



## Iowa Bass Nation Bylaws State of Iowa

### ARTICLE I – Iowa Bass Nation and Purpose

#### **Section 1:**

This chapter shall be called the: Iowa Bass Nation

**Section 2:** Iowa Bass Nation (IBN) strives to bring and stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. IBN offers our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. IBN wants to promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. IBN will detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his/her crime. IBN wants 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. IBN functions as a dynamic and effective link with other chapters of the state B.A.S.S. Nation, embracing the principles and purposes of B.A.S.S.®.

### ARTICLE II – Membership

**Section 1:**Consistent Members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Social Media and Event Coordinator

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least two members.

#### **Section 2:** Requirement for Regular Membership

Membership requirement is that anglers must be a BASS member through the Bassmaster subscription. Anglers must be an IBN active club member to fish State Tournament

#### **Section 3:** Membership Dues

- BASS Nation Dues current - \$30
- IBN dues current - \$25

**Section 4: Meetings of Members** The membership shall hold regular meetings at pre-established times.

### ARTICLE III – Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Officers shall conduct the affairs of the Chapter in a manner consistent with these Bylaws. To protect the Chapter, B.A.S.S. Nation members, and B.A.S.S., Chapter Officers may not hold positions higher than the club level within any other B.A.S.S. Nation-type organization. In addition, the State B.A.S.S. Nation Board of Directors is required to be comprised of members who are free to serve the State and its members without a conflict of interest. B.A.S.S. Nation State Board Members and Officers are not permitted to hold positions within any other B.A.S.S. Nation-type organization. Any State Board Member or State Officer, or an employee of any other B.A.S.S. Nation-type organization will not be permitted to hold an office within the B.A.S.S. Nation at any level.

#### **Section 1: Officers and their Duties**

The officers of the chapter shall consist of:

(a) President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and be an exofficio member of all committees. Supervise all club functions.

(b) Vice President: Act as program chairman, assist the president in his/ her duties and preside in the absence of the president.

(c) Social Media and Event Coordinator: Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the chapter president. Maintain regular liaison between your chapter and the B.A.S.S. Federation and the state B.A.S.S. Federation chapter. Organize and coordinate tournaments, tracking results. Maintaining social media and website with IBN information.

(d) Treasurer: Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. Prepare an annual audit for review by the chapter board of directors.

(e) Conservation Chairman: Serve as liaison between the chapter and state and national conservation/environmental agencies. Plan chapter conservation projects and attend all local and state conservation meetings/hearings.

(f) Youth Chairman: Organize all youth activities and programs. Coordinate youth events and start a Junior Bassmaster Chapter when the chapter is ready for this sponsorship.

Officers receive \$500 annual honorarium

**Section 2: Elections:** President appoints Youth/Conservation Directors and support(s) to Youth Director.

ARTICLE III: Eligibility of Vote Each member:

**Section 1:** Elections: Each IBN Member is elected by Club Reps at annual meetings as needed. The members will serve until replaced or a resignation happens.

**Section 2:** Club Members: Board of Directors will consist of Club Representatives

- There is a minimum 6 members for Representatives of Clubs to vote
- IBN Requires a Club Representative to attend the IBN Annual meeting. There will be a representative appointed to attend this If they can't attend, another member of the club will need to attend as a replacement.
- \$25 annual dues to keep club active
- Major treasury disbursements approved by Club Representatives