

*South Carolina  
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**HANDBOOK**

**2017 DATES TO REMEMBER**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| February 11   | Trail Tournament, Lake Hartwell/ TBA  |
| March 11      | Trail Tournament, Santee Cooper / TBA   |
| April 8       | Trail Tournament, Lake Wylie / Buster Boyd  |
| May 13        | Trail Tournament, Clarks Hill / Dorn  |
| June 10       | Trail Tournament, Lake Watereel / Clearwater  |
| June 14-16    | BASS Nation Eastern Regional / Chesapeake Bay, Maryland   |
| August 13     | SC Bass Federation, Inc. State Meeting, Woodmen of the World, West Columbia   |
| August 15     | Deadline for Roster Updates to be eligible to fish Six-Man  |
| Sept. 15      | Deadline for Six Man Team entry to be postmarked  |
| October 12    | Federation 6 -Man Team Meeting and blast-off drawing (changes - 4:30 PM)  |
| October 13-14 | Federation 6 Man Team Tournament, Lake Murray / Billy Dreher  |
| Nov. 10-11    | State Championship Tournament TBA   |
| December 3    | SC Bass Federation State Meeting, Woodmen of the World, West Columbia<br>(Nominate Club of the year and Member of the year) Elections<br><b>Mandatory for a Club to fish Six-Man event.</b> |



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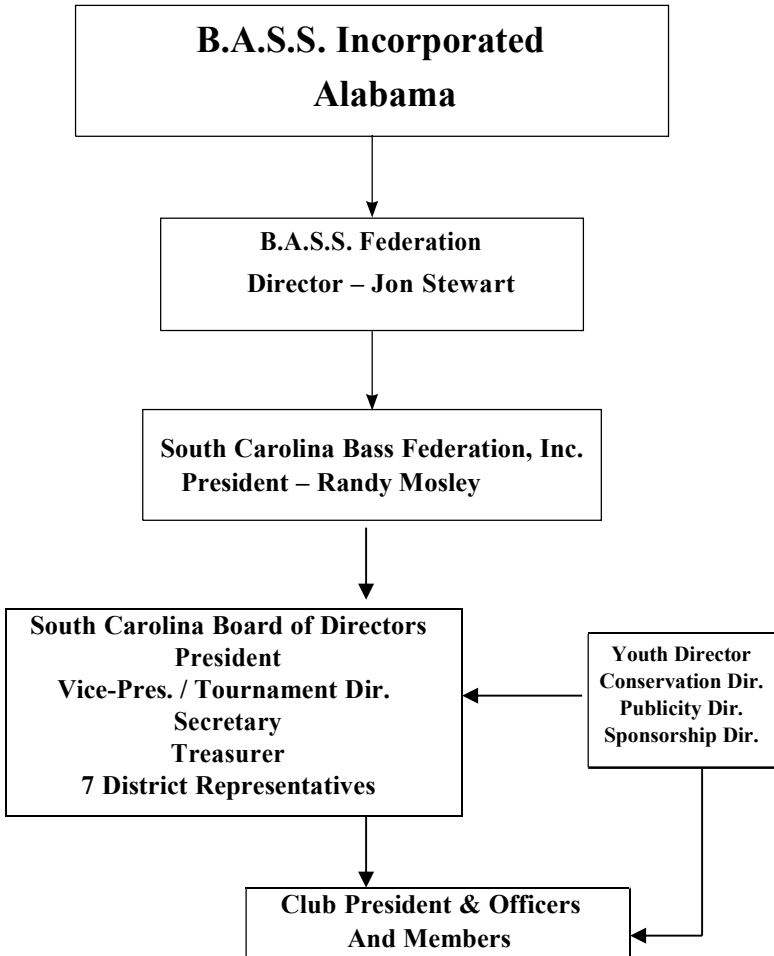
This handbook was originally written and compiled by Anthony L. Bennett, former President of the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc (1996-2002). The purpose is to account for the many procedures and policies not covered in our By-Laws.

It is dedicated to the SC Bass Federation, Inc. Members who have passed before us.

“May they continue to enjoy the great sport of Bass Fishing in their afterlife”



# Organizational Flow Chart



**South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.  
DIRECTORY**

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| Publicity Director       | Needed        |              |      |

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## South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. History Letter

In 1972, the B.A.S.S. Federation system was created to enable B.A.S.S. Clubs within a state to communicate and cooperate with other B.A.S.S. Clubs and Federations.

When affiliated clubs in each state combine to form a B.A.S.S. Federation, they provide a framework to ultimately act and speak as a united voice on issues affecting the future of fishing and the preservation of our natural resources.

Today, there are 6 international Federations and 46 state federations made up of approximately 2,000 clubs and 40,000 members. The South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. has approximately 825 members with 62 clubs. In 1996, 900 anglers entered the state trail tournaments.

As a member of the B.A.S.S. Federation, an angler has the opportunity to go from the local club level to the championship of bass fishing, the BASS Masters Classic.

Each state Federation has established a qualification system and in South Carolina it begins with the local affiliated club tournaments. There are three paths an angler can take to qualify for the South Carolina state team.

One is to fish the five trail tournaments put on by the state Federation. The top five finishers overall in each division of these tournaments advance to the state team.

The second way an angler can get to the state team is by fishing the Six Man Team Tournament. In 1997, 516 anglers entered this tournament, which was the largest, held on Lake Murray, S.C. The top six finishers in this tournament also move on to the state team.

The third way an angler can qualify for the state team is finish in the top two of each division in the State Championship. The State Championship consist of anglers that fished either one State Federation Trail Tournament or the Six Man Team Tournament.

These four anglers from this State Championship and the other twelve qualifiers make the twenty anglers that compose the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. State Team.

The state team of twenty anglers goes on to the Eastern Regional tournament. The top angler and Co-Angler in this tournament are the State Champions and go on to the B.A.S.S. Federation Championship. Finally, these anglers' fish against other anglers across the country and the top three anglers advances to the BASS Masters Classic.

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**ARTICLE ONE  
OFFICES**

The principal office of the corporation shall be located at Columbia, South Carolina. The corporation may have such other offices whether within or without the State of South Carolina, as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

**ARTICLE TWO  
CHAPTERS**

**Section 1. Classes of Members:** The members of the corporation shall be designated as general members. The qualifications for membership shall be that: a general member must be at least 16 years of age, a general member shall be a member in good standing in an affiliated B.A.S.S. Chapter within the State of South Carolina. Each chapter is required to maintain one hundred percent (100%) membership in the B.A.S.S. Federation and the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.

**Section 2. Chapter in Good Standing:** Chapters in good standing must conform to the following:

- A. Required to maintain one hundred percent (100%) membership in the B.A.S.S. Federation and the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.
- B. Submit to the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc., no later than November 1st of each year:
  - 1- a list of all club members, B.A.S.S. numbers with expiration dates, dues, club by-laws, and a list of officers.
- C. Attend (or provide representation at) not fewer than three (3) of six (6) South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. meetings that are open to the General Membership (State or District) **with the December State meeting being mandatory for a club officer (Pres., Vice Pres., or Secretary) to attend.** Meeting requirements begin November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 3. New Chapters:** Any chapter (club) interested in becoming a member of the corporation must submit a written and signed request to the President of the corporation including the following:

- A. A list of club members with B.A.S.S. numbers and expiration dates.
- B. A list of club officers.
- C. A copy of club by-laws and tournament rules.
- D. Must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and approval of club by-laws.

