



WESTSIDE BASSMASTERS BYLAWS

Article I- Name and Purpose

This club shall be called WESTSIDE BASSMASTERS. The club exists to provide a competitive outlet for members who enjoy the sport of bass fishing. Westside Bassmasters shall be a singles club with one angler per boat. (Exceptions: See Art. 2 Sec. 3, Art. 13 and Art. 14)

Article 2- Membership

Section 1. Number of members

- A. The club shall maintain a minimum of six members. All members shall be current members of B.A.S.S. and Louisiana B.A.S.S. Nation.

Section 2. Requirement for membership

To become a club member, a person shall:

- A. Submit a WSBM Membership form
- B. Be a member of B.A.S.S.
- C. Be a member of the Louisiana B.A.S.S. Nation (Included in yearly dues)
- D. Be 16 years of age



Section 3. Junior members

- A. Anyone under the age of 16 is not required to be a member of the club. They may fish tournaments with a friend or family member. All fish caught by a Junior Member must be weighed in as part of the boater's stringer. On the 16th birthday of the junior member, he/she must pay club dues to be a regular member.

Article 3- Membership Dues

Section 1- Yearly membership dues are \$160.00.

- \$30.00 for WSBM
- \$60.00 for registry into the Louisiana B.A.S.S. Nation (required for liability purposes)
- \$40.00 to the Classic
- \$30.00 to Angler of the Year

Article 4 – Meetings

Section 1- Meetings shall be held throughout the season at a pre-determined time and place as decided on by the President. Club members can bring up items to vote on during meeting. It is highly encouraged to attend meeting as important information will be disseminated about club business and upcoming tournaments. Meetings are not worth Angler of the Year points.



Article 5- Officers

Section 1- Officers shall conduct the affairs of the club in accordance with these bylaws. In exigent circumstances, a bylaw may be amended or over-ruled if at least two club officers are in agreement.

- A. President- The WSBM President (or designee) shall preside over all club meetings and direct all official business. He shall also supervise all club functions and ensure the bylaws are followed. Should any circumstance occur not covered under the bylaws, the President should make a ruling after consulting with other club officers.
- B. Vice President- Assists the President with all club functions and takes leadership role in the absence of the President.
- C. Secretary- Maintains meeting minutes and provides that information to President or Vice President.
- D. Treasurer- Maintains financial records of all WSBM funds. Provides update on balance of funds at WSBM meetings.

Article 6- Elections

Section 1- Elections will be held at the first meeting of each new season. The President from the previous year will ask for nominations for each officer role. The club members present will then vote for each position with a simple majority taking the vote. In the event of a tie, a random club member will choose a name out of a hat.

Section 2- Term of Office

- A. Term of office will be one year from the date votes are taken. If there is no contest the following year then no vote is necessary for that position with the exception of a step down.



Section 3- Eligibility for Office

- A. To be eligible for office, a member must
1. Have been a member for at least one year
 2. Be in good standing in the club
 3. Show an active interest in all club activities

Article 7- Removal of Membership

Section 1- Members may be removed or suspended from WSBM if all officers are in unanimous agreement. Violations include but are not limited to:

- Failure to pay dues
- Any action that would reflect poorly on WSBM and B.A.S.S.
- Disqualification from events outside of WSBM or B.A.S.S. events due to poor sportsmanship or cheating

Article 8- Tournaments

Section 1- The tournament season will consist of a series of 8 regular season tournaments followed by an end of the year Classic.

Section 2- Regular season tournament locations will be determined prior to the season by the President and Vice President.

Section 3- Entry Fees

- A. \$100.00 per person
- \$90.00 Overall Pot
 - \$5.00 to big bass
 - \$5.00 to Classic



