

OBN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This organization shall be called the Ohio B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc.
(from here on referred to as the OBN)

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his/her 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 state Nations embracing the principles and purposes of B.A.S.S.®

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1: Requirements to affiliate with OBN, a club shall:

- (a) have a minimum of six members.
- (b) have membership to B.A.S.S. by all affiliating club members.
- (c) submit a club roster, by-laws and tournament rules, a thirty-dollar (\$30.00) per member fee to the National B.A.S.S. Nation and receive approval.
- (d) submit to the OBN Treasurer a club roster with complete address, phone number, B.A.S.S. number for each member, officers roster, a thirty dollar (\$30.00) per member annual fee.

Section 2: Requirements to maintain affiliation with OBN, a club shall:

- (a) have been a member in good standing with OBN and the National B.A.S.S. Nation for the previous year.
- (b) have a minimum of six members.
- (c) have membership to B.A.S.S. by all affiliated club members.
- (d) submit a club roster, a thirty-dollar (\$30.00) per member fee to the National B.A.S.S. Nation.

(e) submit to the OBN Treasurer a club roster with complete address, phone number, B.A.S.S. number for each member, officers roster, a thirty dollar (\$30.00) per member annual fee.
(Payment shall be made on or before a predetermined date.)

ARTICLE III – Organization

The OBN shall be governed by a Board of Directors (from here on referred to as the Board). The Board will consist of the President, the Vice President/Tournament Director, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Youth Director, the Conservation Director, the Web Master and one Zone Director from each zone established by the Board.

ARTICLE IV – Officers, Elections

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the OBN shall consist of:

- (a) **President:** Schedule and preside over all Board meetings and direct all official business of the OBN. Be the official representative of the OBN. Supervise all OBN functions.
- (b) **Vice President/Tournament Director:** Assist the president in his/her duties and preside in the absence of the president. Be responsible for organizing and operating all state level tournaments. The Tournament Director shall follow the guidelines established in the OBN document known as “The OBN Tournament Rules”.
- (c) **Secretary:** Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the OBN president. Be a regular liaison between the clubs and the OBN and the National B.A.S.S. Nation.
- (d) **Treasurer:** Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate club roster, financial records and present a current balance report at each regular Board meeting. Prepare an annual audit for review by the Board of Directors. The Board may vote that the treasurer and any other officer handling OBN funds must be bonded.
- (f) **Youth Director:** The Youth Director shall organize all state level youth activities and programs. The Youth Director will establish or maintain an existing Junior Ohio B.A.S.S. Nation (from here on referred to as the Jr. OBN).

The Jr. OBN will have its own constitution approved by the Board to govern itself. The Youth Director shall keep the Board informed of all activities.

(g) **Conservation Director:** The Conservation Director shall serve as liaison between the OBN and the B.A.S.S. Conservation Director and all state and local conservation/environmental agencies. The Conservation Director shall plan OBN conservation projects and attend all local and state conservation meetings/hearings.

(h) **Zone Director:** The Zone Directors shall be the official representative of the Zone at Board meetings. The Directors will hold meetings to convey information between the Board and the membership. The directors will assist the Secretary in club affiliation and re-affiliation.

(i) **Webmaster:** The Webmaster shall design and maintain the OBN website, its functionality and all content. The Webmaster shall design and maintain the OBN Facebook and other means of social media.

Section 2: Elections

- (a) The election of officers shall be by the Board and club Presidents. Elections will be held at the annual Open Meeting. Terms shall become effective immediately and will be for two (2) years.
- (b) President and Secretary will be elected in odd numbered years. Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years.
- (c) The Zone Directors elections shall be by the clubs within their Zone at the annual Open Meeting. Terms shall become effective immediately and will be for two (2) years. The directors elections will alternate years.

Section 3: Vacated Positions

The Board will fill any vacated position for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Section 1: Meetings of Board

The Board shall hold regular meetings at pre-established times as scheduled by the President.

Section 2: Order of Meetings

Board meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order. Online Voting is permitted. Secretary will keep records of electronic voting.

ARTICLE VI – Removal of Membership

Section 1: Removal of Membership

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

- (a) Failure to pay dues.
- (b) Any action, which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the OBN and/or B.A.S.S.
- (c) Disqualification for any reason from participating in B.A.S.S.-sponsored events, including disqualification for use of drugs or alcohol.
- (d) A club may voluntarily disaffiliate with the OBN at any time by notification to the President.

ARTICLE VII – Method of Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the By-laws

The bylaws may be amended at any regular Board meeting by a two third vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote.