

New York - The Bass Federation (NYTBF)



2022 Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE 1. NAMES, ADDRESSES AND MEETING LOCATION

1.1 NAMES

1.1-1 NAMES

The New York Bass Chapter Federation, Inc., herein known as the Federation, also known as the New York Bass Federation (NYTBF), the New York Bass Chapter Federation, or any of several variations of the official corporate name which includes the term T.B.F., the symbol of The Bass Federation, Inc.

1.2 ADDRESS

1.2-1 PRINCIPAL ADDRESS.

The principal address of the Federation shall be the residence of the President, or other address as he may select with the Board concurring.

1.2-2 OTHER ADDRESS

Elected members of the Board, Committee Chairpersons, and other officials appointed by the President, may, as approved by the President, establish other addresses necessary for the timely and efficient discharge of their duties.

1.3 MEETING LOCATION

1.3-1 BUSINESS MEETING LOCATION.

The business meetings of the Board shall be convened at a site selected by the President with the Board concurring. All Committee and other official meetings shall be held at sites selected by the chairperson or other presiding officials. The chair of all committee meetings will provide meeting minutes (with a list of attendees) to the NYTBF Board and Secretary for historical purposes.

1.3-2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LOCATION.

An annual meeting, open to the general membership, shall be held at a site selected by the President, which is suitable and convenient for attendance, by a large number of members.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND GOALS

2.1 PURPOSE

2.1-1 PURPOSES OF THE FEDERATION.

The Federation is established to preserve and promote the sport of angling for largemouth bass (*Micropterus Salmoides*), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus Dolomieu*), and spotted or Kentucky bass (*Micropterus Punctulatus*), herein known as Bass; to introduce youth to the sport of fishing; to conserve water and other associated natural resources; to work for an abundant, healthy and self-sustaining bass fishery where a natural potential exists; and to support the local, state and national agencies which conserve and manage the fresh water sport fishery and other associated resources.

2.2 GOALS

2.2-1 GOALS OF THE FEDERATION

The Federation, shall, in its operations, pursue the goals of organizing and conducting competitive fishing events which adequately provide for the needs of the bass and the angler; to establish live release of bass to their habitat as an integral part of sport fishing; promote realistic conservation of natural resources and causing adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards; of educating the membership in citizen involvement in the processes of government; of supporting and cooperation with fishery management agencies and educational institutions in development of good fisheries for the future; of encouraging youth involvement in sport fishery and leading the chapters in organizing and conducting youth participation activities; of promoting public awareness of the Federation's purposes, goals and activities; of timely and efficient communications with the membership through the NYTBF Website and Social Media, of gaining new members to TBF and the Federation; to generate revenues sufficient to conduct the programs of the Federation; of reducing the hazards of boat operation and sport fishing; of supporting the non-profit purposes and goals of TBF and other such goals as may be established by committees of the Federation.

ARTICLE 3. AFFILIATIONS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND FACTS

3.1 AFFILIATIONS

3.1-1 T.B.F. AFFILIATIONS

The Federation shall preserve and maintain in good standing its affiliation with The Bass Federation, Inc.

3.1-2 NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE OF T.B.F. ORGANIZATIONS

The Federation shall operate as the sole representative organization, other than T.B.F., of the various associations, clubs and other organizations established in the State of New York and duly chartered by T.B.F.

3.1-3 OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Affiliations with organizations other than T.B.F. may be initiated by the Federation to advance the purposes and goals of the Federation and the best interests of its members. Such affiliations shall not be maintained in conflict with the non-profit purposes and goals of T.B.F. A written statement of conflict from T.B.F. shall be sufficient cause for dissolution of all such affiliations.

3.2 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND FACTS

3.2-1 AGREEMENTS, ETC. WITH ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN T.B.F.

Cooperative agreements, mutual aid pacts and other special agreements and joint operations may be initiated or agreed upon by the Federation to advance the purposes and goals of the Federation, the non-profit purposes and goals of T.B.F. A written statement of conflict from T.B.F. shall be sufficient cause for dissolution of all such agreements.

ARTICLE 4. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

4.1 CONSTITUENCY

4.1-1 CONSTITUENCY

The constituency of the Federation shall include affiliated organizations (clubs) and individuals who are members of T.B.F. The interests of the constituent members shall, within the purposes and goals of the Federation, be fully represented by the Federation and its officials. T.B.F. membership shall not alone constitute eligibility to hold elected or appointed office in the Federation.

