

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN ANGLERS BASS CLUB

PREAMBLE

WE, BEING A GROUP OF CHRISTIANS, CONVINCED OF THE LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND GRATEFUL TO OUR CREATOR FOR HIS GIFT OF LAKES AND FISH, AND WISHING TO SHARE THE SAME WITH OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS, HAVE FORMED A CLUB. WE HAVE SET FORTH THIS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TO GOVERN IT'S AFFAIRS.

ARTICLE I: NAME and PURPOSE

SECTION 1. NAME

THE NAME OF THE CLUB SHALL BE THE *MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN ANGLERS BASS CLUB*.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

- A. TO PROMOTE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
- B. TO PROMOTE A CONSISTENT WITNESS FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- C. TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS.

ARTICLE 11: MEMBERSHIP and DUES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

- A. SHALL BE OPEN TO ANYONE WHO CONFESSES TO BE A CHRISTIAN AND WHO LIVES IN THE METRO-PLEX AREA. A SPONSORING MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING APPLICATION FOR THE NEW MEMBER. UPON PAYMENT OF DUES APPLICANT SHALL BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER.
 - 1. MEMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE.
- B. MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN BASS CLUB SHALL CONSIST OF:
 - 1. RIGGERS – MEMBERS WHO OWN FISHING BOATS AND PLAN TO USE THEM IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS. RIGGERS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN TWO (2) MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF NON-RIGGERS. MINI BASS BOATS DO NOT QUALIFY A MEMBER AS A RIGGER.

2. NON-RIGGERS –MEMBERS WHO DO NOT PLAN TO USE A BOAT FOR CLUB TOURNAMENTS. NON-RIGGERS CANNOT EXCEED TWO (2) LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF RIGGERS.

C. CLOSED WHEN MEMBERSHIP REACHES FORTY (40) MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. DUES

- A. DETERMINED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP.
- B. DUE AT FIRST REGULAR MEETING EACH YEAR. MAY ALSO BE SPLIT IN HALF WITH BALANCE DUE BEFORE JULY TOURNAMENT.
- C. MEMBERS JOINING DURING THE YEAR WILL HAVE CLUB DUES PRORATED BASED ON ELEVEN (11) TOURNAMENTS.
- D. ANY CHILD ATTAINING THE AGE OF 18 AND OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY DUES.

ARTICLE III: CLUB MEETINGS and TOURNAMENTS

SECTION 1. MEETINGS

- A. SHALL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.
- B. SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.
- D. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL SHALL BE PROHIBITED AT ALL FUNCTIONS.

SECTION 2. TOURNAMENTS

- A. SHALL BE HELD THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, EXCLUDING DECEMBER.
- B. MAY BE CHANGED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, VOTE, TERMS, VACANCIES, ELIGIBILITY, AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

- A. OFFICERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL CONSIST OF A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, AND CLUB CHAPLAIN.
- B. ALL OFFICERS SHALL ALSO SERVE AS DIRECTORS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.
- C. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET MONTHLY, AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE AT THE OCTOBER REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

SECTION 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS SHALL BE HELD ANNUALLY AT THE REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING BY SECRET BALLOT. ELECTIONS SHALL BE A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT. ELECTION FOR EACH OFFICE SHALL BE HELD IN THE ORDER LISTED IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1-A. NEW OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET.

SECTION 4. VOTE

EACH MEMBER IS LIMITED TO ONE VOTE.

SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE

THE TERM OF OFFICE IS FOR ONE YEAR, BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER.

SECTION 6. VACANCIES

IN THE EVENT AN OFFICE BECOMES VACANT, NOMINATIONS WILL BE SUMMITTED BY THE BOARD, TO THE CLUB, AND AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE INDIVIDUAL VACATING THE OFFICE.