**Section 4. Voting Rights:** Each Chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the chapters.

**Section 5. Termination of Membership:** By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at any constituted meeting, it may terminate the membership of any member or chapter who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period fixed hereinafter.

**Section 6. Resignation:** Any chapter may resign by filing a written resignation with the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc., but such resignation shall not relieve the chapter so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore incurred and unpaid.

**Section 7. Reinstatement:** On written request signed by a former chapter and filed with the Board of Directors by the affirmation vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, may reinstate such former chapter to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

**Section 8. Transfer of Membership:** Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable to other members.



**ARTICLE THREE  
MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting:** An annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate for the purpose of carrying on the business of the corporation.

**Section 2. Special Meeting:** Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Board of Directors of not less than one-tenth of the chapters having voting rights at a place designated by the applicant for the special meeting. If no special place is designated, then such meeting shall be held at the place of the principal office of the corporation in the State of South Carolina, but if all members shall meet at any time and place, either within or without the State of South Carolina, and consent to the holding of the meeting, such meeting shall be valid without call or notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

**Section 3. Notice of Meetings:** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting not less than thirty days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these by-laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U.S. mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

**Section 4. Voting by Mail:** Where directors or officers are to be elected by members of any class or classes of members, such election may be conducted by mail in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**ARTICLE FOUR  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. General Powers:** The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Number, Tenure and Qualification:** The number of Directors shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one representative from each district. They shall be selected, appointed, elected or qualified as follows:

- A. *The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer will be elected by chapter vote. One District Representative will be selected from each district as elected by chapters from that district.*
- B. *All members of the Board of Directors must be members in good standing of this corporation.*
- C. *In addition to the above directors, an assistant representative will be appointed from each district to represent such district in the absence of the District Representative of the Board of Directors.*

**Section 3. Election of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer:** The South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. will hold an annual meeting in the fourth quarter for the purpose of electing officers. Each chapter is entitled to one vote. Terms of office shall be two years beginning January 1st, following election and ending December 31st two years later. President and Secretary to be elected on odd number years; Vice-President and Treasurer to be elected on even number years.

- A. *Eligibility for Office:*
  1. *General: member in good standing of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society of America, Inc. and of an active affiliated B.A.S.S. Federation Chapter and the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc..*
  2. *Offices of President and Vice-President: must have served one year on the Board of Directors in order to be elected or have assumed office due to a vacancy.*
  3. *Offices of Secretary and Treasurer: must either have served one year on the Board of Directors or have actively participated in a major project of the Federation, or otherwise demonstrated active interest in the efforts of the Federation.*



**Section 4. Removal of Board Member:** A board member may be removed for cause by seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Regular Meetings:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without any other notice than this by-law immediately before and at the same place as the annual meeting of the members, otherwise, the Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to conduct their corporate affairs.

The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for holding additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution. Additional regular meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation in the absence of any designation in the resolution.

**Section 6. Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by, or at the request of, the president or any four (4) directors and shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place as the directors may determine.

**Section 7. Notice:** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least ten (10) days previous thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each director at his address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the US mail in a sealed envelope to addressee, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such a meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The business to be transacted at the meeting need not be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these By Laws.

**Section 8. Board Decisions:** The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws. Board decisions may be overturned by 75% of voting chapters present at any state meeting.

**Section 9. Vacancies:** Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors, shall be filled by the Board of Directors. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Each such appointment by the Board shall be subject to the approval of the district membership or general membership at the next regular meeting or general membership meeting of this corporation.

## ARTICLE FIVE OFFICERS

**Section 1. Officers:** The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, one District Representative from each district and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article. Any two or more offices may not be held by the same person. Committee members are not considered officers of this corporation. Officers may also be committee members and/or committee directors.

**Section 2. Election and Term of Office:** The officers of the corporation shall be elected every two years by the general membership at the regular annual meeting of the general membership as prescribed in Article Four, Section 3, and Article Six, Section 2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and District Representative shall be elected the fourth quarter of the year. Each officer shall hold office until his successor has been duly elected, or appointed to fill such office.

**Section 3. Removal:** Any officer, elected or appointed, may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby.

**Section 4. Vacancies:** A vacancy in office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors temporarily, until an election can be held.



**Section 5. Powers and Duties:** The several officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolution or other directives of the Board of Directors.

**In the absence of such specifications, each officer shall have the power and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in non-profit corporations having the same or similar general purposes and objectives as this corporation.**

**A. Duties:**

1. *President: Preside over all meetings of the Board or special meetings of the federation; direct all official business; supervise all federation activities; appoint and be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees; be the official representative of the federation in relationship to other organizations; delegate such duties as may be appropriate to better serve the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.; maintain liaison with the National B.A.S.S. Federation. He or his appointee shall carry a state team to the Southern Division Tournament. Any change in office of President would result in a review of financial records.*
2. *Vice-President: Assist the President and, upon request, presides in the absence of the President; assume the office of the President shall it be vacated, until an election can be held; serve as tournament director for all South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Tournaments. Any change in office of Vice-President would result in a review of financial records.*
3. *Secretary: Record accurate minutes of all meetings; maintain regular correspondence, as approved by the Board of Directors, with the member clubs; receive and disburse monies to treasurer.*
4. *Treasurer: Receive and disburse all monies; maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance at each meeting; submit a financial statement at the last meeting of the year. Financial records will be given to an independent auditor for inspection or review on an annual basis. Any change in office of treasurer would result in a review of financial records.*

**B. General**

1. *All district representatives are entitled to one vote in all South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. business. The president shall serve as chairman of the board and shall vote only in the case of a tie.*
2. *The Board of Directors shall convene at least quarterly to discuss pertinent federation business. The minutes and financial report of these meetings shall be available to all federation clubs. See Article 11*
3. *The Treasurer, President and co-signee shall be placed under a security bond by the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Federation business shall be at the expense of the federation.*
4. *Maintain the confidentiality of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. mailing list of membership and sponsors. Use or release of such mailing list will be by approval of the Board of Directors per occurrence.*

**Section 6. Compensation:** Officers as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services. By resolution of the Board of Directors, expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at any official South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. function. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any officer from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation thereof.

**ARTICLE SIX  
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE AND  
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

**Section 1. DELETED**

**Section 2.** Selection: Selection of the District Representative shall be the responsibility of each affiliated Chapter within the district. The District will meet and select the District Representative by November 30th every two years. The District Representative will function as the instrument to funnel needs and difficulties of the individual chapters to the State Federation Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Removal: Should the District Representative or Assistant Representative prove unsatisfactory in the position, he may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the District. Should the position of the District Representative be vacated by removal, death, illness, transfer or any other means, an election shall be held immediately to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term. In the event an individual fills out the remainder of the term, it will not be counted as a full term.