4.1-2 MEMBERS

The members of the Federation are the members in good standing of any of the approved clubs of the Federation. In good standing shall mean that the member satisfies all of the requirements for membership imposed by T.B.F., the Federation and the member's club. Members in good standing only shall be eligible to hold office in the Federation. Eligibility for office shall also be conditional upon satisfaction of all the requirements and qualifications imposed in the Constitution and By-laws.

4.2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.2-1 ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A duly elected Board of Directors, herein known as the Board, shall govern the Federation, conduct its business and act in the best interests of the clubs and membership.

4.2-2 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

The Board shall meet at least quarterly in regular prior-scheduled business session. Additional scheduled and/or special called meetings necessary for timely and efficient conduct of the business of the Federation may be held as called by the President.

4.2-3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of the Board shall be the President, the Vice President, Tournament Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, Youth Director, Conservation Director and the Collegiate Cup Director. Members of the Board shall not hold more than one Board position at one time, unless filling a vacant position temporarily and approved by the President.

4.2-4 VOTING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All bills and resolutions before the Board at regular and special meetings shall be decided by polling the Board members. Members of the Board shall have equal standing in all voting except that the President shall vote only in cases of a tie on issues requiring a plurality vote, and that any member shall be permitted to abstain. Except on routine procedural questions and in elections, the roll shall be called and the voting recorded in the minutes of the meeting. All other questions shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the Board members present except as otherwise required by the Constitution and By-laws.

4.2-5 EXPENSES OF BOARD MEMBERS

The reasonable expenses in the performance of their elected position, of any Federation official shall be submitted to the Board no later than the next regular Board meeting following the incurred expenses. Objection by any Board member shall result in the stated expenses not to be authorized.

4.2-6 REMOVAL OF FEDERATION OFFICIALS BY THE BOARD

A motion for removal of an officer of the Board shall be considered only after a finding by the Board in a prior action, that the subject official is guilty of bad conduct, acts against the best interests of the Federation, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. In the Board action on a removal motion, a majority vote shall constitute a censure and a two-thirds majority vote in favor shall effect the removal of the subject official.

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4.3 OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

4.3-1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Webmaster and Secretary shall be known as the officers of the Federation. The Board, at its January meeting, shall elect them, with nominations being held at the September meeting. The election of the Federation officers shall be by secret ballots collected from the Board members and counted by a commissioner selected and appointed by the President. The ballot of President shall be collected and marked by the election commissioner before the count so that it may be counted in case of a tie to achieve a plurality. Should there be only one nominee for each of the offices of the Federation, the election may be accomplished by voice vote or, the presiding officer may declare that each nominee is elected by unanimous consent or acclamation. This procedure can only be followed when there is only one nominee for the office of President and Vice President each.

4.3-2 TENURE OF OFFICE

The terms of office of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Webmaster and Secretary shall be for three (3) years and expire upon the installation of their successors.

4.3-3 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected from among the members. They shall be required to remain in good standing throughout their tenure. Loss of good standing by an officer shall vacate his/her office.

4.3-4 INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

At the January meeting of the Board or immediately after a special election of a Board officer, the President shall certify the election, and seat newly elected officers on the Board. Such installations of officers shall be conducted as the first order of business at installation meetings and they shall be the last official act of the outgoing administration.

4.3-5 DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The officers shall administer the Federation. Their duties shall include but not be limited to attendance at meetings of the Board and other functions of the Federation, representing the Federation as authorized by the Constitution and Bylaws and as appointed by the President, supporting the purposes and goals of the Federation, and other duties not in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws, as may be in the best interest of the chapters and the members. In addition, the individual officers shall perform the following duties:

(a) The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board, appoint all committee chairmen, commissioners and other non-elected officials, operate as the chief administrative officer in the Federation, the chief representative of the Federation before all bodies, the final interpreter of the Constitution and By-laws, and the deciding voter only in cases requiring a plurality, in which there is a tie vote by the Board.

(b) The Vice President shall ascend to the office of President when it becomes vacant, or when the President is found to be incapacitated for further service through voluntary determination or through an act of the Board, or as authorized in the temporary absence of the President. He shall be the administrative assistant to the President performing other duties as directed by the President.

