

# Port City Bass Anglers Bi-Laws

## ARTICLE I. Name and Purpose

Effective 1 January 2014

### Section 1: Name

This TBF affiliated chapter club shall be called the Port City Bass Anglers of Maryland.

### Section 2: Purpose

(a) The general purpose of the chapter club shall be to facilitate the organized support, protection, education and encouragement of Bass sport-fishing, youth and conservation at all levels and to partner with other like minded groups to do the same.

(b) More particularly stated purposes of the organization include the following:

1. To establish and maintain an organization for the support of sport fishing, and all related recreational and educational fishing, youth and conservation activities conducted in a safe manner.
2. To stimulate the public awareness of angling as a major sport.
3. To educate the public upon the positive economic impact of angling at the national, state and local levels.
4. To offer our state fish and wildlife agencies our organized, conservation feedback, input, political and legislative support and assistance.
5. To promote full adherence to conservation codes, clean water standards, and industry accepted practices which impact the sport of fishing.
6. To support and demand adequate water quality standards, fisheries habitat and fisheries resource management.
7. To protect and guard anglers rights and demand unfettered, responsible access to all public waters and facilities, built, supported or otherwise funded in whole or in part by public funds.
8. To detect and report polluters or violators of fish and wildlife conservation laws and to expose violators or polluters publicly and focus political or legal attention upon such violations
9. To encourage, facilitate and promote youth fishing activities and education and a love for this great recreation. To work to improve our skills as anglers through fellowship and camaraderie of friendly exchange of fish catching techniques.
10. To teach and promote safe boating and on the water practices. Our chapter will function as a dynamic and effective link with our affiliated State Federation and other likeminded groups.

## **ARTICLE II. Membership**

### **Section 1: Number of Members**

the club will maintain a minimum of at least six members-with a maximum of 26.

### **Section 2: Requirement for Regular Membership**

to become a chapter club member, a person shall;

1. Voluntarily express a true interest in becoming a member and supporting the club's purpose.
2. Become a member of The Bass Federation, Inc. (TBF, Inc) and its home state federation approved industry partners (FLW).
3. Be on probation for a period of 90 days.
4. Be voted on by membership. After the probationary period. Vote shall be by secret ballot.
5. Be 16 years of age
6. Complete club application for consideration.

The BOD (board of directors) will approve or disapprove the applicant. The BOD will notify the applicant of its decision before the next monthly meeting.

### **Section 3: Membership Dues**

The membership dues shall be \$100.00 initiation fee, initially payable upon joining the club. Any new prospect that is voted out at the end of his/her probationary period will forfeit any monies paid.

The club dues shall be \$100 plus \$15 for TBF National Federation dues and \$20.00 for State Federation dues per year payable upon joining for the current year and payable within 6 months on a monthly basis for new members or before year end. In order to be placed on the TBF State Roster for the following year all dues must be paid by the December meeting. Any member not paid by then, will be dropped from the club roster, no exceptions. Monies will be refunded if the member notifies the club prior to the national registration.

(a) Leave of absence will be granted for up to 1 year to stay in good standing. The member on leave shall continue to pay his yearly dues. The club can vote to waive the yearly dues.

### **Section 4: Membership meetings**

Membership shall hold regular meetings at the Overlea Diner, every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. All officer meetings will be at a designated meeting spot decided on by the officers. Members at each meeting are required to make a food purchase to supplement the cost of the meeting room.

## ARTICLE III. Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility to Hold Office.

### Section 1: Eligibility for Holding Office

1. To be eligible for an office a member must:

- (a) Have been a member for one year.
- (b) Have attended at least 75% of the chapter meetings and 75% of club functions during a 12 month period
- (c) Have shown an active interest in all club functions.
- (d) Be a member in good standing with the TBF/FLW Federation.

2. Elections

- (a) the election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of October. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in #6 below.

3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member of the club in good standing is entitled to one vote. Member must be present at the meeting in order to vote, proxy votes are not permitted.

4: Term of Office

Nominations will be held at the club meeting in October, and voted upon.

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin in November, at the club meeting.

5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office. The state TBF, Inc. affiliated Federation shall be notified immediately of the change of any officers.

6: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the chapter shall consist of:

(a) **The President shall:**

- Preside over all meetings and direct all official business.
- Supervise all club functions.

(b) **The Vice President shall:**

- Act as club programs chairman,
- Assist the president in his/her duties and preside in the absence of the president.

(c) **The Secretary shall:**

- Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the chapter club president.
- Keeps club roster updated with member information and any new club membership records.
- Maintain regular liaison between the clubs and the TBF, Inc. affiliated state Federations.
- Maintain activity participation records of members.

(d) **The Treasurer shall:**

- Collect and disburse all monies.