**Section 4. Districts: Districts shall be comprised of the following counties.**

- A. District No. 1: *Spartanburg, Cherokee, York, Union, Chester and Fairfield.*
- B. District No. 2: *Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Anderson, Abbeville, McCormick, Edgefield, Greenwood and Laurens.*
- C. District No. 3: *Newberry, Saluda, Lexington, Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg and Orangeburg.*
- D. District No. 4: *Lancaster, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter, Calhoun and Richland.*
- E. District No. 5: *Dillion, Marion, Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Clarendon and Florence.*
- F. District No. 6 & 7: *Berkeley, Dorchester, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton and Allendale.*

**Once a District has fifteen (15) established clubs, another district will be formed within the same counties of that district for new clubs requesting membership in the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc..**

**Affiliated chapters may become affiliated with another district by letter of petition to the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Board of Directors. This change of district affiliation will be with the approval of the Board of Directors.**

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ARTICLE SEVEN  
COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** **Committee of Directors:** The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office, may designate and appoint the three (3) following standing committees as from time to time may be appropriate. The terms of appointment to a standing committee shall be one year or less, expiring on December 31st after appointment. To be eligible for appointment to any committee a member must be a member in good standing of B.A.S.S., of a South Carolina B.A.S.S. Federation Chapter affiliated with this corporation and a member of South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.

**Section 2.** **Environmental Committee:** The number of members to serve on this committee shall be determined and appointed by the Board of Directors. The purpose of this committee shall be to secure and protect our natural environment from harmful change; to document and report to proper authorities violations of local, state and federal anti-pollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances and other regulatory devices; to take political action, within the scope of the authority of the charter of this corporation and the laws of the State of South Carolina as they relate to lobbying to improve our environment; to take legal action where appropriate; to maintain class actions where advisable and proper under the terms of the chapter of this corporation, to undertake informative and educational programs to bring to the public a greater awareness of threat to our environment; and, above all, to take a leadership role in repairing the harm that has already been done to the life giving water of the United States of America and the State of South Carolina.

**Section 3.** **Tournament Committee:** Board of Directors shall serve on this committee under the guidance of the Vice President/Tournament Director.

**Section 4.** **Youth Activities Committee:** The number of members to serve on this committee shall be determined and appointed by the Board of Directors. The purpose of this committee shall be: to plan, organize and implement statewide B.A.S.S. Youth Activities to introduce young fishermen to the goals of B.A.S.S.; to give the youths of the State of South Carolina basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play and good sportsmanship, and to give them an introduction to the sheer joy of fishing.

**Section 5.** **Special Committee:** Special committees may be formed by and appointed by the Board of Directors, but only for closely defined purposes, and in no case may the tenure of a special committee exceed one year from the day of its appointment. Special Committees may not supersede or otherwise infringe upon the duties and responsibilities of any standing committee unless a resolution to that effect is passed by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Removal:** Any member of any committee may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such members to the committee, standing or otherwise, whenever in their judgment the best interest of the corporation shall be served by such removal.

**ARTICLE EIGHT  
TOURNAMENTS**

Section 1. Trail Eligibility

A- Must be a member in good standing with the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. and affiliated club.

Section 2. Six-Man Team Eligibility

A- Each chapter and members must be in good standing with the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.

B- Each chapter may send one or more six-man teams.

C- Any chapter member not on roster postmarked by August 15th, will not be eligible to fish the Six-Man Tournament.

D. All entry forms and fees for the Six-Man Tournament must be postmarked by September 15th.

Section 3. State Championship Eligibility

A. Must be a member in good standing with the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.

B. Must qualify from the Trail or the Six-Man Tournament.

Section 4. Qualifying for the Twenty Member Eastern Regional Team

A. Must be a member in good standing with the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.

B. Must sign the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. contract.

C. Will consist of:

1- Ten members from the Federation Trail.

2- Six members from the Six-Man Tournament.

3- Four members from the State Championship Tournament.

4- Alternate will come from the State Championship Tournament.

5- Boaters and Non-boaters will be determined by South Carolina Bass

6- Any additional members needed to comply with Eastern Regional format will come from the Federation Trail.

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**ARTICLE NINE  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Section 1. Behavior:** All members/chapters of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. shall exercise rational and acceptable behavior at all South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. functions. Firearms shall not be allowed at any function/activity of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.. Alcoholic beverages shall not be allowed at Board or Chapter meetings unless alcohol is served with a meal and a formal meeting conducted after the meal. All South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. members shall practice moderation in the consumption of alcoholic beverages during all South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. functions/activities. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in boats during the conduct of South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Tournaments.

**Section 2. Water Safety, Conservation and Pollution:** All members shall abide by the established rules of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc., the “Rules of the Road”, and shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding water and boat safety practices. All members shall practice fish conservation at all times by abiding by all South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. and state regulations concerning creel and possession limits. Members should practice “Don’t Kill Your Catch”. All members shall refrain from littering or polluting the waterways and contiguous areas. It is the responsibility of all members to report any members found deliberately not practicing good habits regarding pollution.

**Section 3. Disciplinary Action:** Disciplinary action (other than suspension or expulsion) of members for violation of the provisions of the Constitution and By Laws and other rules and regulations of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. shall be determined and imposed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Suspension and Expulsion:** In the event of any infraction or violation by a member/chapter of the provisions of the Constitution and By Laws or other rules and regulations of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. or any other conduct on the part of a member/chapter which may tend to jeopardize and endanger the good order of the Federation, such member/chapter may be expelled or suspended by a 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 ten (10) days prior to the vote thereon.

**Section 5. Charges:** In the event any member/chapter shall present to the Board of Directors a charge against any member/chapter for 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 prior of consideration.*
- B. *Prior to consideration of such charges against a member/chapter by the Board, an opportunity shall be given to the charged 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 make such defense against the charges as he desires provided it is lawful and reasonable.*



**ARTICLE TEN  
CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

**Section 1. Contracts:** The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these By Laws to enter into any contract and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances, but in all cases shall be authorized first by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Checks, Drafts or Orders:** All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instrument shall be signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 3. State President, Treasurer and Co-Signee must be bonded.** The amount of bond shall be determined by the State Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Deposits:** All funds of the corporation shall be deposited within ten (10) working days of receipt by Treasurer to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

**Section 5. Gifts:** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contributions, gift, bequest, or device for any purpose of the corporation.

**ARTICLE ELEVEN  
BOOKS AND RECORDS**

**Section 1.** The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of all State Meetings. A record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote will be kept by the State Secretary. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, his agent or attorney for any proper purpose, not to exceed thirty (30) days after submission of specific written request of the area to be inspected.

**ARTICLE TWELVE  
FISCAL YEAR**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year in each year and end at midnight on the thirty-first day of December of the year.

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN  
DUES**

**Section 1. Annual Dues:** The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the amount of the initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the corporation.

**Section 2. Payment of Dues:** Dues shall be payable annually in advance on the first day of November and delinquent on the first day of January in each year. New clubs will be affiliated with the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. upon payment of dues.