(c) The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of the Federation, the keeper of the Treasury and the financial accounts of the Federation, and receiver and disbursing officer of all funds. The treasurer's report shall be e-mailed two weeks prior to the next the board. He/she shall report the financial status of the Federation to the Board on request and at each Board meeting. He/she shall present all books and financial records or documents annually in November, and on other occasions as directed by the Board, to a person or a committee selected and appointed by the President for audit, and he/she shall cause to be prepared and submitted in a timely manner all documents required by the United States Internal Revenue Service and all other tax and dues imposing authority having jurisdiction over the Federation, and perform other duties as directed by the President.

Note: There will be an official audit anytime the appointed Treasurer is replaced or every two (2) years, whichever comes first.

(d) The Tournament Director/Committee shall conduct the competitive fishing activities of the Federation, assist the regions and the chapters in development of tournament programs, coordinate the live release program, promote sportsmanship and respect for the fishing laws of New York, will recommend all Tournament Rules changes to the Board, with the Board's approval or disapproval, enforce the Tournament Rules and in consideration of a fee set by the Board, assist other individuals and organizations with tournament activities found by the Board to be acceptable and not in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws. Additionally, the Tournament Director will select future tournament locations and finalize said trails with all Board Members.

(e) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Board meetings and the official records of the Federation, maintain the official correspondence of the Federation, maintain in good order and submit as appropriate the documents necessary to the Federation's compliance with the regulations of the Corporation Commission of New York State and with TBF, and perform other duties as directed by the President. The minutes of the last meeting shall be e-mailed to each director/board member within two weeks after the last board meeting. Also, the Secretary may assist with NYTBF Facebook updates, apply for tournament permits, TBF Insurance and/or write for additional sponsorship support.

4.3-6 VACANCIES

Vacancy in the position of Vice President shall be filled as soon as practicable by special election. Vacancy in the position of President shall be filled immediately through the ascension of the Vice President.

4.4 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The State Youth Director, Collegiate Director and Conservation Director have voting rights at the State Board meetings.

4.4-1 STANDING COMMITTEES OFFICIALS

The President shall appoint, from among the qualified members, the Director of three standing committees, the Conservation/Natural Resources Director, the Youth Director and the Collegiate Cup Director. The Director and members of standing committees shall serve at the pleasure, and under the supervision of the President.

4.4-2 DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OFFICIALS

The standing committees shall support the Constitution and By-laws, attend the meetings of the Federation and its functions as directed by the President, represent the Federation within their assigned areas of special interests, and perform other duties as follows:

(a) The Conservation/Natural Resources Director shall protect the environment from harmful change, encourage adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards, document and report violations of anti-pollution laws, take legal action wherever appropriate, to improve the environment, inform and educate the members and the public to create awareness of threats to natural resources, take leadership in repairing the harm already done to the environment, solicit involvement of other organizations, establish contact with the legislature and educate the members in citizen involvement in the process of government, cooperate and work with fishery management agencies and educational and research institutions toward improvements in fishery management for better future fisheries, coordinate the conservation activities of the Federation and recommend annual recognition of individuals and/or organizations that have achieved outstanding performance in conservation of fisheries and other associated natural resources.

(b) The Youth Director/Committee shall promote youth fishing activity, organize and implement an annual Youth Week, teach honesty, integrity and sportsmanship, coordinate the Federation's youth programs, assist the regions and clubs in youth activities, teach youth the fundamentals of sport fishing, cooperate and work with other organizations in introducing youth to sport fishing and recommend annual recognition of individuals and/or organizations that have achieved outstanding performance in youth fishing activities.

(c) The Collegiate Cup Director/Committee shall promote fishing activity, organize and implement the NYTBF Collegiate Cup program, coordinate with regions and affiliate clubs to support the program and work with other organizations in introduce/promote collegiate fishing across the state of NY. Work with the NYTBF Board of Directors to solicit sponsorship for the program and schedule events to include all applicable DEC permits as needed.

4.4-3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President may select and appoint from among the qualified members, the chairmen and members of special committees. The chairmen and members of special committees shall serve at the pleasure, and under the supervision of the President.

4.4-4 DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The special committees shall support the Constitution and By-laws, operate as instructed by the President and perform other duties as follows:

(a) The Public Relations Director/Committee shall promote public awareness of the Federation, its purpose, goals and activities, work with and assist the other committees by publicizing their programs, by maintaining contact with the public news media and operating a news service, work with other organizations and agencies within the purpose and goals of the Federation, and support Social Media and the NYTBF Website. The Director, as authorized and directed by the President shall attend all meetings and functions of the Federation as a necessary means of the timely and efficient discharge of his/her duties.