SECTION 7. ELIGIBILITY

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN OFFICE, A MEMBER MUST HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

1. CHAIR ALL CLUB AND BOARD MEETINGS
2. CALL SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.
3. ASSIST TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT ALL TOURNAMENT WEIGH-INS.
4. ASSIST ANY BOARD MEMBER AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT

1. PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT OR SPECIAL SPEAKERS AT CLUB MEETINGS.
2. ASSUME DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN HIS ABSENCE.
3. RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.
4. ASSIST TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT ALL TOURNAMENT WEIGH-INS.
5. ASSIST ANY BOARD MEMBER AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

C. SECRETARY

1. KEEP WRITTEN RECORDS OF ALL CLUB MEETINGS.

2. KEEP WRITTEN RECORDS OF ALL CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS.
3. KEEP ATTENDANCE RECORDS OF ALL MEETINGS AND TOURNAMENTS.
4. PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE MAILING LIST FOR EACH MEMBER.
5. KEEP ALL RULE CHANGES UP TO DATE IN CLUB BYLAWS.
6. ASSIST THE TREASURER IN COLLECTING DUES AND KEEPING A CORRECT RECORD OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS.
7. ASSIST TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT ALL WEIGH-INS.
8. ASSIST ANY BOARD MEMBER AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

D. TREASURER

1. COLLECT ALL DUES AND PROVIDE SECRETARY WITH CORRECT RECORDS OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS.
2. RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING ALL TROPHIES, AWARDS, AND DOOR PRIZES.
3. ASSIST TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT ALL TOURNAMENT WEIGH-INS.
4. ASSIST ANY BOARD MEMBER AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

E. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

1. CHAIR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.
2. DIRECT ALL WEIGH-IN ACTIVITIES.
3. PRESENT ALL TROPHIES AND AWARDS AT MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS.
4. RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING TO EACH MONTHLY MEETING A "START" AND "WEIGH-IN" TIME FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMENT.
5. RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION OF TWO (2) LAKES FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING TO PRESENT TO MEMBERS FOR VOTE FOR NEXT MONTHLY TOURNAMENT.
6. RESPONSIBLE FOR SCALES AT WEIGH-INS.
7. ASSIST ANY BOARD MEMBER AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

F. CHAPLAIN

1. LEAD ALL PRAYER BEFORE AND AT CLOSE OF ALL CLUB MEETINGS AND TOURNAMENTS.
2. LEAD IN DEVOTIONAL TIME AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS.
 - A. CHAPLAIN MAY CALL UPON MEMBERS WITH AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP TO LEAD IN A DEVOTION FOR ANY GIVEN REGULAR CLUB MEETING.

ARTICLE V: RULE CHANGES and AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. PROCEDURE FOR RULE CHANGES

- A. SUGGESTED CHANGE, AND/OR AMENDMENTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED, IN WRITING, TO THE BOARD, FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING. SUBSEQUENTLY, IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS FOR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION.
- B. ANY RULE CHANGE MUST CARRY BY TWO THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

ARTICLE VI: TOURNAMENT RULES and AWARDS

SECTION 1. TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- A. TOURNAMENT AWARDS WILL CONSIST OF APPROPRIATELY ENGRAVED TROPHIES OR PLAQUES.
- B. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR EACH TOURNAMENT, BASED ON AGGREGATE WEIGHT OF FISH CAUGHT BY PROPERLY CONSTITUTED TEAMS. AWARDS SHALL BE ISSUED AT NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AFTER EACH TOURNAMENT.
- C. FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE AWARDS SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION OF UP TO TWENTY (20) MEMBERS. FOR TWENTY ONE (21) TO THIRTY (30) MEMBERS FISHING, A FOURTH PLACE AWARD SHALL BE ISSUED. FOR THIRTY ONE (31) TO FORTY (40) MEMBERS FISHING, A FIFTH PLACE AWARD SHALL BE ISSUED.
- D. IN CASE OF A TIE FOR FIRST PLACE, A SECOND PLACE SHALL NOT BE AWARDED. IN CASE OF A TIE FOR SECOND PLACE, A THIRD PLACE SHALL NOT BE AWARDED. IN CASE OF A TIE FOR THIRD PLACE, A FOURTH PLACE SHALL NOT BE AWARDED. IN CASE OF A TIE FOR FOURTH PLACE, A FIFTH PLACE SHALL NOT BE AWARDED.
- E. ONLY THE LARGEST BASS OF FOUR (4) POUNDS AND OVER WILL BE AWARDED A "BIG BASS OF THE TOURNAMENT" AWARD.
- F. ANY MEMBER CATCHING A BASS IN EXCESS OF FOUR (4) POUNDS OR MORE AT A TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE A PATCH FOR THAT WEIGHT CATEGORY.
- G. "BACKSEATER" AWARDS WILL NOT BE AWARDED TO ANY NON-RIGGER WHO CONTROLS A BOAT WHILE FISHING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME OF MORE THAN AN HOUR OR SO DURING ANY ONE TOURNAMENT.
- H. IF ANY GUEST FISHING A TOURNAMENT DECIDES TO JOIN THE FOLLOWING MONTH, HE WILL BE GIVEN THE WEIGHT FOR THE PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL AWARDS