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN  
WAIVER OF NOTICE**

**Section 1.** Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of Article Three of these By Laws or under the provisions of the corporation chapter, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

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**ARTICLE FIFTEEN  
AMENDMENT OF BY LAWS**

**Section 1.** The By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a majority of Chapters present at the December meeting if the proposed by-law is submitted in writing at the August meeting and read to the General Membership.

At least thirty days notice in writing will be given of the intention to alter, amend, repeal or to adopt proposed by-law change to each chapter. All by-law changes will be voted on at the December meeting.

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN  
DISSOLUTION CLAUSE**

**Section 1.** If the necessity arises that the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. should dissolve, all monies and any other assets of the organization shall be donated to a charitable organization or institution, accredited by the I.R.S.. No monies and/or assets may accrue to the benefit of any club member of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.

## **Procedures for Bylaw Changes**

- 1. The proposed by-law change(s) should be presented at the District meeting in which the club or person proposing the change is a member. Discussion and possible amendments should be made at the meeting.*
- 2. The by-law(s) should then be presented at the August State meeting to be read to the general membership. Time will be allowed for discussion or possible amendment. A motion to adopt the proposed change and a second will be needed for the by-law(s) to go up for a vote in December. If a motion made, seconded and approved then:*
- 3. The bylaw(s) will be read back to the membership by the secretary as recorded. The bylaw(s) will then be mailed to each club for a 30-day notice of intent to vote.*
- 4. The by-law(s) will be voted on at the regular December meeting of the general membership.*

## **Requirements For Membership**

- 1. You must be a member of BASS.*
- 2. You must be a member of BASS Nation (\$30.00 per year).*
- 3. You must be a member of S.C. Bass Federation, Inc. affiliated club. \$20.00 per year for each S.C. Bass Federation, Inc. club you are a member of. Each club sets club dues.*

## Officer Guidelines

### *President*

1. *Preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors.*
2. *Direct all official business of the Federation.*
3. *Supervise and direct all Federation activities.*
4. *Appoint and be an ex-officio member of all Standing and Special Committees and appoint with Board approval additional board members as needed.*
5. *Act as the Federation's liaison with other organizations.*
6. *Maintain liaison with the National B.A.S.S. Federation Chapter Department and attend the National Presidents Conference and BASS Masters Classic.*
7. *Delegate such duties as may be appropriate to better serve the Federation.*
8. *Propose and submit an annual budget in November for board review each year.*

### *Vice-President*

1. *Run the Tournament Trail with the assistance of the Tournament Committee and BOD*
2. *Assist the President upon request.*
3. *Preside in the absence of the President.*
4. *Chair Committees as directed by the President.*
5. *At the President's request, supervise and direct activities of the Federation.*

### *Secretary*

1. *Arrange for all board meetings and disseminate appropriate notices.*
2. *Record accurate minutes of all meetings.*
3. *Maintain regular correspondence with affiliated Chapters and National B.A.S.S. Federation.*
4. *Maintain records to accurately document Chapter participation in required Federation activities.*

### *Treasurer*

1. *Maintain accurate financial records and report accordingly at each board meeting.*
2. *Receive and distribute all monies upon approval of the board.*
3. *Submit a quarterly financial report to the board and membership.*
4. *Submit a yearly financial report at the Presidents Meeting.*

### *District/Regional Directors*

1. *Maintain regular correspondence with affiliated Chapters and SC Bass Federation, Inc. BOD.*
2. *Hold at least one District meeting prior to each General Assembly meeting.*
3. *He/She will preside over all District meetings and record and report recommendations to the BOD. He/She will keep accurate records of club attendance.*
4. *Represent his/her District on all issues conveying the District views to the BOD.*
5. *Represent his/her District at all Federation Functions.*
6. *Either he/she will attend the Tournament Trail and help to work the tournament and represent his/her District when questions arise.*

### *Conservation Natural Resource Director*

1. *To interact with South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. and DNR state agencies and Legislative branches pertaining to conservation and environmental concerns.*
2. *To interact with sportsman groups and affiliated chapter clubs pertaining to conservation and environmental concerns.*
3. *Maintain liaison with the National B.A.S.S. Conservation Natural Resource department and attend yearly national meeting.*

*Youth Director*

*Conduct the Youth Program for the Federation.*

*Give direction for all youth related events Club and Federation Level.*

*Assist in the State Kid's Casting Championship program.*

*Notify all participants of the State Kid's Casting Championship.*

*Be a liaison between B.A.S.S. and the State Federation and Clubs.*

*Give periodical reports of the Youth program to the BOD and the General Assembly at the state meetings.*

*Publicity Director*

*Attend South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Events and take pictures.*

*Writing of special articles on specific events for the Federation*

*Get pictures developed and forward them to the appropriate officials.*

*Sponsorship Director*

*Attend South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Events and monitor sponsorship program.*

*Work with the President and Tournament Director to ensure the Sponsors are being represented to the fullest of their contract.*

*Work with the community to generate more sponsors for the Federation.*

*Work with the BOD to make periodical reports to them and the General Assembly.*

**Reimbursement for expenses incurred:**

*The BOD and other authorized Federation members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while working authorized Federation events.*

*The President and or the BOD will decide what is authorized. This expense will include supplies, mileage and motel expenses. The current rate that is recognized by the Federation BOD is \$.25 per mile and \$25 per day of working an authorized function. The current rate that is recognized for pulling the Tournament Trailer is \$.50 cents per mile. We encourage the buddy system when attending Federation authorized events to save on expenses.*

## Federation Awards Program

- 1. The anglers finishing the South Carolina Bass Federation Tournament Trail with the highest points totals in each division will be declared Trail Champion angler or co-angler, and will receive a jacket and plaque for their accomplishment.*
- 2. The Team that finishes first in the 6 Man Team Event with the heaviest total stringer of bass will be declared the **6 Man Team Champions** and will receive the first place monies and a plaque for each member on the team.*
- 3. The person that finishes the 6 Man Team Tournament with the heaviest stringer of bass will be declared the **6 Man Team Champion** and also will receive a Jacket and Plaque for his/her efforts.*
- 4. The anglers that win the state championship tournament in each division will be Angler and Co-Angler of The Year and will receive a jacket and plaque for their accomplishment.*
- 5. The person that catches the largest fish in a Federation event for the year will be declared **Mr. Bass** and will receive a Jacket and Plaque for his/her efforts.*
- 6. The person on the State Team that catches the largest stringer of fish for the team in each division will be declared our **State Champions** and will go on to represent the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. at the B.A.S.S. Federation Championship the following year. He/she will also be presented a Jacket and Plaque for their efforts.*
- 7. Clubs wishing to qualify for Club of the year should submit a letter listing qualifications by the December State meeting. All entries will be read and the General Assembly will select from the entries. The winning club will be presented a Plaque at the next scheduled General Assembly meeting.*
- 8. Federation members wishing to qualify for Member Of The Year must submit a letter listing qualifications by the December State meeting. All entries will be read and the General Assembly will select from the entries. The winner will be presented a Plaque at the next scheduled General Assembly meeting.*