(b) The Membership Committee shall work toward development of new clubs and members, seek solutions to the problems of the existing clubs relative to their good standing in the Federation and T.B.F., and cooperate with interested members of the public where no clubs or other constituents exist.

(c) The Finance Committee shall make recommendations relative to budget preparation, coordinate the fund raising activities of the Federation, and assist the regions and clubs in their fund raising activities.

(d) The Safety Committee, as assigned by the Board, shall promote safe operation of the equipment and the activities of sport fishing, coordinate the safety activities of the Federation, assist the Tournament Committee in equipment inspection and enforcement of rules at tournament events, distribute hazard notices, work toward effective marking of procedures for sport fishermen, encourage use of first aid training and first aid kits, and operate an inspection program for equipment voluntarily submitted by members.

(e) The Webmaster shall maintain the NYTBF Website with the major categories being Home, Conservation, Youth, High School, Collegiate, Sponsors, Clubs, News, About Us and Contact Us. The scope of the website may be adjusted per a discussion and vote by the Executive Board.

4.4-5 SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS, ETC.

The President may select and appoint to temporary service, special commissioners to represent him in resolving organizational issues and questions, and other problems that may arise. Commissioners and other such officials shall remain under the direction of the President and they shall report directly and confidentially to him.

4.4-6 EXPENSES OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The reasonable expenses of the appointed officials shall be submitted in writing to the President for approval, no later than the next regular Board meeting following the incurred expenses. The President shall submit all approved expense statements to the Treasurer for payment. Objection by any Board member shall result in the stated expenses not to be authorized.

4.5 EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERATION

4.5-1 SELECTION AND COMPENSATION

Once the need for a contracted official has been justified and approved by the Board; the position will be opened to all qualified applicants. The selection of the final candidate must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. The Board will determine the rate of compensation for the employee.

4.5-2 DUTIES OF FEDERATION EMPLOYEES.

The duties of all employees will be to support and promote the efficient operation of the Federation.

4.5-3 TERMINATION

The term of office will continue as long as the needs are justified and the individual is satisfactorily accomplishing those needs. At any time the position of an individual can be reviewed by the Board. Suspension of an individual will require a majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE 5, AMENDMENTS AND PROCEDURES

5.1 AMENDMENTS

5.1-1 AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 1 THROUGH 8

Articles 1 through 8 of the Constitution and By-laws may be amended by vote of a two-thirds majority of the Board after thirty days prior notice of said amendment at any meeting scheduled thirty days or more in advance.

5.2 PROCEDURES

5.2-1 BILLS

Bills (Motions) shall be the basic documents of the acts of the Board. They shall be submitted as written motions, distributed to the Board members twenty days or more prior to, and read to the Board immediately prior to voting upon them, except that upon a motion, seconded and voted for by a majority of the Board, an emergency may be declared and the twenty days prior distribution of the bill waived to allow for immediate adoption or for shortened prior distribution periods. The prior notice requirements of paragraph

5.2-1 shall not be affected by emergency declarations. Bills shall not be adopted by vote of a majority of the Board except as required by paragraph 5.1. Motions to amend bills, within their principal intent, shall be written and seconded by Board members. They may be adopted by the vote of a majority of the Board at any time prior to final voting on the complete bill.

5.2-2 RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions shall be expressions of the will, intent or desire of the Board. They shall be adopted and amended in the manner and through the procedures provided in section 5.2-1.

5.2-3 SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

All bills submitted for amending the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted at the January board meeting of each year. These bills shall be acted upon at the March board meeting. Amendments of an emergency nature may be accepted at any time during the year.

5.2-4 RECORDING OF MOTIONS

Motions shall be written for the record on an official form, which provides for a voting record.

5.2-5 CERTIFICATIONS OF ELECTIONS.

Elections shall be certified according to sections 4.3-6, 4.5-2, and 4.6-4. Certifying officials may use a standard form designed and supplied by the Federation to facilitate certification of elections.

ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENT

6.1 AMENDMENT

(a) No part of the net earnings, gains or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers or other private individuals or organizations organized and operated for a profit (except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as herein above stated).

(b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501-C 3 (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

(c) In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the lawful debts and liabilities of the corporation, distribute all the assets of the corporation, as the board of directors of the corporation shall determine, to another organization that is exempt from federal and state taxation.