- A. "**TOP SIX**" AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE "TOP SIX". THEY ARE THE TOP SIX MEMBERS AMASSING THE GREATEST TOTAL OF POINTS IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS, MEETINGS, AND WEIGHT OF FISH IN THE CALENDER YEAR PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET.
- B. STATUS OF THE TOP SIX WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY APPROPRIATELY EMBROIDERED PATCHES, TROPHIES, AND PLAQUES.
- C. "**CLUB CHAMPION**" AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER AMASSING THE GREATEST TOTAL OF POINTS IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS, MEETINGS, AND WEIGHT OF FISH IN THE CALENDER YEAR PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET.
- D. "**BACKSEATER OF THE YEAR**" AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER AMASSING THE GREATEST TOTAL OF POINTS IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS, MEETINGS, AND WEIGHT OF FISH AS A NON-RIGGER IN THE CALENDER YEAR PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET. HE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE AWARD IF HE HAS FISHED AS A RIGGER IN ANY CLUB TOURNAMENT THAT YEAR, OR IF HE HAS CONTROLLED THE BOAT "WHILE FISHING" FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN AN HOUR OR SO DURING ANY ONE TOURNAMENT.

- E. “BIG BASS OF THE YEAR” AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER CATCHING THE LARGEST BASS OVER FOUR POUNDS IN A CLUB TOURNAMENT IN THE CALENDER YEAR PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET.**
- F. “SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET TO THE MEMBER RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES CAST IN A SECRET BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. ONLY THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER WILL KNOW RESULTS OF THAT BALLOTING UNTIL THE PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD.**