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## *Casting Kids Program*

*The Casting Kids Program is currently suspended by BASS pending future sponsorship. Clubs can still hold events to promote the sport in their area. The Federation will provide any help it can in making these events a positive for both the clubs and the youngsters involved.*

***The S.C. Bass Federation, Inc. has a Junior Bassmaster Program to teach and pass the sport of bass fishing onto future generations. Jr. clubs must be sponsored by adult clubs.***

## Information on the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. State Team

### **The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. State Team.**

*The State Team consists of 20 fisher-persons and two alternates.*

*The first alternate comes from the State Championship Tournament.*

*The President of South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. or his designee is the Team Captain and the second alternate.*

### **The South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. runs a Tournament Trail.**

*This Trail qualifies 10 members of the state team. The top five anglers will be boaters on the state team and the top five co-anglers will be non-boaters on the state team.*

**The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. has a 6 Man Team Event in October of each year.** *The Top six finishers are awarded positions on the State Team. The top three are anglers and the next three are non-boaters.*

**The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. has a State Championship tournament in November of each year.** *This tournament qualifies 4 members of the state team. The top two anglers will be boaters on the state team and the top two co-anglers will be non-boaters on the state team.*

**Non-boaters can improve their position on the team by qualifying as a boater in either the Six-man Tournament or the Championship Tournament.** *If a qualifying angler does not wish to or for other reason cannot participate on the state team his replacement will be next inline from the tournament results where that member qualified, in other words replacements for trail qualifiers will come from next inline on tournament results, replacements for six-man qualifiers will come from next inline from six-man tournament results and replacements for championship qualifiers will come from next inline from championship results. This process will be followed until the team leaves for the Eastern Regional and at that time the team alternate from the championship will move up in order to field a full team.*

*To qualify for the Championship Tournament you must have fished in at least one federation event, either a trail tournament or the Six-man Team Tournament in the current year. The Championship Tournament is a two-day event, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November, the combined weight for both days will determine winners and top 2 anglers will be boaters on the state team and the top two co-anglers will be non-boaters on the state team, the third place Angler will be the state team alternate. The entry fee for the Championship tournament will be \$135 for Anglers and \$85 for Co-Anglers. The payout will be subsidized with matching monies from the trail and six-man team tournament, this total minus expenses, will be the payback for the tournament. The site for the Championship Tournament will be drawn from eligible lakes at the August state meeting.*

## The South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. State Team

*Each year B.A.S.S. invites the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. President to bring a team to the Eastern Regional Tournament. This tournament can be located anywhere near the region.*

*We budget money to be used for the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. State Team. This money is to include individual expense monies and the Team uniforms. Each team member uses this money to help offset expenses incurred both during practice and the actual tournament. The president selects the Team uniforms and solicits team sponsorships. He at his discretion uses the monies for uniforms and team expenses. Usually if team sponsorship monies are given they are used to aid in the rooms and team dining.*

*This will be both a team tournament and individual tournament. There will individual prize money and a prize boat which is won by total team weight after day two.*

*The boat certificate is presented to the President or team captain. He takes the certificate and sells it and deposits the money in the Federation account. The boat money is divided equally after expenses and checks are issued to each team member.*

*The individuals that has the heaviest stringer of fish for the entire event on each team, both boater and co-angler is declared the representatives to go to the B.A.S.S. Federation Championship the following year. We in South Carolina declare them our State Champions. We will again give them expense money to go to the B.A.S.S. Federation Championship and represent South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. in this event. Whatever he/she wins is again theirs to keep. If and when the South Carolina Champion wins and goes on to the Classic we will pay expense monies.*

*The B.A.S.S. Federation Championship is the Final step in determining BASS Masters Classic qualifiers from Federation Ranks. The Top Three Anglers overall moves on to the BASS Masters Classic, Usually held in late February.*







## 6 Man Team Event

*PARTICIPATES AND ELIGIBILITY: participation in this tournament is open to any Member of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc., who is 16 years of age or older and who are active members in a B.A.S.S.-affiliated chapter in good standing. Proof of age to the satisfaction of the tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential competitor.*

*The 6-Man Program is founded on team participation. Each B.A.S.S. Chapter, affiliated with the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. on record and in good standing and having documented attendance at three of six state or district meetings are qualified to send a 6-Man to the tournament.*

*The meetings start in November of the previous year at the District Meeting and end in August of the year of the tournament at the State meeting. They are invited to enter as many teams as they would like in the State 6-Man Tournament. (How a Club Chapter determines who their 6 men are is left to their own discretion.) Normally they are the top 6 finishers of their own fishing circuit of the previous year. To be eligible each participant must be a member of B.A.S.S., be declared and listed as a paid member of that club with the B.A.S.S. Federation and be listed on the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. roster by Aug. 15th. The teams may consist of 2, 4, or 6 fisher-persons. Each team will total their weight for the two days and the team with the heaviest combined total weight of the 2,4 or 6 fishermen will win. Note, if you choose to send 2 or 4 men teams they will only be weighing the weights of those 2 or 4 persons compared to other teams with 6 fishermen.*

*In the event someone drops out, the team alternate will take his place. You cannot move one team members' weight from one team to another. If the team loses a boater and cannot replace him with an alternate then the team also loses a non-boater to even the field.*

*Entry is accomplished by returning a properly completed entry form as supplied by the Secretary and the team entry fee before the September 15th deadline. The 6-Man Team event is a two-day event. It like all Federation events is held the second weekend of the month. The 6 Man Team Event is held in October. The meeting will be on the Thursday before the second Friday and Saturday. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM. or as soon as the changes are completed.*

*Submit written team and roster changes at this meeting starting at 4:30 PM. Roster changes must be in writing, along with current BASS membership and insurance information. Every entrant's info will be checked. When completed, we will start the meeting.*

*A team captain must be present at the Thursday meeting and be prepared to convey all rules and instructions to your team. When the team is called the captain must come down and collect all the boat numbers and rule documents.*

*The site of the 6-Man event is rotated throughout the Lakes that can handle a tournament of this size. These lakes are Santee-Cooper, Murray, Clark hill and Hartwell.*

*The payback at the 6 man Team Event will be the sum of the total number of teams, times the entry fee, minus the administration expenses. 100% of what is left will be paid out to the top 10 teams. No individual money, except big fish. We will pay first and second place big fish per day with 70% / 30% split. The overall winner on the individual side is recognized as such and will be presented with a non monetary gift.*

## The South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. State Championship Tournament

To qualify for the Championship Tournament an angler must have fished in at least one federation event, either a trail tournament or the Six-man Team Tournament in the current year. **You can fish this event either way you desire, Boater or Non-boater**. This tournament is held in November of each year and is like all tournaments on the Second weekend. This tournament like the 6 Man Team Event, it is a two-day tournament. This tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday. The combined individual weight for both days determines the winners and the last four-team members and the first Alternate.

The first and second Anglers are Boaters and the first and second Co-Anglers are Non-Boaters. The third place Angler will be the first Alternate for the State Team. If any of the Top Four positions have previously qualified then the next position will work their way down the line. If Non-Boaters are now qualified as Boaters then we will go back to the event they qualified from and pull the next person in line. The entry fee for the State Championship is \$135 for Boaters and \$85 for Non-Boaters. This tournament is subsidized with monies from both the Trail and the 6 Man Team Event. The amount taken from the Trail will be matched from the 6 Man Team Event. This combined total will be paid back minus the expenses.

The site for the State Championship will be drawn out of a hat at the State meeting in August.

### South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. Advertising Rates

We have a Web page on the internet. This web page is available to each and every member of the Federation. All Districts are allowed space for news that is particular to their respective Districts. The Federation's Web page ([scbassfed.org](http://scbassfed.org)). This page is also offered to you for free. If anyone would like to advertise see the following:

| Size          | Web Page |
|---------------|----------|
| Business Card | \$100.00 |
| 1/4 Page      | \$250.00 |

Advertising rates are being re-considered and adjusted accordingly.  
Please contact any BOD member for current pricing.

### Bad Check Policy

Any returned checks for insufficient funds will be subject to a \$30.00 processing fee - plus the amount of the original check. Cash Only. No further checks will be accepted for a period of one (1) year from the date of the second bad check.

## General Tournament Rules

*These rules have been adopted as standard for all tournaments sponsored by or sanctioned by the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc.. All affiliated B.A.S.S. clubs are urged to follow these rules during all interclub and intraclub tournaments to promote safety, sportsmanship, and Bass preservation.*

**1. Insurance:**

*Members using a boat at any South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Tournament must have valid liability insurance of at least \$100,000 and must show proof upon request at the pairing meeting.*

**2. Participants:**

*Must be a member in good standing with the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc., National B.A.S.S. Federation and B.A.S.S. at all times.*

**3. Polygraph:**

*All participants are subject to polygraph upon request. Anyone refusing to take or not clearing polygraph will be disqualified.*

**4. Registration:**

**Regular registration will begin at 4:30 A.M. the morning of the tournament. Regular registration will end at 5:30 A.M. Late registration with a \$10.00 late fee until pairing begins.**

**5. No refund after pairing!**

**6. Practice Days:**

*No off limits*

**7. Tournament Pairings:**

*All tournament participants will be paired until all non-boaters are used. All pairings are final and no refunds will be made after that time. Pairings will be conducted by and in a manner selected by the Tournament Director at registration time. It is the participant's responsibility to meet tournament times and deadlines.*

**8. Pre-Tournament Meeting:**

*All participants must attend the meeting prior to each day's blast-off.*

**9. Safety:**

*All State and Coast Guard requirements must be met by the contestant and their equipment and that equipment operated in accordance with those laws. A kill switch (safety switch) must be installed and in working order on each boat. Each contestant must wear an approved PFD-3 (chest type) whenever the combustion engine is running. The kill switch must be operational and attached to driver when the combustion engine is running. All auxiliary gas tanks must be permanently mounted. All fueling during the tournament hours must be pumped from a marina located on the tournament waters. Infraction of these rules may result in penalties or disqualification of the violator.*

**10. Sportsmanship:**

*Sportsmanship is expected of all contestants. Safety and courtesy are essential to a successful tournament. A participant may not discuss fishing with anyone, other than another participant, during tournament hours for a tournament gain or fishing advantage.*

**11. Tackle and Lures:**

*Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait is allowed except commercial pork baits. Only casting, spinning, and spin casting tackle will be used. Only one rod will be in water and fished at a time. Other rods may be pre-rigged and available for immediate use, no rods over 8 feet will be allowed. Fish must be caught in the accepted conventional manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their days fish disqualified.*

**12. Non-Boater Requirements:**

*Each non-boater/co-angler must provide his/her own life jacket / PFD-3 (chest type) and should limit his/her equipment to 6 rods/reels, and 2 small or 1 large tackle bag/box.*

**13. Accessory Equipment:**

*Underwater cameras/video equipment are not allowed, any other electronic equipment may be used. Two-way radios and communication equipment may only be used in case of an emergency and not for tournament gain or a fishing advantage.*

**14. Boating Equipment:**

Only boats and motors complying with state laws will be used. Boats powered by any outboard motor (not to exceed 250HP) may be used in South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Tournaments. No boat may be powered by an engine exceeding the Coast Guard approved rating plate. All boats must be a minimum of (16-ft) in length as recorded on the registration. Each contestant has the option of not riding in a boat where his safety is in question. **Trolling as a method of fishing with gas engine is prohibited.**

**15. Boat Operation:**

Operating a boat in a negligent or unsafe manner or in violation of any State or Federal law may result in penalties or disqualification. Each boat will be provided a means of Tournament identification, which must be displayed upon request during Tournament hours. The angler can only cast from front deck, the co-angler can only cast from rear deck.

**16. Fishing Locations:**

First to arrive at a location "owns" that location and all water within fifty (50) yards of their boat in any direction for fishing if trolling motor is up and anchor out. Any off limits will be announced at pre-tournament meeting.

**17. Competition Fish:**

Only largemouth bass species and small mouth bass will be counted. Boaters can only weigh five (5) fish Non-Boaters can only weigh three (3) fish ,all fish must meet the minimum size limit set for the lake by the tournament director measured on a flat board by the Tournament officials. Mashed or mangled bass will not be counted.

**18. Lake Headquarters:**

Will be designated by the Tournament Director. Boats must leave and return by water to this location. A check-in point will be designated. Each contestant must check-in at the end of the Tournament Day. Failure to check in will result in immediate and final disqualification.

**19. Culling Rule:**

When 6th fish is brought into boat, one must be culled to maintain 5 fish limit before next cast or moving boat. Over 5 fish penalty will be determined by the Tournament Director. This is State Law to have only 5 Largemouth in boat per Angler

**20. Catch and Release:**

All tournament boats must be equipped with an operational live well system capable of supporting two (2) limits of fish under tournament conditions. Fish will be brought to check station in contestants own bags. A bag that holds water, keeping your fish alive is your responsibility. After weighing fish will be placed in a holding tank for return to the lake.

**21. Departing Boat:**

For any fishing advantage is not allowed. Partners must remain together during tournament hours. Any participant-leaving tournament must weigh fish and sign weight slip at time of departure. Once leaving the tournament, the participants will not be allowed to return to the tournament. In certain circumstances a boater may be allowed to go back out alone if reason for non-boater departure was unavoidable.

**22. Tournament and Competition Hours:**

Will be announced by the Tournament Director. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** during the Tournament Hours! Tournament hours begin with registration and end after awards presentation. Two-day event tournament hours for first day will end when last contestant weighs their fish. Violation of this rule may result in penalties or disqualification.

**23. Blast Offs:**

Numbers of boats per flight will be decided by the Tournament Director at each tournament. Number of boats, water restriction, and weather conditions will be considered in each tournament.

