

ROSWELL BASS CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I- Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

The Roswell Bass Club

Section 2: Purpose

To improve our skills as Bass Anglers through fellowship and exchange of Bass catching techniques and ideas. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other chapters embracing the principles and purposes of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) and FLW Outdoors.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

The club membership will not exceed 35 regular members.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

Any male 18 years or older who expresses an interest in membership, after being deemed in an interview with the club president to have the time and resources to be an active member.

The prospective member shall attend an orientation meeting. This meeting is to introduce the prospective member to the regular members of the club. The prospect must have fished a minimum of three tournaments and attended a minimum of three meetings prior to coming up for vote. A Conservation Project or Kids Casting Event may count as a meeting or tournament day for a prospective member to meet the requirements for being voted in as a member. He will receive points for the meetings, tournaments, and fish weighed in during the probationary period toward his yearly point totals. The prospective member will then be voted on at a regular club meeting for regular membership and must receive 80% approval from the club members present. He will be notified of the results by the Vice President.

Section 3: Membership Dues

New members shall pay an initiation fee of \$25.00 upon being voted on and approved for membership. All members are required to be members in good standing of the Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (B.A.S.S.) and/or FLW Outdoors and the affiliated state organizations.

Monthly dues shall be \$15.00, payable at each meeting.

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ARTICLE III- Meetings and Tournaments

Section 1: Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be on the first Tuesday of each month, unless changed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall give notice to all members of such changes.

Section 2: Special Meetings

A special meeting of the club may be called at any time by the Executive Committee with notice being given to all members.

Section 3: Tournaments

The Tournament Committee (Lake Committee) shall consist of the six members with the highest total points plus the Tournament Director if he is not in the Top Six, and the committee shall determine the tournament schedule for the upcoming year. This will include the dates to be fished and the proposed lakes to be fished. The Tournament Committee will present the tournament schedule for the New Year at the December meeting. Lakes will be voted on each quarter, at the last meeting of the previous quarter. Any member may submit a lake as an alternative to an approved lake at this time, and the lake to be fished shall be decided by a majority vote of the club. Any member may submit an alternative date of a tournament, and such changes require a unanimous vote of those members present.

ARTICLE IV- Executive Committee

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this committee is to function as the governing body of the Roswell Bass Club.

Section 2: Meetings

This committee will meet whenever deemed necessary by the President or club membership. The committee will meet at the beginning of each year to determine the annual club budget which will then be voted on by the membership at the next regular meeting. A 2/3 vote of the membership present is required for approval of the budget.

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Section 3: Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the current President (serves as chairman), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and the Tournament Director.

ARTICLE V – Officers, Elections, Vacancies, Term of Office, and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

President – The President presides over all meetings and directs all official business of the club, supervises all club functions, and sets the agenda for the meetings.

Vice President – Assist the President in his duties and presides in the absence of the President. Appoints and directs special committee functions. Assist in the supervision of all club functions and assist the Tournament Master at tournaments. He also maintains all official records regarding tournament results and standings.

Secretary – The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the club pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club. He shall keep a true record of all club meetings and have custody of the records and books of the club, except the records of the Treasurer.

Treasurer - The treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the club and place the same in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check, signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested and report to the membership at its regular meetings. He shall meet with the audit committee, appointed by the Vice President, and present a written report to the membership at an annual meeting.

Tournament Director – (An elected officer). Serves as the chairman of the Tournament Lake Committee, which selects the tournament dates and lakes. He will enforce the current Official Rules of the tournaments as amended by the club. He will designate the launch site for each tournament and the hours for fishing. The President can attend Lake Committee meetings if he desires.

Section 2: Elections

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The election of officers shall be held annually at the regular meeting in November. Nominations for each office shall be made from the floor.

Section 3: Eligibility to Vote

Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Terms of Office

The term office is one year, which shall begin January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 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.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible the candidate must have been a member in good standing for six (6) months or more.

ARTICLE VI –Financial and Spending

Funding: Club funds will be obtained from dues and fund raising activities if needed.

ARTICLE VII –Method of Amending the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules

Section 1: Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by 2/3 vote of the members present provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one meeting prior to the vote.

The Constitution and Bylaws may be temporarily amended under special circumstances or dire conditions by the President, but only until the next regular meeting. The President will inform the members at the next meeting of the action taken and its purpose.