SECTION 3. TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- A. TOURNAMENT FEES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN CLUB DUES.**
- B. NO CLUB SPONSORED TOURNAMENT SHALL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY.**
- C. STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL GAME LAWS WILL BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.**
- D. LAKE RULES PERTAINING TO RESTRICTED AREAS AS MARKED WILL ALWAYS BE OBSERVED.**
- E. THE ONLY METHOD OF FISHING PERMITTED DURING TOURNAMENTS IS CASTING OF ARTIFICIAL LURES. TROLLING WITH OUTBOARD ENGINE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. “STROLLING” ARTIFICIAL LURES WITH A TROLLING MOTOR AND/OR “DRIFTING” SUCH, WITH WIND, IS PERMISSABLE.**
- F. A “PAPER” FISH SYSTEM WILL BE USED ON SPECIAL LIMIT LAKES. (SOME LAKES ARE THREE (3) FISH LIMITS WITH AN EIGHTEEN-INCH (18”) MINIMUM OR SLOT LIMIT). MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN BASS CLUB WILL USE THE FIVE (5) FISH, FOURTEEN-INCH (14”)BLACK BASS OR 12” KENTUCKY (SPOTTED) BASS) MINIMUM, LIMIT.**
- G. LAKE SELECTION WILL BE DETERMINED ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE, AS VOTED ON BY MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AFTER SUBMISSION BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (SEE ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8-E, 5.**
- H. LAKE CAN BE CHANGED IF SEVERE WEATHER CHANGES CONDITION OF THE LAKE SELECTED. THIS WILL BE DECIDED AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. TIME AND PLACE OF TOURNAMENT WEIGH-IN WILL BE DECIDED AT THE MONTHLY MEETING WITH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR PRESIDING OVER THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING.**
- I. TEAM SELECTION WILL BE DONE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE SAME TWO PEOPLE WILL NOT ORDINARILY FISH TOGETHER IN A TOURNAMENT IN THE SAME CALENDER YEAR. HOWEVER, THE OVER-RIDING RULE IS FELLOWSHIP AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, SUCH PAIRINGS MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, BE NECESSARY AND WILL NOT DISQUALIFY THE TEAM SO PAIRED.**
- J. TEAM SELECTION FOR EACH TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE REGULAR MEETING ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THAT TOURNAMENT.**
- K. SINCE TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTIONS ARE HELD AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS, IT IS INCUMBENT ON EACH MEMBER TO NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ABOUT THEIR PLAN TO FISH OR NOT TO FISH AT THE NEXT TOURNAMENT. MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND WHO HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE TEAM SELECTION PROCESS. IF AN ATTENDING MEMBER CANNOT FISH AFTER HAVING BEEN SELECTED, HE MUST STILL NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SO THAT THE DIRECTOR CAN MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IF NECESSARY.**

- L. GUEST WILL BE ALLOWED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS, PROVIDING THAT NO MEMBER WISHING TO FISH WILL BE PREVENTED FROM FISHING. (IF THE GUEST DOES NOT SHOW AT THE TIME OF TOURNAMENT AND MEMBER HAS NOT NOTIFIED THE TOURNAMENT SO OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, THAT MEMBER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A TEAM, AND NO TEAM AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MEMBER).
- M. TEAM – TWO INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER GUEST OR CLUB MEMBERS. DURING THE DRAW, IF A SINGLE MEMBER IS NOT PAIRED, HE MAY FISH ALONE AND WILL BE CONSTITUTDED AS A TEAM AND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TEAM AWARDS.
- N. THE CLUB APPROVED SHIRT SHOULD BE WORN DURING TOURNAMENTS AND AT THE WEIGH-IN. NEW MEMBERS OF THE CLUB MAY FISH IN TWO CONSECUTIVE TOURNAMENTS AFTER JOINING WITHOUT THE APPROVED SHIRT.
- O. ONE MEMBER OF EACH TEAM MUST BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF WEIGH-IN TO QUALIFY THEIR TEAM’S CATCH.
- P. EACH MEMBER MAY PRESENT UP TO FIVE (5) FISH OF THE BLACK BASS FAMILY PER WEIGH-IN. NO POOLING OF THEIR CATCHES IS ALLOWED. ALL FISH SUBMITTED MUST BE AT LEAST 12” FOR KENTUCKY “SPOTTED” BASS AND 14” FOR BLACK AND SMALLMOUTH BASSES. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GUIDELINES TO MEASURE FISH WILL BE FOLLOWED.
 - 1. PLACE THE FISH ON IT’S SIDE WITH JAW CLOSED.
 - 2. SQUEEZE THE TAIL FIN TOGETHER OR TURN IT IN A WAY TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM OVERALL LENGTH.
 - 3. MEASURE A STRAIGHT LINE FROM THE TIP OF THE SNOUT TO THE EXTREME TIP OF THE FIN. (SEE SECTION 3-C AND F ABOVE FOR EXCEPTIONS.
- Q. THE CLUB PRESIDENT IS FINAL ARBITER OF DISPUTES AT TOUNAMENTS. IF THE DISPUTE INVOLVES THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE-PRESIDENT WILL BE FINAL ARBITER.
- R. POINTS.
 - 1. TEN (10) POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR EACH POUND, AND ONE (1) POINT FOR EACH TENTH OF A POUND OF EACH FISH CAUGHT.
 - 2. TEN (10) POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR EACH REGULAR CLUB MEETING ATTENDED.
 - 3. TEN (10) POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR EACH REGULAR CLUB TOURNAMENT ATTENDED.
 - 4. TEN (10) POINTS (ONE (1) POUND) SHALL BE PENALIZED FOR EACH DEAD FISH BROUGHT TO WEIGH-IN.
- S. ILLEGAL FISH
 - 1. ILLEGAL FISH WILL NOT BE WEIGHED.
- T. ONLY LARGEMOUTH, KENTUCKY (SPOTTED), OR SMALLMOUTH BASS MAY BE WEIGHED.
- U. ALL FISH MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION TO FACILITATE LIVE RELEASE AFTER WEIGH-IN. TO THAT END ALL MEMBERS SHALL BRING THEIR CATCH TO WEIGH-IN IN A CLUB APPROVED WEIGH-IN BAG.
 - 1. ANY FISH THAT WAS FOUL HOOKED OR FOR WHATEVER REASON APPEARS THAT IT WILL NOT SURVIVE UNTIL WEIGH-IN MAY BE WEIGHED WITH A HAND-HELD SCALES, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TEAM MEMBER, AND THAT WEIGHT BROUGHT BACK TO WEIGH-IN, WILL BE ALLOWED AS ONE OF THAT MEMBERS FISH.

