

Club Bylaws

Susquehanna Bass Association

ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose

SECTION 1 : Name

This club shall be called the SUSQUEHANNA BASS ASSOCIATION of Oneonta NY

SECTION 2 : Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. To improve our skill as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass - catching techniques and ideas and to promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.

ARTICLE II - Membership

SECTION 1 : Number of Members

The club shall maintain at least ten [10] members. Membership shall not exceed seventy five [75] members, this number may be altered by amendment.

SECTION 2 : Requirement for Membership

To become a club member , a person shall :

- a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership

- b) Full membership shall then be awarded and membership credentials presented
- c) Member must be 16 years of age or with a parent or guardian

SECTION 3 : Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be \$30.00 annually. Payable to club officers only

ARTICLE III – Officers, Elections,

Vacancies and Eligibility

SECTION 1 : Officers and their Duties

The officers of the club shall consist of:

President : Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and be ex officio member of all committees. Supervise all club functions.

Vice President : Act as program chairman, assist the president in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.

Secretary : Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings as called for by the club president.

Treasurer : Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each meeting. Prepare an annual audit for review by the club officers.

SECTION 2 : Elections

The elections of officers shall be held at a regular meeting during the month of April. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in Article III , Section 1.

SECTION 3 : Eligibility to Vote

Each paid member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

SECTION 4 : Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin on May 1, and on the last meeting day of April or until successor assumes office.

SECTION 5 : Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

SECTION 6 : Eligibility to Holding Office

- a) Have been a member for six months
- b) Have attended at least 75% of the club meetings and 75% of club functions
- c) Have shown an active interest in all club functions

ARTICLE IV – Standing Committees

All standing committees will serve for one year or until a new committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the president.

- a) Youth Committees: The purpose of this committee shall be to plan organize , and implement a Club Youth Project, to introduce young people to the goals of the S.B.A , to give them a basis for respect of our national heritage, an appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play and good sportsmanship and to give them an introduction to the sheer enjoyment of fishing.
- b) Tournament Committee: The purpose of the tournament committee shall be to plan, organize and operate all Club Tournaments. The tournament committee will draft tournament rules which must be approved by the general membership. The committee will keep tournament records, enforce all rules and investigate all protests concerning tournaments.

ARTICLE V - Removal of Membership

SECTION 1: Removal of Membership

A member shall be dropped from the membership role for the following.

- a) Failure to pay dues
- b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this club

ARTICLE VI – Method of Amending the Constitution

SECTION 1 : Amending the Constitution and By- Laws

The constitution and bylaws may be amended at the regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided written notice of the purposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.