Section 2: Standing Rules

The Standing Rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

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ARTICLE VIII- Suspension and Expulsions

Section 1:

Any officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any regular meeting. At such meetings, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section 2:

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club by a majority vote for reasons stated under Article VIII, section 5.

Section 3:

Any member may prefer charges against any officer or member. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the secretary, who will immediately notify the president. The president shall call a meeting of the Executive committee to hear the charges. The secretary will give notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, the accuser, and to the accused who shall attend. Notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and supporting affidavits and exhibits. A vote by the Executive Committee will determine what action is to be taken, with majority ruling.

Section 4:

Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal in person to the full membership at the next regular meeting. A vote will be taken by secret ballot of the members present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse action of the Executive Committee.

Section 5: Removal of Membership

A member may be dropped from the membership roll for any of the following reasons:

Failure to pay dues three months in succession, unless substantial reason is presented to the Executive Committee.

Any action, which would reflect, dishonor or disgrace to the club.

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Continued pattern of unsafe boating, fishing, driving or other club related practices.

Failure to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws or Standing Rules of the club.

ROSWELL BASS CLUB STANDING RULES

TOURNAMENTS

General Rules

- The Tournament Director will control the launch site, start time, finish time, weigh-in, disqualifications for the tournament, and selection of the weigh-in location and all measurements will be based upon his board.
- Only largemouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, shoal bass, redeye bass and smallmouth bass or any cross (hybrid) of these species may be weighed in.
- Dead fish in well cannot be culled. Only five fish in well at any time. You must cull with fish in hand (at no time can there be six fish in the live well.)
- All fish must be a minimum of twelve inches in length unless the minimum length on the tournament lake is greater, in which case the requirement for the lake prevails.
- Only artificial baits and lures may be used. No live bait allowed nor any preserved natural baits other than pork chunks, pork frogs, and pork eels. Trolling is not permitted.
- When sight fishing, all fish must be hooked inside the mouth. Any fish not hooked inside the mouth shall be released.
- A Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD) will be worn at all times when the combustion engine is running and a functioning kill switch will be mandatory in all boats. These safety measures can be monitored by any member and failure to abide will mean disqualification from the tournament.
- Each boat owner will have a measuring board to measure questionable fish. The boat owner's measuring board should be checked against the Tournament Director's board. No fish will be officially measured at the weigh-in by an individual, but can be checked by the Tournament Director.
- Rods cannot be greater than eight feet (96 inches) in length measured from the butt to the tip.
- An angler may only use one rod and reel at a time, and the angler must have the rod in control at all times that a bait is in the water.
- Each cast must be completed before another cast may be made (i.e., a cast cannot be made, then the rod laid down and another cast made with a different rod). Anglers must have valid fishing licenses for all tournament waters.
- All boats (participants) shall obey all rules and regulations (i.e., no wake zones, any waters marked ("NO BOATS", etc.) of any tournament waters. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification from the tournament in which the violation occurs.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in the boat during tournament hours.

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Tournament Draw

- The Tournament Director, or another club officer in his absence, shall conduct the draw for tournament partners prior to the upcoming tournament. Partners shall be drawn as “boater” and “non-boater” with the boater drawn first. Should there be a greater number of boaters than non-boaters in the draw, then the remaining boaters may fish solo or fish with another boater. No boater shall be forced due to the draw to fish as a non-boater more than once per calendar year. No boater or non-boater shall be forced due to the draw to fish three to a boat more than once per calendar year.
- Guests are always welcome at tournaments. Any member wishing to bring a guest should contact the Tournament Director prior to the tournament draw. Guests will be permitted to fish in club tournaments solely at the discretion of the Tournament Director. No member will be forced to fish three per boat due to a guest participating in the tournament.
- A member not present at a meeting may be included in the draw for partners by prior notification to the Tournament Director of his intent to fish the upcoming tournament by the tournament draw.
- A member not included in the partner drawing may be permitted to fish the tournament solely at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Vice President and must contact one of these officers for such determination.
- A member participating in the tournament draw for partners is expected to fish the tournament.
- The non- boater partner should contact the boater by Wednesday night after the meeting to discuss travel arrangements, fishing locations, etc.
- Each non-boat owner is required to pay the boat owner \$30.00 for a one day tournament and \$50.00 for a two day tournament to help cover the cost of operation.
- If a non-boater partner does not show up for the tournament and does not have a valid excuse, as determined by the boater partner and/or the Executive Committee, the non-boater shall pay the boater the appropriate expense for gas (\$30 for one day, \$50 for two day). If a boater partner does not show up for the tournament without the same applicable excuse, the boater shall reimburse the non- boater partner for the gas expenses paid to whomever the non-boater fished with.

