

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



## **Constitution and Bylaws**

2024

## **Article I. Name and Purpose**

### **Section 1: Name**

Fayette County Bass Club of Tennessee, Inc. (aka, F.C.B.C. or FCBC)  
Germantown, 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 and a quorum of active members must be present at any meeting to approve the motions or action of the Club.

### **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.
- C.** To have a current fishing license for the state of Tennessee or any other state where tournaments are held.
- D.** Be a member of Tennessee Bass Federation, The Bass Federation, Inc..
- E.** 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 to the Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President or President stating the following:

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Boat Owner  
Amount of Liability Insurance (Minimum \$300,000)  
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 keep on file.

## **Section 3: Withdrawal or Removal of Membership**

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

## **Section 4: Membership Dues\***

- A. Membership dues are \$100 and shall be paid annually and/or initially due upon being voted into the chapter. Breakdown of Membership Dues are as follow:
  - \$50.00 => The Bass Federation, Inc. (includes FLW Digital Subscription).
  - \$10.00 => Tennessee Bass Federation
  - \$40.00 => Fayette County Bass Club of Tennessee, Inc.
- 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 December 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. The President be one of at least two officers to approve and/or give consent (written or oral) for any/all club expenditures.

- 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/Treasurer:** Maintain accurate minutes of all F.C.B.C. meetings and assist the Vice President in his duties. Inform club of all TBF newsletters and events. Maintain accurate tournament results and Membership points. Submit Tournament results to the TN Bite program. Maintain accurate financial records, and give a written financial statement at each regular club meeting. Prepare and present at December's Club Meeting a copy of the Club's Annual Financial Fiscal Report. File the Annual Fiscal Financial Report with Tennessee's Secretary of no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. File the Annual Corporate Tax Return with the Tennessee Department of Revenue no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> or the last official day to file taxes each year. Copies of the Annual Financial Fiscal Report and Annual Corporate Tax Return are to be maintained in the Club's records and available for inspective by Club Members upon request. The Treasurer is authorized to pay the requisite fees and/or taxes associated with any filings.
- E. **Editor:** Inform the public regarding upcoming events, results of events, or other relevant news involving the Club or Club Members by utilization of social media, a local newspaper, or other appropriate media. Assist the Secretary and Treasurer as needed.
- F. **Past President:** To assist the Club Officers in their duties as needed.

## **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.

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- B. Have attended at least 75% of the FCBC meetings and 75% of FCBC functions during a twelve (12) month period. This requirement may be waived by a majority vote in order to meet the needs of the Club.
- 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 of Directors will decide all protests and rule on all violations of the tournament rules and bylaws of the chapter when appropriately received.
  - d. The President will develop agendas for the monthly meetings. The Board of Directors may provide advice and/or counsel as needed.
  - e. In the case that one or more Offices are held by the same individual then the Club shall elect member(s) at large until the seven (7) members requirement of the Board of Directors is met.
- B. 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.

### **Article V. Affiliation**

#### **Requirements for Affiliation**

- A. The Vice President will obtain approval of Chapter Charter by Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc.
- B. The Secretary/Treasurer will submit Member Names and Contact Information to the Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation Inc. as they join and Membership Dues are collected.

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- C. Must affiliate with Tennessee Bass Federation and The Bass Federation, Inc. and support its conservation and youth programs. Any additional 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 proposed amendment change must be turned in to the secretary *in writing* on the meeting prior the vote.