



BYLAWS

CANADIAN BASS ANGLERS FEDERATION

ARTICLE 1 – Name and Objects

Section 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the **CANADIAN BASS ANGLERS FEDERATION, INC.**

Section 2: Objects

The purpose of the Canadian Bass Anglers Federation is:

- (1) To be a Federation of individual member clubs.
- (2) To promote organized tournament fishing.
- (3) To encourage youth and adult participation in fishing.
- (4) To promote conservation.

The corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in promoting its objects.

ARTICLE 2 – Club Affiliation

Section 1: Requirements

All Club chapters recognized by the CBAF are eligible and will be invited to join the Federation. To affiliate with the CBAF member clubs must meet the following:

- (a) Chapters must have a minimum of six (6) members
- (b) Members must be 14 years of age or older, members under 16 years of age must provide written consent of a parent or guardian.
- (c) CBAF approval of Club Chapter Charter and Bylaws.
- (d) Update with a Chapter membership roster once each year, Before November 30, and immediately following election of Chapter Officers and Directors.
- (e) Names and addresses of new members joining the Chapter during the year must be submitted to the CBAF membership director as they occur. The necessary forms are available online or from the membership director.
- (f) Payment of dues.

- (g) Maintain Federation membership.
- (h) Support CBAF programs.

A club/chapter may be disaffiliated from the Corporation for any misconduct or behaviour considered detrimental to the CBAF as a whole. The club will receive written notice of intent to vote on disaffiliation and will be disaffiliated upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the clubs present at a duly held meeting of the Board. An appeal to the Board for reconsideration must be presented in writing to the CBAF President within thirty (30) days of notification of disaffiliation.

Section 2: Dues

New member dues will be \$80.00, renewal dues will be \$65.00 if paid before November 30 of the end of the year for clubs of record, and \$80.00 if paid after November 30. The CBAF portion of the dues will be \$65.00 for new members and \$50.00 for renewals before November 30 and \$65.00 for renewals after November 30. Dues for additional family members living in the same household will be reduced by \$15.00. New clubs/chapters must pay member dues when joining.

Membership dues will cover the following;

- (1) Eligibility for participation in sanctioned qualifying tournaments of all members in good standing of the CBAF.
- (2) Membership in the TBF.
- (3) Membership in FLW Outdoors.

Section 3: Membership Requirements

Membership to the CBAF and its chapters is by invitation only, all new members must be sponsored by a CBAF member in good standing, club membership is probationary for one year and may be revoked for any reason by a 2/3 majority vote of the board of directors in attendance at a regular scheduled meeting during that year.

Any individual member or club may be denied membership by a 2/3 majority vote of the board of directors of the CBAF if it is felt that their presence as a member may be detrimental to the organization

A member must show support for our Federation which is providing the opportunities for them. To that end a new member or a past member who is rejoining will be required to demonstrate their support of the CBAF and its programs.

It will be expected that all CBAF members will:

- Represent the CBAF in a professional manner at all times, exhibiting the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Have the best interest of the CBAF in mind at all times when conducting themselves in public at a CBAF Function.
- Show respect to other stakeholders on the water, on the road, at the dock and at CBAF event sites.

- Respect all fellow CBAF competitors.
- Strive to avoid conflicts with fellow CBAF competitors.
- Resolve any conflicts privately and in a professional manner, with arbitration from the CBAF Executive board members, if necessary.
- Act positively and participate in CBAF initiatives that are adopted or developed to increase the profile of the Federation and its members.
- Refrain from any form of negative behaviour in any public forum including but not limited to on-line forums, meetings, shows and CBAF event sites.
- Follow strict adherence to “best practices” with regards to our resources and fish care.
- Abide by all specific tournament rules as well as all Federal, Provincial and State fishing regulations at all times.

Punishment of members for violation of the provisions of the By Laws and other rules and regulations of the CBAF shall solely be determined and imposed by the Board of Directors.