Weigh-In

- Boats must be inside the designated weigh in area (usually within the No Wake buoys) at the designated time.
- If a boat has not checked in 15 minutes after finish time a search may be initiated at the discretion of the Tournament Director after weigh-in.
- If it is deemed necessary for anyone to leave before the designated quitting time, it is the responsibility of the boat owner to notify the Tournament Director or a member of the club who is fishing in the tournament. In the event that no one can be reached by phone, a note left on the Tournament Director’s (or other member’s) vehicle will satisfy this requirement.
- Each member is to present his own fish to the Tournament Director for weigh-in.

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- Should a member have to leave a tournament early, his fish, if any, will not count toward fish points or big fish.
- If a member has a complaint or objection concerning a tournament he shall advise the Tournament Director, Vice President or President within 15 minutes of the completion of the tournament. He shall then file a written complaint to the Executive Committee for its consideration and action.

Points

One point will be awarded for each ounce of bass caught.

- Twenty five (25) bonus points will be awarded for each tournament day fished (e.g. 2 days = 50 points) and each monthly meeting attended. To receive "tournament" points you must be present at the launch or the weigh-in. The penalty (deduction) for each dead fish shall be four ounces from the total weight.
- Any angler having more than five fish in possession at the conclusion of the tournament shall have the largest (heaviest) fish removed from his sack until the limit of five fish is achieved and a one pound penalty (deduction) taken from the remaining total weight.
- If a fish is found to be short by the Tournament Director, it will not be counted and a 16 ounce penalty will be deducted from the total weight.
- A late penalty of one pound for each minute late shall be assessed the participants of any boat coming in late up to 15 minutes. Participants coming in more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified.

Prizes

- The tournament winners will receive cash prizes to be paid at the next regular meeting as follows:

First Place	\$30.00
Second Place	\$25.00
Third Place	\$20.00
- Only regular paid up members of the Roswell Bass Club will be eligible for prizes at tournaments.
- Should the club membership number be below 20, the payout for each place is reduced by \$5.00.
- Non-members can participate in the Ramp Pot.
- In case of ties, awards will be given as follows:

Tie for 1st place	two first place and one third place.
Tie for 2nd place	one first place and two second place.
Tie for 3rd place	one first place, one second place and two third place.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- The club will sponsor a team of 6 in the annual Georgia BASS Federation Tournament and/or the Georgia Bass Federation Nation Tournament, based upon total points accrued during the calendar year. The club will provide \$200 per team member for expenses if one state tournament is fished. If two state tournaments are fished, the expense payout will be \$100 per team member.
- The Sportsman of the Year award will be given to the club member doing the most to help other members improve their fishing skills and thereby catch more fish. The winner will

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be determined by secret ballot taken at the meeting prior to the Christmas Party.

- The member with the highest total of “Fish Points” for the year will be named “Mr. BASS” and shall be awarded The Travelling Mr. Bass Trophy and \$200.00 by the club.

- The club will sponsor a “Rolling Big Fish” pot. Participation in this activity is voluntary. All dues must be current to be eligible to win the Rolling Big Fish Pot. Potential Members and members that join during the year can participate if they pay an additional” catch up” amount to be even with the other members. To win, a participant must catch a Largemouth Bass weighing 6 pounds or larger, or a Spotted Bass, Small Mouth Bass or Shoal Bass weighing 4 pounds or more. In the event a qualifying fish of both species is caught during the same tournament or if two qualifying fish of the same species are caught and weigh the same, the prize will be equally divided. In the event that two or more qualifying fish of the same species are caught; the largest qualifying fish will win the prize. At the December Tournament, the largest fish weighed in will win the rolling big fish pot regardless of type. The 2nd largest fish will win ramp pot. In the event that no fish are caught in December this section will apply to the next tournament in which fish are caught. Fishing with professional guides at the December Tournament Lake is not permitted within seven days prior to the tournament.

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