WASHINGTON COUNTY BASSMASTERS

**BYLAWS**

**2022**

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1. Membership

All members must adhere to WCBM rules of conduct

-Must be at least 16 years old to join

-Must be a member of BASS   
  
-Must pay yearly club dues $50  
  
-Must have N.Y State fishing license

-Must have VT State fishing license, if needed, to fish VT waters

-Recommended to join State Federation to be eligible to qualify for state team event

2.Membership Benefits

-Membership to BASS National after dues are paid

- Opportunity to qualify for club team event

-Annual banquet

3.Club Officers and Duties

-Nominations and voting for club officers are done at first meeting of

the year

-President presides over all club functions

-Vice President takes over club functions in absence of President

-Tournament Director- Will be appointed by the President to conduct tournaments according to WCBA rules and regulations and oversee tournament operations. E.G -livewell checks,safety checks,weigh ins and departure times and arrival times.

-Tournament Committee will consist of tournament director, president, vice president and secretary/treasurer with a total of four committee members. Tournament committee shall make the schedule for the present year.

4.Meetings

-All meetings will be conducted under parliamentary procedures

-Majority of members present at a meeting is needed to carry a vote

-The president shall vote only in the event of a tie

5.Rules of Conduct  
  
-During club functions, members must adhere to high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation  
  
-Members are responsible and accountable for the actions of themselves or their guests at any club function

-During any club tournament members must adhere to WCBM tournament rules and regulations

6.Tournaments  
  
-All tournaments will be governed according to WCBM official tournament rules and regulations  
  
-At all club point tournaments, there will only be one weigh in which will occur at the end of each tournament day

7.Tournament Payouts

-Payouts will be right after weigh in

-Any money owed to the club by cash winners will be deducted prior to payouts.

-Payouts will be-40% to first place

20% to second place

10% to third place

30% to club

8.Banquet

-Will be held after last tournament and before January 31st of that year

-All members and significant others are invited to attend

-All members bringing a guest must pay full price for guest  
-Non-members attending will pay full price

9.Qualify for awards

-Member must be in good standing at time of banquet

-Angler of the Year- Member with the highest point total at the end of the year after all deductions

-Lunker Largemouth- The heaviest largemouth bass caught in a official club tournament during each calendar year

-Lunker Smallmouth- The heaviest smallmouth bass caught in a official club tournament during each calendar year

10.State Team Event

-Must meet NYSBCF qualifying rules first

-Team consists of top 6 anglers from previous year

-Must have 3 boaters

-Anglers must declare intentions to go to State Team event by first tournament

-Qualifiers will decide on accommodations and expenses prior to event

-Any member who leaves the tournament for any reason other than an emergency may face disciplinary action

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11.Disciplinary Actions

-WCBM reserves the right to take any disciplinary action against any member who knowingly breaks any rule of conduct

-WCBM reserves the right to take any disciplinary action against any member who is convicted of a crime

-Disciplinary action may consist of tournament disqualification, to expulsion from WCBM altogether

-A majority of members present at a meeting is considered a passing Vote

-The president shall vote on a disciplinary action only in the result of a tie vote by the members present

- All members will be notified by mail to set up a meeting to discuss and vote on any disciplinary actions