**24. Weigh-Ins:**

Will be at Lake Headquarters. A weigh-in deadline will be announced. Partners must remain together at weigh-ins. Fish must be caught by the contestant weighing them in. In case of a mechanical failure, rule #28 applies.



**25. Penalties:**

*Once fish are presented to the officials, the contestant does not have the right to cull his fish. Penalties will be incurred at that point. Fish will be measured and counted. Over 5 fish will mean disqualification. Each fish under the DNR size limit will be culled and incur a penalty of one (1) pound. A penalty of (4) ounces will be deducted for each dead fish. A one (1) pound per minute penalty will be assessed for each minute late for weigh in or check in for two day tournaments, up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no fish will be weighed for the late contestant.*

**26. Winners & Scoring:**

*Winner and subsequent standings will be determined by the largest total pounds and ounces after any penalties. In case of ties, involving payback or points, in the top ten (10) positions during any tournament the following tiebreakers will apply:*

- \* 1. Angler with the single largest fish.*
- \* 2. Angler with largest number of live fish.*
- \* 3. Angler with largest number of fish.*
- \* 4. Flip of coin.*
- \* 5. Ties in points at the end of the Trail Tournament season will be broken by total lbs. and ozs.*

**27. Big Fish Pot:**

*Money will be paid in each division for largest bass per day. Each contestant may enter one (1) fish per day for big fish competition. A penalty of four- (4) oz. will be deducted from weight if fish is dead.*

**28. Each Contestant:**

*Must verify their fish weight on a form provided by the Tournament Director. All results are final after contestant leaves the weigh-in table.*

**29. Protest:**

*Any violation or rumor of a violation will be investigated by the Tournament Committee.*

**30. Hazardous Weather:**

*The Tournament Director will determine proper weather and go or postpone accordingly. If postponement of a trail tournament is determined, make up will be the following Saturday. Postponement of tournament will be decided at ramp on day of tournament. Six Man Team and Federation Championship will not be postponed.*

**31. Mechanical Failure:**

*You must compete (fish) with the same partner that you started competition with. If boat becomes rendered useless, you may send or bring your fish to weigh-in with another participant by water in a tournament boat. At that point the competitors of the useless boat competition is ended. Any change of boat must be approved by South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. Tournament Director.*

**32. Tournament Trail Points:**

*250 Point System per tournament. Points awarded according to finish. The people not catching a fish will receive 50 points lower than the last place person weighing in a fish. The last tournament of the trail will be a double points event. Standings at the end of the qualifying tournaments will be adjusted using four (4) or less highest place finishes to determine the Trail Champion, runners-up and the participants for the State Team.*

**33. Enforcement:**

*The duly appointed Tournament Director will be the final authority for the interpretation and enforcement of these rules and any special circumstances.*

**34. Release of Media:**

*By signing the official weigh in slip each angler agrees to:  
I hereby waive my rights of privacy or publicity with the regard to the programs of the tournament in which I appear and consent to S.C. Bass Federation, B.A.S.S. LLC, its subsidiary companies or those acting under their permission or authority to copyrighting, distribution, televising, publishing and using in any way the audio, video, photographs or interviews of this event. I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.*

**Disbursement of Tournament Entry Fees**

| <u>Tournament Trail</u> | <u>Angler</u> | <u>Co-Angler</u>                                |
|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| Payback                 | \$ 55.00      | \$ 38.00  |
| Operational Expense     | \$ 15.00      | \$ 9.50   |
| Big Fish Pot            | \$ 5.00       | \$ 3.50   |
| Championship            | \$ 3.00       | \$ 2.00   |
| State Team Fund         | <u>\$7.00</u> | <u>\$7.00</u>                                   |
| Total                   | \$ 85.00      | \$60.00   |
|                         |               | <b><u>Co-Angler</u></b> \$38.00 x # of Entrants |

**Angler** = \$ 55.00 x # of Entrants

**One place paid for every five entrants in each division (up to 10 positions per division).**

*Efforts have and will be made to keep these rules as up to date as possible. If any differences between the rules in this handbook and the most current rules of the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc. may exist, the most current years official rules shall prevail, and shall be approved by the Tournament Director or his/her designee.*



## South Carolina Bass Federation's Property

1. One 7 x 16 ft enclosed trailer.
2. Three sets of equalizer weigh-in digital scales. 0-40lbs
3. Assorted tools Hammer, bolts, nuts ropes, etc
4. Three one hundred gallon rubbermaid water tanks.
5. One plastic sink with two compartments.
6. One hundred watt Radio shack amp.
7. One cordless mic,
8. Three 400-watt flood lights mounted on a pole.
9. Four leveling jacks.
10. One ten ton hydraulic jack.
11. Six portable 2 way radios.
12. One 2-drawer file cabinet.
13. Two Rubbermaid ice chest.
14. 100 ft of 4inch white pvc pipe.
15. Two one hundred ft garden hoses.
16. Three hundred ft of assorted extension cords.
17. One each one hundred cup coffee maker.
18. One Bunn automatic drip coffee maker 3 burner unit.
19. One megaphone, bullhorn.
20. One ten foot by 16 ft Eaze-up tarp shelter.
21. Six flashlights.
22. One 5x7 ft platform with rails.
23. Three Rubber maid storage boxes.
24. Six marking boards 4x8 ft.
25. One galvanized metal fish release tank.
26. Eight wheel chocks 6x6.
27. Two 2x3 folding tables.
28. One set of 10,000lb load leveler bars.
29. One anti-sway bar.
30. 1 class IV receiver hitch.
31. One 2/5/16 ball with receiver hitch.
32. One green 30-gallon trash can.
33. Four white plastic chairs.
34. Three soft seat chairs straight back.

### NOT ON TRAILER

35. One Squirrel cage basket used for Boat Raffle made by Red Calhoun.
36. One Sony Digital Camera and case Mavica
37. One laptop computer Toshiba 2147618cu-1



## SC Bass Federation Clubs

| <i>District ID</i> | <i>Club Name</i>               | <i>Club Number</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1                  | Carolina Christian Bassmasters | 8599               |
| 1                  | Catawba Bassmasters            | 5642               |
| 1                  | Gaffney Bassmasters            | 0553               |
| 1                  | Rock Hill Bass Club            | 1487               |
| 1                  | Sparkle City Bass Masters      | 6928               |
| 1                  | Wylie South Bassmasters        | 6184               |
| 1                  | Backwater Boys                 | 9938               |
| 2                  | Nuts and Bolts Bassmasters     | 9784               |
| 2                  | Carolina Hookers               | 9189               |
| 2                  | Easley Bassmasters             | 7793               |
| 2                  | Outcast Bassmasters            | 9919               |
| 2                  | Greenwood Bassmasters          | 0044               |
| 2                  | Rebel Bassmasters of Greenwood | 0085               |
| 2                  | Anglers Pro Shop Bass Masters  | 5715               |
| 2                  |                                |                    |
| 3                  | Carolina Bassmasters           | 4780               |
| 3                  | Palmetto Bassmasters           | 0653               |
| 3                  | Carolina Cast-A-Ways           | 9942               |
| 3                  | Mid-Carolina Bassmasters       | 2071               |
| 3                  | Carolina Classic Bassmasters   | 4780               |
| 3                  | Tri-County Bass-N-Buddy's      | 5178               |
| 3                  |                                |                    |
| 3                  |                                |                    |
| 4                  | The Good Old Boys Bass Club    | 9783               |
| 4                  | Hartsville Bassmasters         | 6243               |
| 4                  | Lugoff Bassmasters             | 8524               |
| 4                  | Shaw Bassers                   | 6221               |
| 5                  | Conway Bassmasters             | 6041               |
| 5                  | Georgetown Bassmasters         | 10407              |
| 5                  | PeeDee Bassmasters             | 10279              |
| 5                  | Lake City Bass Club            | 5232               |
| 5                  | Pleasant Hill Bassmasters      | 10335              |
| 5                  | Lynches River Bass Club        | 6026               |
| 5                  | Swamp Fox Bassmasters of Loris | 3688               |
| 5                  | Young Guns Bass Club           | 8076               |
| 5                  |                                |                    |
| 6                  | Carolina Crankers              | 4967               |
| 6                  | Charleston Bassmasters         | 4546               |
| 6                  | Dixieland Bassmasters          | 1937               |





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|---|----------------------------|------|
| 6 | Cooper River Bassmasters   | 9453 |
| 6 | Low Country Bassmasters    | 0021 |
| 6 | Goose Creek Bass Club      | 4468 |
| 6 | Summerville Bassmasters    | 0377 |
| 6 | Tri-County Bass N Buddies  | 5178 |
| 6 | Creekside Bassmasters      | 9616 |
| 7 | Hampton County Bassmasters | 6353 |
| 7 | Low Country Anglers        | 9087 |
| 7 | Sea Island Bassmasters     | 4797 |
| 7 |                            |      |
| 7 |                            |      |

*Total Clubs on File: 45*



# State Team Letter

State Team members,

Congratulations on making it on the South Carolina Bass Federation State Team. I know you are looking forward to going to North Carolina this summer. We have a mixer of some seasoned team members as well as some newcomers. So, those of you that have been there and done that bear with me. Those seasoned members should know by now, what is expected. We want to use our past experiences to benefit from and make the Divisional even better each year.

In preparation there are a few things I need you to do for me. On the first night of the Divisional I will have to introduce the team and therefore would like a short history of you and your fishing experience, Bass Club, wife's name and children, occupation and number of times you have been qualified for the state team.

I will need Insurance papers (current) originals not copies to send to National Bass. Remember we must have a minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage. The dates (effective starting and ending) must cover the dates of the tournament. Even if you are a non-boater and plan on using your boat in practice only. I still will have to have your insurance papers. If you are not using your but for what ever reason and you are using \_\_\_\_\_ you must have a letter of authorization from the owner on file with B.A.S.S. National Federation. Please send this to me not National B.A.S.S.

I will have to get the Uniforms on order \_\_\_\_\_, I will need your size \_\_\_\_\_ back to me as soon as possible and no later than March \_\_\_\_\_ it. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and inseam \_\_\_\_\_ in inches. I will also need \_\_\_\_\_ jacket size \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_ and give me the real size, not what you would look for it. \_\_\_\_\_ have time to swap back and forth. We want you to look good \_\_\_\_\_ you have on your \_\_\_\_\_ brothers clothes.

When you \_\_\_\_\_ do not think you can change \_\_\_\_\_ adding your own sponsors or taking some of our sponsors names off. \_\_\_\_\_ we are all looking alike. If you have \_\_\_\_\_ sponsors and they would like to have their \_\_\_\_\_ go on the uniforms you and they must contact me and \_\_\_\_\_ try to get it done. When you get your uniforms remember we will advise you \_\_\_\_\_ the blast-off and weigh-in we will be taking pictures and you must wear \_\_\_\_\_ of the day. That means the shirt, hat, pants and Vest. I know \_\_\_\_\_ you have lucky hats and so forth but you will have to wear them while on the water \_\_\_\_\_ at the blast-off and weigh ins. We will have a team meeting everyday and all will participate. This is not an individual event but a team tournament. If we are lucky enough to win money, the check will be deposited into the Federation account and we will divide it and issue checks from the Federation when we get back.

Each of you will be eligible for some expenses. I will take whatever is left over from the uniforms and whatever we get from sponsors and subsidize our food and rooms accordingly. We do want you to bring your families so plan on bringing them if you can. We plan the event in June after school is out to allow you to make this a vacation for you and your families. I will be sending you another update as we get closer and with it you will be given the tournament rules and the contract from BASS.

With this letter I am sending each of you a Contract from South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. Please return this back to me completed again as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to participate without this contract signed and on file. If you have any questions on anything I have covered so far give me a call and I will be glad to explain it further if necessary.

Good fishing!  
Jackie Stanford, President  
South Carolina Bass Federation Inc.

## State Team Contract

This agreement made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ , by and between the South Carolina Bass Federation, Inc., \_\_\_\_\_ and (team members name) \_\_\_\_\_ whereas the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. is the recognized affiliate of the National B.A.S.S. Federation, The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. desires to engage the promotion and team support of (team members name) \_\_\_\_\_ as a team member.

It is understood that the National B.A.S.S. Federation does not invite individuals to divisional tournaments, but rather extends an invitation to the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. and specifically to the State Federation President ( the designated team captain) to do the following: to bring a State Team to the divisional tournament, to define the boaters and non-boaters, and to manage and direct said team in all regards, up to and including replacing or expelling team members.

Now, therefore in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein as well as good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree to as follows:

- The term of this agreement shall be from the beginning \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and ending January 1, 20\_\_.
- The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. agrees to provide each team member with the opportunity to qualify for \_\_\_\_\_ South Federation sponsors.
- The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. agrees to provide each team member with the opportunity to qualify for \_\_\_\_\_ B.A.S.S. National Championship Tournament.
- The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. agrees to provide each team member with the official State Team Apparel.
- The South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. agrees to pay a portion of each team members expenses as is reasonable and possible, to be paid from the \_\_\_\_\_ Divisional \_\_\_\_\_ tournament, as well as expenses while there up to the limit set forth by \_\_\_\_\_ Board of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each team member agrees to represent the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. as a state Team Member in a minimum of two \_\_\_\_\_ functions, during the term of this agreement, to be chosen by the State President or his designee.
- Each team member agrees to participate fully, openly, and honestly, with the State Team, and to conduct themselves honorably and in a sportsman like manner at all times.
- In no event shall any State team member enter into any contract or agreement on behalf of the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. nor seek to bind the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc., or the State Team in any fashion.

It is understood that failure to abide by any or all of these terms, by a State Team Member, shall mean immediate removal from this and possibly all future State Team functions, and forfeiture of any and all prizes, products or endorsements.

I agree fully to the terms listed and agree to be a member of the South Carolina Bass Federation Inc. 20\_\_ State Team.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to participate as a State Team Member at this time, by doing so I understand I will forfeit any and all prizes, products and/or endorsements, and I will not be a member of the 20\_\_ State Team.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

