division:** The top woman producer from each regular club tournament will receive a separate award from that tournament after competing in the adult division. There is also a top woman producer of the year award.
2. **Top Producer Division:** They will receive an award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place each day of the regular club tournament. There is also separate award for the top producer of the year.
3. **Two Day Total Division:** They will receive an award for the two-day total of a regular club tournament.
4. **Youth Division:** Male and Female (0-12) A separate trophy/plaque will be given to the top youth producer of each tournament and top youth producer of the year.
5. **Teen Division:** Male and Female (13-16) A separate trophy/plaque will be given to the top teen producer of each tournament and top teen producer of the year.
6. **Monthly Trophies and Patches**
  - a. First, second and third place each day.
  - b. First place two day total.
  - c. Big bass of the tournament.
  - d. Top woman producer.
  - e. Top youth producer.
  - f. Top teen producer.
  - g. Adult pound patches.
  - h. Youth pound patches.
  - i. Teen pound patches.
7. Monthly patches are blue and are given to any member who weighs in a fish 3 pounds or over in the adult division and for a youth it is 1 pound or over. One patch per fish
8. **Yearly Trophies**
  - a. Top producer of the year.
  - b. Top woman producer of the year.
  - c. Top youth producer of the year.
  - d. Top teen producer of the year.
  - e. Big bass of the year.

**ARTICLE FIVE**  
**CLASSIC TOURNAMENT**

1. The **top 25 fishermen** from the previous year's weight totals will get to go to the classic. All fishermen will be able to take a boat and fish alone or with an immediate family member. If there are any non-boaters, they will be placed with one of the boaters by random drawing. *\*The member must have fished six (6) club tournaments from the qualifying year to be able to fish the classic.*
2. In the case of a boater breakdown, the boater will fish as a non-boater and will be drawn like any other non-boater.
3. All regular club rules will apply.
4. All fishermen will meet Friday evening at a designated spot to review rules and weigh-in sights, etc. On Sunday, fishermen deciding to leave early must go by the tournament director's vehicle and leave a note that they are leaving.
5. Once the Classic Lake is set, it will be off limits until the practice day. (Practice day is the Friday before the tournament)
6. The **Classic monies and awards** will be awarded at the following month's general meeting of which: 90% go to the top 10 and 10% will go to the remaining fishermen: 1<sup>st</sup> - 20%, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16%, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11%, 4<sup>th</sup> - 10%, 5<sup>th</sup> - 8%, 6<sup>th</sup> - 7%, 7<sup>th</sup> - 6%, 8<sup>th</sup> - 5%, 9<sup>th</sup> - 4%, 10<sup>th</sup> - 3%.
7. The Permian Bass Club "General Fund" will pay for trophies and patches for the top 25 and sponsors. (Trophies for the top 3 and Big Bass) The club will also pay for the Saturday night meal.
8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice will be in charge of all arrangements for the Classic. Volunteer sponsors may actually conduct the Classic tournament and arrangements.
9. **The Classic Lake will be chosen by vote at the December meeting.**
  - A. Only the top 25 qualifying fishermen may vote.
  - B. Contestants must be present to vote.
  - C. Voting will be done by written and signed ballot.
  - D. The lake with the greatest number of votes will be chosen as the Classic lake.
  - E. If for any reason the Classic Tournament cannot be held on the lake chosen the second lake with the most votes will be the lake fished
10. A majority of the Classic participants will set dates relative to the lake chosen.
11. The Permian Bass Club will pay \$5,000.00 to the Classic tournament to be used for prize money. No other money will be taken from the general fund except that allowed by rule no. 9.

\* Denotes Changes brought forth on 12/10 General Meeting

\*\*Denotes a New Rule that was added at the 12/10 General Meeting