

# INLAND EMPIRE BASS CLUB

## BY-LAWS

Amended and reorganized  
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### **Article 1. Name** (established 1967)

**The Inland Empire Bass Club**

### **Article 2. Mission Statement and Values**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Inland Empire Bass Club is a family oriented and friendly fishing organization dedicated to providing a welcoming environment, knowledge and opportunities for members of all ages to experience bass fishing at levels from serious beginner to competitive expert.

#### **Values**

**History:** The future of our Club is built on the past that exists primarily due to the experiences and friendships that have developed as a direct result of fishing and meeting together.

**Knowledge:** By sharing life and fishing experience we help to improve each other and provide a system of support.

**Friendship:** We share our experience and create goodwill by belonging.

**Competition:** It makes us better.

### **Article 3. Membership Requirements**

The membership of the Club is open to the general public. The Club reserves the right to refuse membership without cause.

New Members shall be ineligible to hold an elected office for a period of one year from the date of membership. The Board Members may waive this requirement. A new member shall be defined to include past members who are reinstating their membership.

Upon recommendation by any member the Board Members may grant honorary membership in this club. Mandatory liability insurance: Members are required to maintain liability insurance while operating a boat in any Inland Empire Bass Club tournament. Liability coverage shall not be less than \$300,000. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the member being dropped from the club roster and a forfeiture of all rights, benefits and privileges of the club.

### **Article 4. Fees and Dues**

#### **Section 1.**

The dues for Inland Empire Bass Club are \$50 per calendar year for any individual, couple or family with children under the age of 18.

Paid dues entitle the member to all rights, benefits and privileges of the club, including the right to participate in all club activities.

The specified fees shall be decided by the Board Members presented to the members at the next general meeting and published on the club website. The proposed rates will be voted on by the members present at the general meeting. Majority vote will determine the result.

A member whose dues have not been paid within sixty (60) days after becoming due shall automatically be suspended and not eligible to any rights or privileges of the club until the same have been paid plus a \$10 late fee

Yearly club fees for existing members are due by Jan. 31 ~~of the preceding year~~ but there is a 1 month grace period. New members must pay club fees prior to participating in any club tournaments but may register the day of.

A new member is any member not on the IEBC roster the preceding year.

## **Section 2. Voting privilege**

The spouse of a member shall have voting privileges which are the same as the member. Children under the age of 18 do not have voting privileges.

Only paid members are entitled to vote and receive awards or trophies.

## **Article 5. Board Structure**

### **Section 1. Officers and Board Members**

Officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and not less than two Tournament Directors (2) two or more than (8) Board Members. Board Members shall have their FLW/TBF-Joint membership and Washing BASS memberships paid for by the club with the main goal of maintaining a 6 member minimum to maintain active FLW/TBF club status and insurance coverage for the board members. The club will not pay for more than 8 board members.

### **Section 2. Board Member nomination and election**

The membership present at the October general Club meeting shall nominate a minimum of one (1) candidate for each vacated office of the club.

The Club members in attendance at the following October/November meeting will vote to determine the selection of officers and board members.

The Past President and Tournament Director will serve in advisory capacities at the request of the President and Tournament Director Elect.

### **Section 3. Term - Officers and Board Members**

All officers elected shall hold office for one (1) year. The term of office shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall terminate at midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Article 6: Board Meetings**

### **Section 1.**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board Members.

The President shall appoint Board Member tasks and other committees as required.

Board meetings are held the first ~~Monday~~~~Tuesday~~ of each month at 6:00 pm in January, February, March, April, May, June, Sept., and Oct.

Location should be kept consistent throughout any given year and shared with the club membership in case they want to attend.

Board decisions will be made by majority vote of the board members present.

## **Article 7. Duties and Responsibilities**

### **Section 1. Club Board Members**

#### **President**

President presides at all board and club meetings unless unable to attend. President prepares the agenda and minutes of each meeting. He makes sure that the board actions are completed and people have what they need to perform their roles.