ARTICLE 7. BY-LAWS

7.1 FEDERATION FUNDS

7.1-1 TREASURER RECEIVES ALL FUNDS.

All funds received by the Federation shall be turned over to the treasurer for immediate deposit into the appropriate Federation account.

7.1-2 ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PROHIBITED.

(a) No donations, gifts, or other funds, goods or services shall be accepted in the name of the Federation by the Board or any agent of the Federation from any individual or organization found to be in conflict with the purposes and/or goals of the Federation.

(b) No member of the NYTBF shall solicit donations, sponsorships and funding in the name of the NYTBF and then used for personal use.

7.1-3 DUES

TBF annual dues are \$70.00 in total (\$35 MFL Magazine Subscription, \$15 National TBF, and \$20 NYTBF State). Membership Dues of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per member shall be payable to the Federation (NYTBF) by each current Club/Member starting October 1st to September 30th of the preceding year payable by January 1st of the current year. There will be an official update of club rosters to include all changes in club membership prior to the first scheduled official tournament/event of that year.

Collegiate Dues are \$65.00 in total. As in all on line payments, Pay Pal charges will entail an extra service charge. All members of Collegiate Cup participating clubs, must be active members of the TBF.

New members will pay as they join a club and will not be assessed a penalty during the regular season.

7.1-4 REVENUE GENERATION.

Tournaments, other participation events, sales of goods and services and other business activities not in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws may be operated by the Federation for the purpose of revenue generation in support of the Federation and in advancement of its purposes and goals.

7.2 CLUBS

7.2-1 CLUBS FORMATION.

The Federation shall assist persons desiring to form new clubs by providing information and contact with the Officers of NYTBF.

7.2-2 CLUBS PARTICIPATION IN NYTBF ACTIVITIES

It is the responsibility of each club to support all of the Federation activities. In order to remain in good standing in the Federation; a club must participate in one (1) of its annual meetings. The Federation Board of Directors must approve any exception to this.

7.2-3 CLUBS IN GOOD STANDING.

Clubs that have paid their dues and updated their membership rosters by January 1st and have participated in required activities during the past year are considered in good standing and can continue to participate in all Federation events. At the January Board meeting each regional director will submit a list of clubs in his/her region that have not satisfied the participation rule during the previous year. Only those clubs with 30 plus membership, upon paying their dues, are authorized to send one (1) Boater and one (1) Co-Angler (it must be a boater & co-angler together in order to balance the tournament field) to the TBF National Semi-Final.

7.2-4 CLUBS NOT IN GOOD STANDING.

Clubs that did not pay their dues by February 1st are not eligible to participate in Federation activities until approved by the Board of Directors.

7.2-5 INSURANCE

All boats used in state and region events of the New York Bass Federation must have no less than \$300,000.00 liability insurance on these boats. In order to use a boat, current proof of insurance must be available for all events. 10% of the field entered into a TBF event may be checked for proof of insurance. A current proof of insurance form shall be provided to the NYTBF secretary when membership is started or renewed.

7.3 FEDERATION TOURNAMENTS AND AWARDS

7.3-1 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

A member of the Federation can qualify for the end of season Two-Day State Championship under the following methods

- a. Must participate in a minimum of two (2) regular season point tournaments
- b. After a review by the Board, missing a paid point tournament due to a personal or work related emergency may not affect above requirements (a). Furthermore, said paid fee may be directed towards a future point tournament.
- c. Military (Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard) must fish a minimum of one event and present deployment orders justifying why they missed the other qualifying events and they'll be allowed entry

Qualifying tournaments/Events will be operated annually by the Tournament Director/Committee during the season with dates being set by the Tournament Director/Committee and approved by the Board. All dates are to be set on or about February 1 of current year, pending successful submission of all required permits / licenses. Tournaments shall be held at a sites recommended by the Tournament Director/Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Each Club in good standing (7.2-3) shall encourage its eligible members to participate. The big fish award in each division (Boater & Co-angler) will pay back one hundred percent. Entry fees shall not be refundable to individuals once the Federation has accepted the entry fee. Fishing partners shall be paired by random drawings by the Tournament Director/Committee. Monetary prizes paid by the Federation shall total no more than 80% of the gross entry fee revenue generated for the tournament. All position or place awards shall be determined as percentages of the 80% of gross entry fee revenue. All other decisions and arrangements shall be delegated to the Tournament Director/Committee.