Section 4- Payout

A. Payouts will be determined using the attached chart (Exception of the Veteran's Tournament). Cut off is 7 places. Any tournaments with more than 35 boats will still only pay 7 places.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	
Boats								
1	100% = \$90.00	BB \$5.00	Classic \$5.00					
2	100% = \$180.00	BB \$10.00	Classic \$10.00					
3	100% = \$270.00	BB \$15.00	Classic \$15.00					
4	100% = \$360.00	BB \$20.00	Classic \$20.00					
5	100% = \$450.00	BB \$25.00	Classic \$25.00					
6	70% = \$380.00	30% = \$160.00	BB \$30.00	Classic \$30.00				
7	70% = \$440.00	30% = \$190.00	BB \$35.00	Classic \$35.00				
8	70% = \$505.00	30% = \$215.00	BB \$40.00	Classic \$40.00				
9	70% = \$570.00	30% = \$240.00	BB \$45.00	Classic \$45.00				
10	70% = \$630.00	30% = \$270.00	BB \$50.00	Classic \$50.00				
11	60% = \$600.00	27% = \$270.30	13% = \$120.00	BB \$55.00	Classic \$55.00			
12	60% = \$650.00	27% = \$290.0	13% = \$140.00	BB \$60.00	Classic \$60.00			
13	60% = \$705.00	27% = \$315.00	13% = \$150.00	BB \$65.00	Classic \$65.00			
14	60% = \$760.00	27% = \$340.00	13% = \$160.00	BB \$70.00	Classic \$70.00			
15	60% = \$810.00	27% = \$365.00	13% = \$175.00	BB \$75.00	Classic \$75.00			
16	55% = \$795.00	25% = \$360.00	12.0% = \$170.00	8% = \$115.00	BB \$80.00	Classic \$80.00		
17	55% = \$840.00	25% = \$380.00	12.0% = \$215.00	8% = \$125.00	BB \$85.00	Classic \$85.00		
18	55% = \$890.00	25% = \$405.00	12.0% = \$195.00	8% = \$130.00	BB \$90.00	Classic \$90.00		
19	55% = \$940.00	25% = \$430.00	12.0% = \$205.00	8% = \$135.00	BB \$95.00	Classic \$95.00		
20	55% = \$990.00	25% = \$450.00	12% = \$215.00	8% = \$145.00	BB \$100.00	Classic \$100.00		
21	50% = \$945.00	23.0% = \$435.00	11.0% = \$210.00	9.0% = \$170.00	7% = \$130.00	BB \$105.00	Classic \$105.00	
22	50% = \$990.00	23% = \$460.00	11% = \$220.00	9% = \$175.00	7% = \$135.00	BB \$110.00	Classic \$110.00	
23	50% = \$1,035.00	23% = \$475.00	11% = \$230.00	9% = \$185.00	7% = \$145.00	BB \$115.00	Classic \$115.00	
24	50% = \$1,080.00	23% = \$500.00	11% = \$235.00	9% = \$195.00	7% = \$150.00	BB \$120.00	Classic \$120.00	
25	50% = \$1,125.00	23% = \$520.00	11% = \$250.00	9% = \$200.00	7% = \$155.00	BB \$125.00	Classic \$125.00	
26	45% = \$1,055.00	21% = \$495.00	10.5% = \$245.00	9% = \$210.00	7.5% = \$175.00	7% = \$160.00	BB \$130.00	Classic \$130.00
27	45% = \$1,095.00	21% = \$510.00	10.5% = \$255.00	9% = \$220.00	7.5% = \$180.00	7% = \$170.00	BB \$135.00	Classic \$135.00
28	45% = \$1,135.00	21% = \$530.00	10.5% = \$265.00	9% = \$230.00	7.5% = \$185.00	7% = \$175.00	BB \$140.00	Classic \$140.00
29	45% = \$1,175.00	21% = \$550.00	10.5% = \$275.00	9% = \$235.00	7.5% = \$195.00	7% = \$180.00	BB \$145.00	Classic \$145.00
30	45% = \$1,215.00	21% = \$570.00	10.5% = \$285.00	9% = \$240.00	7.5% = \$205.00	7% = \$185.00	BB \$150.00	Classic \$150.00
31	40% = \$1,120.00	20% = \$560.00	10.5% = \$290.00	8.5% = \$235.00	7.5% = \$210.00	7% = \$195.00	6.5% = \$180.00	BB \$155.00
32	40% = \$1,155.00	20% = \$580.00	10.5% = \$300.00	8.5% = \$245.00	7.5% = \$215.00	7% = \$200.00	6.5% = \$185.00	BB \$160.00
33	40% = \$1,190.00	20% = \$600.00	10.5% = \$310.00	8.5% = \$255.00	7.5% = \$220.00	7% = \$205.00	6.5% = \$190.00	BB \$165.00
34	40% = \$1,225.00	20% = \$620.00	10.5% = \$320.00	8.5% = \$265.00	7.5% = \$225.00	7% = \$210.00	6.5% = \$195.00	BB \$170.00
35	40% = \$1,260.00	20% = \$640.00	10.5% = \$330.00	8.5% = \$275.00	7.5% = \$230.00	7% = \$215.00	6.5% = \$200.00	BB \$175.00



