

# **FOLSOM BASS TEAM**

## **Club By Laws**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

This organization shall be known as FOLSOM BASS TEAM and is a non-profit organization.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club is to promote good sportsmanship and fellowship among Bass anglers and promote good wholesome recreation, sharing knowledge and teamwork for its members and families.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **Section A: Qualifications of Membership**

1. Resident of the State of California, sixteen (16) years of age or older
2. Willingness to abide by the rules of conduct set forth by this club
3. Payment of yearly dues
4. Membership is open at the discretion of the Board
5. Operate, or is willing to learn to operate, and/or be familiar with operations of a boat

With regard to driver licenses and insurance, all members shall abide by California State Law and ABA requirements for both automobiles and boats. Members who do not possess a valid California Driver License must notify their partner prior to the tournament, and will not be allowed to drive an automobile or boat during any club event.

#### **Section B: Expulsion of a Member**

1. Cheating in a tournament will result in immediate dismissal from Folsom Bass Team and all local clubs and tournament fishing organizations will be notified.
2. Refusing to abide by club rules and state regulations of any body of water the club is fishing is grounds for expulsion
3. Other reasons will require a quorum vote of the club membership present at a regular business meeting.
4. Non-active participation for more than six (6) consecutive months may result in non-vested member status

## **Section C: Membership Status**

Anyone wanting to join the club and have the potential opportunity to fish a club tournament must complete a membership form and pay the current season's membership dues. Once completed, the prospective new member will have a probationary period of three (3) tournaments. After completion of the probationary period, the executive board will meet to determine the prospective club member's admittance as an FBT member. Membership dues will be paid by the prospective member before fishing a club event and will be non-refundable should the member be denied membership.

All members will be assigned a membership ranking number based on a point system. This number is calculated based on tournament participation within the past 5 seasons, including the current season. Tournaments fished closer to the current season carry more "weight" than the older seasons. Members will be listed from highest ranking to lowest. The top 50 members at the time of a tournament draw will be guaranteed a spot in that tournament. If any members within the top 50 do not enter the draw, those spots in the draw will be filled from the remaining members, starting at rank 51 and continuing down the membership list as needed. In the event that two or more members have the same point total, tie breakers will be used to finalize their rankings. The first tie breaker shall be the number of tournaments fished in the current season. The second tie breaker shall be the total number of tournaments fished in the past two seasons and so on through the last five seasons as needed. If a tie still exists after the fifth tie breaker, a coin will be flipped for the current tournament draw.

## **Section D: Inactive Membership**

Inactive membership may be granted from the board. The member must petition the board verbally or in writing and may request a maximum of six (6) months of inactive membership. The board will conduct a simple majority vote to approve or deny the petition. If approved, the member's ranking will be calculated as if said member participated in all of the tournaments during the inactive status.

## **ARTICLE IV: YEARLY DUES AND CLUB AFFILIATION FEE**

### **Section A**

Dues will be set by Executive Board at annual meeting.

### **Section B**

Membership dues must be paid before a member fishes a tournament and are non-refundable.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

### **Section A**

There will be eleven (11) meetings during the year. The meetings will be held on the first (1st) Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM to finish. The meeting day and time may be changed for reasons determined by the Executive Board with advanced notice to the membership. For example, if the meeting date falls on a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled. Meetings may be conducted remotely until state restrictions allow larger gatherings. Meeting notices will be sent out to club members in advance if the meeting with information on how to attend.

### **Section B**

Special meetings shall be called when deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

### **Section A: Executive Board - Executive Board shall consist of the following:**

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Tournament Director
- 6) Weigh Master
- 7) Director at Large
- 8) Media Director

### **Section B: Election of Officers**

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the regular October business meeting. Officers may be reelected for as many terms as the membership sees fit (and are willing to serve)

### **Section C: Tenure of Office**

Each Executive Board Member one (1) year. Officers shall serve for the prescribed tenure of office from the date of November 1st. The outgoing President and Tournament Director shall remain on board for an additional 1-3 month(s) as an advisor to help out and oversee the new board activities for a smooth transition.

### **Section D: Duties of:**

## **President**

- Preside at and conduct all club meetings
- Be permitted to make suggestions and present ideas for improvement of the club, but does not make a formal motion while presiding
- Keep all club activities progressing in an organized and satisfactory manner
- Give written or verbal approval on all club checks
- May not cast a vote with the exception of:
  - 1) Expulsion of a member
  - 2) A tie breaking vote on any issue
  - 3) During the annual business meeting

## **Vice President**

- Assist the president
- Preside at and conduct meetings in absence of the president
- Succeed the president in case of vacancy
- Maintain contact with the standing committees and be aware of their functions and activities and be responsible for reporting to the Executive Board of these activities
- Coordinate and manage monthly raffle and guest speakers