- A. IF THE MEMBER HAS NO PARTNER, HE MUST FIND ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER AND WEIGH THE FISH IN HIS PRESENCE.
- V. EACH PARTICIPANT SHALL KEEP HIS FISH SEPARATE TO FACILITATE POINT SCORING
- W. ALL FISH MUST BE KEPT IN FRESH WATER OR IN WATER COOLED BY ICE DURING SUMMER MONTHS.
- X. CLUB TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD ON PUBLIC RESERVOIRS THAT FALL WITHIN A ONE-HUNDRED, TWENTY-FIVE (125) MILE RADIUS FROM A CENTER POINT LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS.
- Y. BOATS MUST BE "TOURNAMENT READY" i.e., MUST HAVE WORKING AIREATED LIVE WELLS AND WORKING MOTOR KILL SWITCHES AND MUST HAVE COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE VEST FOR EACH PERSON IN HIS BOAT. LIFE VEST AND KILL SWITCH MUST BE IN USE WHEN BIG MOTOR IS OPERATED AT ANY SPEED ABOVE IDLE.
- Z. "BACKSEATER" A TEAM MEMBER WHO DOES NOT CONTROL THE BOAT "WHILE FISHING" FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. IF A "BACKSEATER" IS ASKED BY THE RIGGER TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE BOAT "WHILE FISHING" SO AS TO RELIEVE THE RIGGER OR TO ALLOW THE RIGGER TO CHANGE LINE, LURES OR TO MAKE REPAIRS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BOAT, WILL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE "BACKSEATER OF THE YEAR" AWARD.

ARTICLE V: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. A MEMBER SHALL BE DROPPED FROM THE CLUB ROLL FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

- A. FAILURE TO PAY DUES.
- B. ANY ACTION THAT WOULD REFLECT DISHONOR AND/OR DISGRACE TO THE CLUB.
 - 1. SHOULD A PROBLEM ARISE INVOLVING ITEM "B" ABOVE, THE BOARD SHALL INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM.
 - 2. A HEARING WILL BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED, WITH CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP CONTENGENT UPON A UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE BOARD. SUCH INDIVIDUAL, IF REMOVED, WILL RECEIVE A PRORATED REFUND OF THEIR ANNUAL DUES PAID, BASED ON THE REMAINDER OF ELEVEN (11) TOURNAMENTS OR LESS.
- C. IT WILL BE THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB TO STRIVE FOR A FULL, ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. UPON A FULL MEMBERSHIP, AN INACTIVE MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FRON THE CLUB ROLL AT ANY TIME. MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.