#### **Vice President**

In absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. In the event the President is unwilling or unable to serve the Vice President shall act until the Board Members fill that office. Tracks club memberships, Organizes DeMaris donation procurement, sponsorship and fundraising. If no Media Director is available this person updates electronic bulletins – Facebook and Club Website.

## **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep the official financial reports of the club, conduct official correspondences of the club, file taxes, renew tax exempt status, purchase trophies for Jamboree, kid's tournament and year end awards. He or she shall deposit all dues of the members and handle all other funds of the club as directed. He or she shall deposit all money of said club in such bank as selected by the Board Members. Bank statements of the account shall be available to the Board Members and President.

## **Tournament Directors**

There will be ~~one~~two Tournament Directors to conduct all tournaments, obtain permits from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, -keep statistics of all tournament standings, submit tournament reports to WDFW and perform all other necessary duties but can have as many assistants as he wants.

Initial voting for tournament locations should begin in January of the year prior.

Example: For the 2020 tournament year, initial voting of potential locations will take place in January of 2019 with final locations voted on at the February meeting.

Each tournament director will be given a \$40 stipend for each tournament to cover tournament fees or defray camping costs.

## **Media Director (Optional)**

Position should be filled if possible to lighten load on Vice President. Communicates upcoming events to the club through our media outlets the Club website ([www.inlandempirebassclub.com](http://www.inlandempirebassclub.com)) and Facebook page (Inland Empire Bass Club). Updates Tournament results, standings and pictures on the same media outlets.

## **Grill Master (Optional)**

Coordinates the awards banquet, club BBQ's/picnics/Kids Tournament BBQ. Procures meat, cooks meat and makes sure BBQ's are kept in good condition.

## **Article 8. Club Meetings**

### **Section 1. Times and Schedule**

Meetings shall be held monthly, normally on the fourth Tuesday of each month in January, February, March, April, May, June, Oct. and November, or at any other times as agreed upon by the Board Members

Changes of said meeting date shall be made seventy (72) hours prior to the changed date, unless said Board waives requirement.

### **Section 2. Quorum for vote of General Membership**

Not less than ~~fiveten~~ (5+0) members in attendance at the beginning of a regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

### **Section 3. Special Club Meetings**

Special meetings of the club can be called by the President upon written petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the general membership who are in good standing. Only business set by the petitioners in the request shall be transacted at the special meeting.

## **Article 9. Club Publication - The Lunker Ledger**

### **Section 1. Frequency**

A monthly publication shall be provided to the membership if someone volunteers to create it.

### **Section 2. Content**

No member of the club will change a publication or its content without the approval of the President or Board Members depending on time availability. Any submitted article shall have the author's name.

## **Article 10. Club Platform and Affiliation with other organizations on behalf of the members**

### **Section 1: Organizational Affiliation**

It is the policy of the club to provide as many opportunities as possible for adult and junior members to fish with other state and national organizations. If there is sufficient club interest, the club will appoint "Team Leaders" to act as the Club representative with other organizations. They will be responsible for providing information, attending meetings, updating rosters and notifying club members interested in affiliation with various national and state organizations, including but not limited to B.A.S.S., The Federation Nation of Washington State (BASS), TBF/FLW and the Washington State Bass Federation.

Memberships in these and any other organizations are available to members in good standing of the Inland Empire Bass Club. Separate dues and entry fees may be required and are solely the responsibility of the participating member and Team Leader coordinating through the Club. Members of the IEBC are not required to maintain memberships in outside organizations.

### **Section 2: Other Organization Dues**

State and National organizations shall determine their own dues. The President and Team Leader shall be the liaison with both National and State organizations that the membership chooses for affiliation.

### **Section 3: Payment of dues to other organizations**

The Club ~~can~~ will collect, process and pay dues on behalf of those members interested in other affiliated organizations as deemed appropriate by the Board Members

## **Article 11. Amendments to the By-Laws**

### **Section 1.**

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any general club meeting providing the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the preceding regular meeting.