## **Secretary**

- Prepare and read the minutes of each meeting of the general membership and/or Executive Board
- Be responsible for the club's correspondence outside of social media
- Record all motions made and record accurate count
- Keep a permanent record file for the club's business
- Read correspondence and communications at club's meetings
- Make duplicate copies of all correspondence, minutes, and communications
- Maintain up to date membership roster
- Provide all necessary information to the Treasurer
- Be responsible for the arrangement of the Tournament Plaques before each meeting

## **Treasurer**

- Sign all checks with the president's written or verbal approval
- Deposit all fees collected
- Keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements of club's funds. Provide a report for each general meeting and/or Executive Board meeting

## **Tournament Director**

- Coordinate each fishing tournament
- See that each member abides by the basic tournament rules and upholds them at each tournament
- Organize the pairing prior to each tournament, send out the official boat card for the tournament and assign the blast off sheet before the tournament
- Be responsible to coordinate the drafting of tournament rules
- The Tournament Director will be responsible for submitting and updating the yearly permit to California DFW. This will also include being in charge of changes to Lake Locations, launch ramps and cancellations of tournaments.
- Be responsible of submitting the tournament results to DFW in a timely manner
- Be responsible for keeping all records for each tournament throughout the year
- Chairs the Tournament Committee responsible for proposing the tournament sites and dates for the following years events
- Protests or violations to the tournament rules will have to go through the Tournament Director
- Determine safe light and launch times prior to each event
- Organize the blast off sheet
- Record the stats after each event and upload them onto the FBT website. In the event that he/she is unable to attend the event, he will appoint another Executive Board Member on his behalf

## **Weigh Master**

- Directly responsible to the Tournament Director to coordinate weigh in
- Responsible to maintain all tournament judging equipment
- Responsible for the accurate weighing, measuring and judging of all fish presented by contestants
- Delivers results of all tournaments to the Tournament Director in real-time during the weigh in
- The Weigh Master's partner will be the weigh-in assistant

## **Director at Large**

- Handle the tournament entry forms along with the sale of raffle tickets during the meeting and at other events; Assist the Treasurer in handling of money at the meeting
- Assist the Tournament Director and other Board members as required

## **Media Director**

- Be responsible for the club's correspondence via social media sites, including all incoming direct messages
- Solicits photos from club members, guest speakers, and local high school fishing clubs to promote the club as well as its mentorship activities and community involvement
- Coordinates all social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube etc.) to promote the club. These include: monthly club meeting invitations, club meeting summaries, tournament results, and video recordings of tournament weigh-in activities
- Partners with local vendor(s) to create logo apparel and other items for club use
- Additional duties as requested to assist the Executive Board.

## **Section E: Inactive Board Member**

- 1) Non active participation of meetings for more than three (3) consecutive Board meetings will result in expulsion from the Executive Board
- 2) The club membership will vote someone to replace that position for the remainder of the year

## **Section F: Temporary Board Members**

- 1) In the event a duly elected board member fails for any reason to perform the duties of his or her office, then the board shall have the right to appoint a person to take over the responsibilities of the position. Such board appointee shall be designated by the title "Interim" followed by the title of the position to be assumed. This "Interim" Board member will then take over all the duties and responsibilities of the appointed position, but shall have no voting rights until the appointment is ratified by a quorum vote of the Folsom Bass Team members present at the next scheduled regular monthly meeting.
- 2) If approved by vote - The title "Interim" is then dropped and the appointee will receive full title and voting rights until the completion of the term.
- 3) If not approved by vote - The duties, voting rights and responsibilities revert to the originally elected club officers and all authority and responsibilities of the board appointee "Interim" officer shall terminate immediately upon the vote.

## **ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 1) All committees shall consist of a maximum of 7 members and a minimum of 3 members, drawn from the general club membership. The Standing and Special Committees (as needed) will be elected by the members present during the meeting at which such committee is established. Committees are empowered to form a complete proposal regarding the task for which the committee has been established provided a quorum of the members of such committee is

present during committee meetings. The committee shall then present the entire proposal to the membership at large at the regularly scheduled meeting for acceptance.

- 2) Special Event Committee to be established for the organization of Special Events such as Barbeques, Swap Meets, CAST for Kids and the TOC Banquet.
- 3) The Tournament Committee shall select the tournament locations for the next calendar year with guidance from the Tournament Director. The committee members shall be composed of the top 3 finishing boaters & non-boaters from the previous season. The committee shall meet and select the tournament locations prior to the October business meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX: CHANGE IN BY LAWS**

- 1) Any proposed changes to the By Laws shall be submitted at a regular monthly meeting for discussion and consideration.
- 2) If the change is urgently needed, a vote by the members present at the next monthly meeting shall be taken to approve or turn down the proposed change. Otherwise, the proposed change will be brought up for a vote at the annual October business meeting.
- 3) Once a change has been made by a majority vote of the members present, that same section may not be changed again during the current tournament year without prior approval of the Executive Board members.