## 6: Officers and their Duties Treasurer—cont'd

- Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting.
  - Prepare an annual audit for review by the Club Board of Directors.
- (e) **The Tournament Director shall:**
- Keep accurate records of member's weights of each tournament, and a year to date total.
  - Record accurate club member weights and lunger results from each tournament.
  - Maintain updated standings of each member and make this information available to all at each meeting and tournament.
  - Handle the pairings of club members for the club. Tournaments.
  - Be responsible also for the selection of the tournament sites and directions to the launch ramps.
  - Stores and maintains the necessary gear (scales, fish bags, ruler) for a smooth and accurate weigh-in

### 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. Each committee shall elect a chairman.

- (a) Executive Board of Directors: The Board of Directors will consist of eight (8) members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past-President and the Special Events director and Tournament director, and Sponsor coordinator
- (1) The president will call all meetings of the Board of Directors and preside at such meetings.
  - (2) The secretary will record the minutes of these meetings
  - (3) the board will decide all protests and rule on all violations of the tournament rules and bylaws of the club when appropriately received.
  - (4) The board will develop agendas for the monthly meetings
- (b) Conservation Committee:
- The Conservation Director shall chair this committee; its purpose shall be to protect our natural environment and resources from harm; to document and report to the proper authorities violations of local, state and federal anti-pollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances or other incidences; to join in legal action where appropriate; to undertake informational and educational programs to bring public awareness of threats to our environment or fisheries habitat, and to take a leadership role in repairing any harm that has been done to the waters of America. To work toward a responsible fisheries habitat and management agenda. The executive BOD shall have final authority over all committee decisions.
- (d) Tournament Committee (Tournament Director, Special Events Director):

The purpose of the tournament committee shall be to plan organize and operate all Club fishing tournaments or special events. The tournament committee will draft tournament rules, which must then be ratified by the general membership. The committee will keep tournament records, waivers, enforce all tournament rules, safe boating, or on the water rules and regulations, investigate all protests concerning tournaments, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V. Disciplinary actions**

### **(a) Section 1: Removal of Membership**

A member shall be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons:

(a) Failure to pay dues by the close of the December meeting in which dues is accepted.  
(b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the club, state federation or TBF, Inc.

(c) Failure to attend 50% of the club meetings and 50% of club functions during a 12-month period. Unless approved by the BOD for personal reasons.

(d) Disqualification for any reason from participating in TBF, Inc. sponsored events, club events including disqualification for use of drugs or alcohol.

- a. Any member(s) ask to leave for any disciplinary action will be given no refund of any club dues or initial membership fees paid out by the person or persons ask to leave the club, at any time during the course of the year in which the dues or membership fee was paid.

### **Section 2: Actions other than removal of membership**

a) These actions shall be recommended by the Executive Board of Directors and shall include but not be limited to reduction of membership status in lieu of removal, or any other action felt necessary by the Board. Any action recommended by the Board and not specifically spelled out in this document shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3: Membership recalls:**

Any membership can be recalled by a 2\3 majority vote of the membership; at any time, for any reason.

**ARTICLE VI. Affiliation**

**Section 1: Requirements for Affiliation**

- (a) Certification of Club Bylaws by TBF, Inc.
- (b) Update TBF, Inc. with club membership roster once each year before year’s end.
- (c) Names and addresses of new members joining the club during the year must be submitted to the state TBF, Inc. Federation as they occur. (See ARTICLE II, Section 4 for dues requirements.)
- (d) Maintain 100% TBF, Inc. membership.
- (e) Must affiliate with a TBF affiliated State Federation and support its conservation and youth programs. Any additional requirements that the State Federation establishes for clubs that would be necessary for the club to participate in the State TBF, Inc. Federation qualifying tournament(s), and any other TBF, Inc. sponsored tournaments or events.

**ARTICLE VII. General Provisions**

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this organization shall be January1 through December 31 of the calendar year for all activities and requirements.

**ARTICLE VIII. Method of Amending the Bylaws**

**Section 1: Amending the Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that such alterations, amendments, or proposed substitute Bylaws have been read or distributed to all members present at the previous regular meeting or such action may be made at a special meeting held at least ten days after the regular meeting at which the reading or distribution was made.

**Section 2: Unwritten Rules**

if a problem occurs that is not covered by any bi-law or tournament rule, the BOD, will make a ruling. That ruling will become the precedence of said unwritten bi-law or tournament rule, until the membership ratifies the ruling by the BOD (board of directors).

We, the undersigned officers of the club as listed in Article III Section 6, do hereby agree with and certify that the attached bylaws have been ratified by the membership and the commencement of the club on this the. 19th day of December, 2013

Signed; /Initials

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Tournament Director
Mickey McCleary	Larry Kunkel	Rob Chard	Ray Bialek	Frank Britt

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Sergeant of Arms:  
Floyd Dalton

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