Section 5: Ties

In the event of a tie, winner will be determined by big bass. If neither team weighed a big bass or if big bass is still a tie, winner will be determined by a coin flip.

Section 6: Dead Fish/Late Penalties

- A. No culling of dead fish. Dead fish will result in a 4 oz. penalty per dead fish. If dead fish is also big bass, 4 oz. will be deducted from the big bass.
- B. Any angler that fails to check in on time will be disqualified from that day's tournament.

Article 9- Classic Tournament

Section 1- The Classic location will be voted on by the top 10 anglers at the conclusion of the season. All members of WSBM will be eligible to fish the Classic, however only the top 10 will be eligible for the Classic pot. All members fishing who are outside of the top 10 will only be eligible to win the entry fee pot. The Classic does not count towards AoY Points. Entry fee is \$100.00 with \$10.00 going towards big bass for the tournament.

Section 2: Payout

1. Payout will be 60% for 1st place and 27% for 2nd place and 13% for 3rd place.

Article 10: Angler of the Year

Section 1: Angler of the Year will be determined by points earned during the regular season tournaments. At the end of the year, an angler's worst two finishes will be dropped. In the event of a tie, AoY will be determined by heaviest overall



weight of the best 6 tournaments. If still a tie, the heaviest tournament bag throughout the year will be the tie breaker.

Section 2- AoY will be rewarded with a trophy and membership dues paid for the following year.

Section 3- Top 6 in AOY points will qualify to fish the annual Battle Of The Clubs the following season.

Article 11- Point System

Section 1- Anglers receive points based on place finished for each tournament they participate in. If an angler competes in the tournament but does not weigh in, 20 points will be awarded. If an angler does not participate in a tournament, 0 points will be awarded.

Section 2- Scoring breakdown. Starting at 100 points for 1st place, each place will reduce by one point.

1. 1st place (100 Points) 2nd place (99 Points)
2. 3rd place (98 Points)
3. 4th place (97 Points)
4.

Article 12- Boundaries for Tournaments

Section 1- Boundaries will be set for each tournament will be discussed prior to the tournament.



Article 13- Fishing with Other Members

Section 1- Members experiencing boat issues or other circumstances where they do not have access to their own boat may fish with another angler for two tournaments only. A name will be drawn at random by an officer and that angler shall allow the member in need to fish with him/her. It is the responsibility of the anglers to keep fish separate.

Article 14- Husband and Wife teams

Section 1- Husbands and Wives may fish in the same boat, however both must be members and are responsible for keeping fish separate.

Article 15- Fishing hours

Section 1- Start time for each tournament will be determined by the President. All lines must be out of the water by 3:00. Check in and weigh in will be at 3:30. All times are subject to change as determined by officers.

Section 2- If you break down and cannot make it to check in, you may pass your fish off to another member to be weighed. It is the responsibility of each angler to keep their fish separate.

Article 17- Safety

Section 1- Fish at your own risk and follow Coast Guard rules. Be careful out there and respectful of other boaters and anglers. Life jackets must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating.



Article 18- Sportsmanship

Section 1- Cheating and un-sportsman like conduct between anglers and other boaters will not be allowed and may result in disqualification from the tournament and/or club.

Article 19- Lures

Section 1- No live bait allowed. Artificial lures only. Only 1 lure and one rod and reel may be in use at one time. No intentional snagging or foul hooking.

Article 20- Minimum Size

Section 1- Each bass must be a minimum of 12 inches long. Lakes or rivers that have requirements for a minimum length greater than 12 inches must be adhered to.

Article 21- New Members

Section 1- WSBM will accept members up until the Friday before the 1st tournament of the year. This is to ensure all BASS Nation dues are paid on time. After that, anyone wanting to join must wait until the following year.