#### **ARTICLE X: END OF YEAR AWARDS**

- 1) Angler of the Year: First through Fifth place based on total points as calculated in Section A of Article X
- 2) Sportsman of the Year (By majority vote at the October Business Meeting) will receive a plaque as well as a cash award of \$100
- 3) TOC finishers and qualifiers
- 4) Big Fish of the year will receive a plaque as well as a cash award of \$100

#### **Section A: ANGLER OF THE YEAR**

- 1) Members shall compete for the Title of "Angler of the Year".
- 2) First place shall be awarded a plaque plus the cash award, while second through fifth place receives a cash award only. These trophies and cash awards shall be equal to approximately 40% of the Angler of the Year/ TOC fund. The awards will be paid out in the following percentages: First Place – 40%, Second Place – 25%, Third Place – 20%, Fourth Place – 10%, Fifth Place – 5%
- 3) The best eight tournament finishes, plus all participation points, shall be used in determining Angler of the Year positions. In the event of a tie, Big Fish for the year will determine the order. In the event of a shortened season, the Executive Board may revise the amount of tournaments used to determine the end of the season AOY standings.

#### **Section B: SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**

- 1) A special "Sportsman of the Year" award shall be presented at year end. Selection shall be by majority vote at the October Business Meeting. All club members are eligible.

## **Section C: TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC)**

- 1) A Tournament of Champions (TOC) will be held at the conclusion of the annual tournament schedule.
- 2) Selection of the tournament location shall be made by the Tournament Director and approved by the Executive Board at least three months prior to the tournament. The Tournament Director may designate this as a two (2) day event with the approval of the Executive Board.
- 3) At the discretion of the Executive Board, separate event may be held for those who did not qualify for the TOC.
- 4) To qualify for the TOC, an angler must either (A) fish a total of 7 tournaments or (B) earn a minimum of 264 points during the season. The points will be the total of each angler's 8 top finishes from the season. In the event of a tie, the angler with the recorded largest big fish for the season shall take the tie. In the event of a shortened season, the Executive Board may revise the amount of tournaments or points used to determine the TOC qualifiers.
- 5) Payouts for the TOC will consist of trophies to the top finishing team as well as cash awards to the top three (3) TOC finishers in the following amounts: First Place - \$250 each, Second Place - \$125 each, Third Place - \$75. In addition to these awards, additional prizes (rods, reels, tackle etc.) may be given out at the discretion of the board if funds are available.

## **Section D: BIG FISH AWARD**

- 1) An award for Big Fish of the year shall be given to the member having weighed the largest fish during any of the 11 monthly tournaments during the season.

## **ARTICLE XI: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Section A**

The monthly meeting scheduled for the month of October shall be considered the "Annual Business Meeting" of the Folsom Bass Team Membership. Agenda shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- 1) Nomination and Election of Officers
- 2) Adoption of yearly tournament schedule
- 3) Changes in By Laws and Tournament Rules
- 4) Sportsman of the Year ballot
- 5) Yearly dues and fees
- 6) AOY and other end of season awards

### **Section B**

The members present at the Annual Business Meeting shall represent the entire membership of the Folsom Bass Team and majority vote shall rule. The President may make motions and vote on all issues.



### **ARTICLE XIII: AFFILIATION**

Under the requirements for club membership with ABA (American Bass Anglers) the Folsom Bass Team shall comply with the following:

- 1) Update ABA with a chapter membership roster as required for the upcoming calendar year.
- 2) Names and addresses of new members are not required to be submitted to ABA as they occur during the year but will be recorded on club roster as new members join.
- 3) As required for the insurance program, the Folsom Bass Team will maintain ABA Club membership.

### **ARTICLE XIV: CLUB FUNDS**

- 2) The club will maintain a general fund which will be comprised of two parts, (A) the Operational Fund and (B) the TOC/Angler of the Year Fund. The Operational Fund will be comprised of a \$2.50 portion of each angler's monthly tournament fee and profits from all raffle ticket sales.
- 3) These Operational Funds will be used to pay the clubs day to day operating expenses. Should any residual funds remain at the end of the clubs' fiscal year they may be used to defray future expenses and/or added to the TOC/AOY fund to help cover additional expenses. The club will maintain a minimum balance of \$1000 in the general fund to start the tournament season.
- 4) The TOC/Angler of the Year Fund will be comprised of a \$10 portion of each angler's monthly tournament fees.
- 5) The TOC/Angler of the Year Fund will be used to provide cash prizes for the TOC, Angler of the Year, Big Fish of the Year, and Sportsman of the Year. This fund will also be used to supply end of the year trophies, plaques, and other awards as approved by the Executive Board.

These articles are hereby adopted as the regulations governing the Folsom Bass Team. The Officers of the Executive Board are sworn to uphold the intent of the By Laws and to act in the best interest of the Club and promote responsible sportsmanship.

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