

**Fayette County  
Bass Club  
of Tennessee, Inc.**



**Constitution and Bylaws**

**2006**

## Article I. Name and Purpose

### Section 1: Name

Fayette County Bass Club of Tennessee, Inc. (aka, F.C.B.C. or FCBC)  
Collierville, Tennessee

### 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 awareness to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water 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 a love for this great recreation; To function as a dynamic and effective link with other chapters of the Tennessee Bass Federation, The Bass Federation, Inc. embracing their principals and purpose, and a participant in FLW/Outdoors.

## Article II. Membership

### Section 1: Number of Members

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six (6) members.

### Section 2: Requirements of Membership

- A. Each member shall be 18 years or older or 16 with written release form from parent or legal guardian.
- B. Be recommended by two members at a regular monthly meeting. Be voted on by membership. Vote shall be secret ballot and affirmation must be majority.
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- D. To have a current fishing license for the state of Tennessee or any other state where tournaments are held.
- E. Be a member of Tennessee Bass Federation, The Bass Federation, Inc., and FLW/Outdoors.
- F. All members owning and/or borrowing a boat with the intent of being a boater will be required to provide a copy of 'Proof of Liability' insurance form stating the following:

Boat Owner  
Amount of Liability Insurance  
Date of Expiration

**Note:** In the event that boat operator is not the owner of the boat, the boat operator must also provide a note from the boat owner stating that the boat operator has permission to use said boat. The insurance and permission forms shall be given to the club secretary to keep on file.

### Section 3: Withdrawal or Removal of Membership

- A. Failure to comply with Article 2, Section 2, C.D.&E.
- B. Upon request.
- C. Failure to pay dues.
- D. Request by another member; and a majority vote will grant removal.
- E. Show disrespect to fellow member or club.

### Section 4: Membership Dues\*

- A. Membership dues shall be \$65 annually and/or initially due upon being voted into the chapter. Dues are broken down into the follow:
  - a. The Bass Federation, Inc. => \$15.00.
  - b. Tennessee Bass Federation => \$7.00
  - c. Fayette County Bass Club of Tennessee, Inc. => \$38.00
  - d.
- B. Exceptions:
  - a. The Secretary and Treasurer Club dues will be paid by the Fayette County Bass Club.
  - b. Any member responsible for bringing in sponsorship money totaling \$500 or more within a points accumulation period will have their dues paid for the next points accumulation period by the Fayette County Bass Club of Tennessee, Inc.

\*Member dues are to be submitted to the Treasurer by January 31<sup>st</sup> or by new members upon joining.

## Article III. Officers

### Section 1: Officers and their Duties

- A. **President:** preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all, if possible, F.C.B.C. functions. Maintain order at all F.C.B.C. functions.
- B. **Vice President:** Assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also serve as the coordinator of club tournaments.
- C. **Secretary:** Maintain accurate minutes of all F.C.B.C. meetings and assist the President in his duties. Maintain accurate tournament and points status. Inform club of all TBF newsletters and events. Assist Editor and Treasurer in the Bite program.
- D. **Treasurer:** Maintain accurate financial records, and give a written financial statement to each regular club meeting. Assist Secretary and Editor in Bite program. Assist the President in his duties. Prepare an annual audit and Corporation Report to be reviewed by club's Board of Directors for submission to the Secretary of State, State of Tennessee on or before the first day of the fourth month of the end of the Corporation's fiscal year—December 31st.

- E. **Editor:** Inform the public by adds in the local Fayette County paper of upcoming events and results of previous events of the F.C.B.C. Assist the Secretary and treasurer in the Bite program.
- F. **Past President:** To assist the committee of their duties.

## **Section 2: Election.**

The election of officers shall be held on the December's meeting. Elections shall be by majority silent vote. If a run-off election is needed it will be held immediately following the original vote. Election for each office shall be held separately in the order listed in Article III, Section 1. The newly elected President shall preside over the elections of the remaining officers.

## **Section 3: Method of Determining Candidates**

Nominations for candidates for each office shall be taken from the floor. (Exception: Past President is automatic).

## **Section 4: Term of Office**

The term of office is for one (1) year, which will begin on December's meeting. An officer if reelected can serve consecutive terms.

## **Section 5: Eligibility for Holding Office**

- A. Only a current member that has been in the F.C.B.C. at least one (1) year prior to election is eligible to hold office.
- B. Have attended at least 75% of the FCBC meetings and 75% of FCBC functions during a twelve (12) month period.
- C. Maintain current Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc. memberships.

## **Article IV. Standing Committees**

All Standing Committees will serve for one year or until a new committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the president. Each committee shall elect a chairman.

- A. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasury, Editor, Immediate Past President, and one member elected at large by majority vote of members present at December regular meetings.
  - a. The president will call all meetings of the Board of Directors and preside at such meetings.
  - b. The secretary will record the minutes of these meetings.
  - c. The board will decide all protests and rule on all violations of the tournament rules and bylaws of the chapter when appropriately received.
  - d. The board will develop agendas for the monthly meetings.

- B. Youth Committee: The purpose of this committee shall be to plan, organize and implement a chapter youth project; to introduce young people to the goals of THE BASS FEDERATION, INC.; to give them a basis for respect of our national heritage, an appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play and good sportsmanship, and to give them an introduction to sheer joy of fishing.
- C. Tournament Committee: The purpose of this committee shall be to plan, organize and operate all chapter tournaments. The tournament committee shall draft tournament rules that must be approved by the general membership. The committee shall keep tournament records, enforce all tournament rules and investigate all protests concerning tournaments and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The committee shall elect among themselves a weigh-master, an assistant weigh-master, and an official timekeeper.

## **Article V. Affiliation**

### **Requirements for Affiliation**

- A. Approval of Chapter Charter by Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc.
- B. Update the Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc. with a chapter membership roster once each year upon receipt of current The Bass Federation, Inc. roster at year's end.
- C. Names and addresses of new members joining the chapter during the year must be submitted to Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc as they occur.
- D. Maintain 100% FLW/Outdoors membership.
- E. Must affiliate with Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc. and support its conservation and youth programs. Any addition requirements The Bass Federation, Inc. establishes for chapters, such as memberships, dues, attendance at meetings, etc., would be necessary for the chapter to participate in State Federation qualifying tournament(s), and any other Federation-sponsored tournaments or events.

## **Article VI. Method of Amending the Bylaws**

The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3's vote. The amendment change must be turned in to the secretary *in writing* on the meeting prior the vote.