

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name:

(a) This Chapter shall be called the Trophy Bassmasters of Kenton, Ohio.

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 and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas and to promote and encourage youth fishing, and love for this great recreation.

Article II: Membership:

Section 1: Number of members

The chapter will begin with and maintain at least six members.
Membership shall not exceed forty (40)

Section 2: Requirement for membership

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- (b) Be a member of The Bass Federation (Not required beginning 2024).
- (c) Be recommended by two members at a regular monthly meeting.
- (d) Be voted on by membership. Vote will be by secret ballot at the next regular meeting and affirmation must be 2/3 (67%) members present..
- (e) Be 18 years of age or 16 with parent or guardian signature.

Section 3: Membership Dues:

- (a) The membership dues shall be fifty dollars (\$50) annually.
- (b) Membership renewal is due by the January meeting.

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(c) The membership year shall run from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year

Article III: Officers, Elections, Vacancies and Eligibility:

Section 1: Officers of the Chapter and their duties:

- (a) President, shall preside over all meetings and direct all official business, appoint all committees, supervise all club functions.
- (b) Vice President, shall direct all committee functions, assist the president in his duties, preside in the absence of the president and shall assume the office of the president should that office become vacant during his term.
- (c) Secretary shall maintain accurate minutes of all meetings
- (d) Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and report at each meeting.
- (e) Sargent at arms will maintain order at all meetings and check current membership.

Section 2: Disbursement of funds:

- (a) Disbursement of chapter funds must be paid by check requiring the signature of either the secretary, treasurer or the president. An annual audit will be required.

Section 3: Elections

- (a) The President shall appoint a nominating committee in November. The nominating committee shall report and the elections shall be held at the regular meeting in December with the elected officers taking office at the January meeting.

Section 4: Eligibility to Vote

- (a) Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 5: Term of Office

- (a) The term of office shall be one year which will begin in January and run through the end of December.

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Section 6: Vacancies

(a) Vacancies of office other than the president, will be elected at the following meeting.

Section 7: Eligibility to hold Office

(a) A member must have attended at least seventy five (75%) of all chapter meetings and chapter functions in the previous year.

Article IV: Amending the By-laws

Section 1: The By-laws may be amended

(a) At any regular monthly meeting by a seventy five (75%) vote of the members present provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular monthly meeting prior to the vote.

Article V: Removal From Membership:

Section 1: A member may be dropped from the membership roll, for the following reasons.

- (a) Failure to pay dues by the January meeting, subject to review by the executive board.
- (b) Any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace on this club
Subject to the vote of the membership.
- (c) Failure to attend fifty percent (50%) of chapter functions during a twelve (12) month period without valid reasons such as work, illness or other reasonable excuse or emergency.

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ARTICLE VI Affiliation

Section 1; Requirements of affiliation:

- (a) Certification of Club Bylaws by TBF, Inc.
- (b) Update TBF, Inc. with club membership roster once each year before years end.
- (c) Names and addresses of new members joining the chapter during the year must be submitted to the state TBF, Inc. Federation as they occur.
- (d) Maintain 100% TBF, Inc. membership.
- (e) Must affiliate with a TBF affiliated State Federation and support its conservation and youth programs. Any additional requirements that the State Federation establishes for Chapters, such as membership, dues, attendance at meetings, etc., would be necessary for the chapter to participate in the State TBF, Inc. Federation qualifying tournaments, and any other TBF, Inc. sponsored tournaments or events.

Article VII: Club Tournaments

Section 1: Club tournaments and tournament rules will be the responsibility of the tournament committee.

Article VIII: Awards

Section 1: There will be yearly awards for

- (a) Angler of the Year
- (b) Lunker Bass-must be a weighed fish(no paper fish)
- (c) Classic winners
- (d) Any other awards deemed proper by the awards committee subject to membership approval.