

Emerald Bass Club, Inc.
Constitution and Bylaws
(revised November 3, 2004)

This organization shall be called Emerald Bass Club, and shall be located in Lane County, Oregon.

Article 1 – Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To promote conservation through catch and release practices. To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote adherence to all conservation codes, and to demand adequate water quality standards. To detect and report any polluter, and call public attention to this 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. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other clubs embracing the principles and purposes we have set forth.

Article 2 – Membership

Section 1: Number of members.

- A. The club shall begin with at least six members on December 1, 1975.

Section 2: Membership requirements and induction procedures.

- A. The President shall appoint an orientation committee, to be chaired by the vice-president, at or before the January club meeting.
- B. Orientation committee responsibilities:
 - 1. Insure introduction of prospective members at club meetings.
 - 2. Provide prospective members with club information, including bylaws and membership application.
 - 3. Assist prospective members as may be required at club functions.
 - 4. Assist in the verification and satisfaction of membership requirements.
- C. Membership requirements:
 - 1. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
 - 2. Attend a minimum of three club functions. The membership committee may, at their discretion, wave attendance requirements.
 - 3. Be at least 18 years of age on the date of membership induction, unless the prospective member's parent or guardian is a member, in which case, they can become a member at the age of 16.
 - 4. Submit a complete written application in the form prescribed at or before the meeting at which approval is desired.
- D. Satisfaction of membership requirements shall be ruled on by the club members in attendance by secret ballot. Approval will be affirmed with 90 percent or more of voting members' approval.

Section 3: Membership dues.

- A. The membership dues shall be \$20.00 annually, due on or before the February meeting of each year.
- B. New members shall pay \$15.00 on applying for membership plus \$1.67 per month for the balance of the calendar year.
- C. Subject to approval of the membership, former members may reinstate their membership by payment in full of the current year's dues.

Article 3 – Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their duties.

- A. President: Preside over meetings and direct official business. Appoint committees and direct their functions.
- B. Vice-President: Act as program chairman, assist the President in his duties, to be sergeant-at-arms during the meeting.
- C. Secretary-Treasurer: Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings. Maintain accurate financial records and report at meetings. Maintain regular liaison between the club and its members.
- D. Activities Officer: To organize club activities and preside over an activities committee which shall propose club outings for club approval. To maintain records of club activities and report them to the members.
 - 1. The Activities Committee shall be composed of the Activities Officer and four other club members.
 - 2. The other members of the committee shall be selected by the club officers.
- E. Newsletter Editor: Assemble and distribute newsletter to all members on a monthly basis. Assist Club Secretary in compiling phone list of current members following February dues deadline.

Section 2: Elections.

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- A. The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting in the month of December.
- B. Elections shall be by secret ballot and by a simple majority of members present.
- C. Election of each officer shall be separate, and in the order listed in Article 3, Section 1.
- D. Nomination of Officers shall take place at the November meeting prior to the election.

Section 3: Eligibility to vote.

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

Section 4: Term of office.

- A. Term of office is one year, January 1 to December 31.

Section 5: Vacancies.

- A. In the event of an office becoming vacant, the club officers will be responsible to appoint the replacement to fill the office.

Section 6: Eligibility to hold office

- A. To be eligible to hold office, a member must have been a member in good standing for six months.

Article 4 – Amending the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended once per year (subject to paragraph C of this section). Amendments will be made in the following manner:

- A. Proposed amendments can be introduced at the September meeting, and if referred to the membership, will be printed in the next newsletter. Referral will be by simple majority of the members present.
- B. Voting will take place at the October meeting or at the meeting next following notification by newsletter of the proposed amendments. Passage requires a 2/3 majority of the members present.
- C. Amendments made necessary by legislative changes may be proposed and acted upon at any time of year in the same manner as A and B above.

Article 5 – Removal from Membership

Section 1: A member shall be dropped from membership for any of the following:

- A. Failure to pay dues, tournament fees, or penalties at or before the regular February meeting. Subject to 90% approval of the members present, former members in good standing may reinstate their membership in any year by payment in full of that year's membership dues.
- B. Any action which would reflect dishonor and/or disgrace to the club. Any pending action must be presented to at least one meeting prior to a vote on the dismissal action. Dismissal shall result with 90 percent or more votes cast in favor.

Article 6 – Miscellaneous

Section 1: The club shall not purchase alcoholic beverages with club funds.

Section 2: The Adult Tournament Rules shall be part of these Bylaws and acted on as such.

Section 3: Voting on issues other than those enumerated in these Bylaws may be approved by a simple majority of members present.