7.3-2 NEW YORK STATE QUALIFIER

An end of season Two-Day State Championship will be operated annually by the Tournament Director/Committee with dates being set by the Tournament Director/Committee and approved by the Board. Dates are to be set by the Tournament Committee on or before February 1st of current year. Each member in good standing shall be permitted to enter the tournament as long as they have participated in the required number of tournaments (see NYTBF Tournament Rules for specific guidelines). Entry for this tournament shall be \$150.00, \$100.00 to be used as payback to the field and \$50.00 to be used to fund the NYTBF and NYTBF National Contenders. Optional fee of \$10.00 (additional) for the big fish award and will pay back one hundred percent with the split between big fish day one, and day two. Fees shall not be refundable to individuals, once the Federation has accepted the fees. Fishing partners will be determined by pairing members through a random drawing.

7.4 TBF NATIONAL SEMI-FINAL TOURNAMENT

7.4-1 QUALIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION

The NYTBF Boater Angler of the Year (AOY) and the Co-Angler AOY will automatically advance to the TBF National Semi- Final tournament. The NYTBF Two-Day State Championship will qualify additional Boaters and Co-Anglers to the TBF National Semi-Final tournament. The number of NYTBF anglers who advance to the TBF National Semi-Final tournament are based on the total number of anglers that fish all NYTBF events preceding the TBF National Semi-Final, (10% of the total participating field). It is mandatory that the numbers of said Boaters and Co-Anglers be equal in number.

In addition our NYTBF subordinate affiliate clubs with 30 plus members are authorized to send one (1) Boater and one (1) Co-Angler (it must be a boater & co-angler together in order to balance the tournament field) to the TBF National Semi-Final. Anglers are responsible for their individual tournament entry fee as determined by the TBF and host state.

7.5 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND CITING

7.5-1 CONSIDERATION OF OTHER WATER RESOURCE USERS

The Federation shall consider the needs of and restrictions upon all other users of the waterway and adjacent resources upon which it intends to schedule or sanction an event. Special events of others, which are likely to be in conflict with anglers, shall be avoided wherever possible, if they are scheduled prior to the Federation scheduling.

7.6 AWARDS

7.6-1 ANGLER OF THE YEAR (AOY) POINTS

Anglers will be awarded 1st Place - 100 points, 2nd place - 99 points, 3rd place - 98 points, and so on. Failure to weigh-in a fish will result in no AOY points awarded. The Boater and Co-Angler with most points at the end of our regular tournament season (three of four point events) EXCLUDING the end of season Two-Day State Championship, will be crowned Angler of the Year earning a designated spot in the TBF National Semi-Final Tournament and their NYTBF annual membership dues and all points tournament entry fees paid for the next tournament season.

7.6-2 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Sportsmanship Award is provided to an individual that displays throughout the year or a single event that represents the ultimate sportsman. If deemed worthy, this individual will be selected by the Board of Directors at the end of the tournament year. The recipient will receive their next year's membership dues paid and entry to the end of season Two-Day State Championship provided that member has met minimum qualification requirements (see tournament rules).

7.6-3 MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Any active member that introduces three (3) or more individuals to NYTBF per tournament season which results in an active state membership will receive one (1) of his/her tournament entry fee paid by the NYTBF. The dollar amount of entry fee will be determined by the member's majority position as a Boater or Co-Angler. Referral must be documented on mailed or on-line tournament entry form.

ARTICLE 8. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

8.1 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS OF MEMBERS

8.1-1 MEMBERSHIP REMOVAL/SUSPENSION

A member may be removed from the membership roster for any of the following:

- (a) Failing to pay yearly dues (removal)
- (b) Suspension for any action, which would reflect, dishonor and disgrace of this organization.

8.1.2 DISCIPLINARY ACTION OTHER THAN REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Disciplinary action shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and shall include but not be limited to reduction of membership in lieu of removal, or any other action felt necessary by the committee. Any action recommended by the committee and not specifically spelled out in this constitution shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

8.1-3 MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING

A member not in good standing is designated as any action that the Board of Directors deems dishonorable, un-sportsmanship like, or any other action not credible. Member will not be eligible to participate in Federation activities until approved by the Board of Directors. Example: failure to pay individual invoices within the designated 30 day time frame.

8.1-4 MEMBERSHIP RECALL

Any membership can be recalled by a 2/3-majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular scheduled meeting.

As of February 2022