In the event of any infraction or violation by a member/club of the provisions of the By Laws or other rules and regulations of the CBAF, or any other conduct on the part of a member/chapter which may tend to jeopardize and endanger the good order of the CBAF, such member/chapter may be expelled or suspended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event of suspension, the period thereof shall be specifically defined and the suspended member/chapter shall be notified in writing. In the event of a charge which warrants expulsion the member/chapter will be notified by written notice at least three (3) days prior to the vote thereon.

In the event any member/chapter shall present to the Board of Directors a charge against any member/club of a violation or infraction as set forth in these By Laws, the following procedures shall govern:

- a. All charges shall be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. A reasonable investigation concerning the charges shall be conducted by the Board of Directors prior to consideration.
- b. Prior to consideration of such charges against a member/chapter by the Board, an opportunity shall be given to the charged party in question to be present/represented at the meeting of the Board at which such charges against the party are considered. The charged party may submit written consideration in lieu of appearing.
- c. Prior to vote on the charges by the Board the charged party may make such defence against the charges as he desires provided it is lawful and reasonable.

Removal of Membership

In addition to the charges outlined above, a club or individual may be dropped from the membership roles for any of the following:

- Failure to pay dues.
- Any action that would reflect dishonour and disgrace on this chapter and/or the CBAF.

- Disqualification for any reason from participating in any tournament events including disqualification for use of drugs or alcohol.
- Publicly attack, malign, slander, or beset any member, affiliate or stakeholder of the CBAF.

All decisions by the Board of Directors are final and binding.

ARTICLE 3 – Officers, Elections, Vacancies and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their duties

The officers of the CBAF shall be at a minimum:

President:

- Presides over all meetings and directs all official business
- Appoints members to committees
- Supervise all club functions
- Represents the CBAF at TBF executive meetings

Vice President:

- Assists the President in his/her duties
- Presides in the absence of the President
- Acts as Program Chair for Youth and Conservation

Tournament Director:

- Directs all tournaments
- Maintains financial records of all joined tournaments and CBAF events and submits proceeds to treasurer.

Membership Director:

- Maintains the CBAF/TBF master roster
- Submits dues invoices to member clubs

Secretary:

- Receives all correspondence and files or forwards to the appropriate person/committee
- Records minutes at executive meetings and distributes

Treasurer:

- Collects and disburses all monies
- Maintains accurate financial records
- Presents a current financial report and bank balance at each regular directors meeting.

Section 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually no later than the end of November at a regular scheduled meeting. Nominations can be submitted in advance to the President;

or from the floor prior to the elections. Election shall be by a simple majority. Elections for each officer shall be in reverse order as listed in ARTICLE 3, Section 1. A quorum shall be at least 2/3 of the clubs in good standing. Elections may be postponed due lack of a quorum.

Section 3: Eligibility to Vote

Each Board of Director member in good standing is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes in writing are permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year which shall begin on the first day of the month following elections but no later than February 1st of the following year.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term of the position vacated. The CBAF executive shall be notified immediately of any changes to the officers.

Section 6: Eligibility to Hold Office

To be eligible to hold office a member must:

- Be a member in good standing of a Chapter for at least six (12) months.
- Have shown an interest in chapter functions and participated regularly.

ARTICLE 4 – Board of Directors

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of two (2) members from each member club, the President and Vice President.

- If needed the President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors and preside at the meeting.
- Minutes will be recorded at all Board of Directors meetings.
- The board will decide on all protests and rule on violations of the bylaws and tournament regulations received in writing.

ARTICLE 5 – Meetings

Meetings shall be held a minimum of four (4) times a year in April, June, September and November. Additional meetings will be scheduled as required.

ARTICLE 6 – Amending Bylaws

Section 1: Amending Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present, provided written notice of the amendment has been presented to the board of directors at a regular meeting or at least one month prior to the vote.