

**CONSTITUTIONAL BY LAWS**  
**UNITED BASSMASTERS OF CHARLOTTE**

**ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSE**

**Section A.** This organization shall be called United Bassmaster's of Charlotte

**Section B.** Purpose:

1. The advancement of the sport of bass fishing
2. To offer membership opportunities to interested people regardless of race creed or national origin.
3. To improve our skills as bass fishermen through the free exchange of new and proven techniques among the membership.
4. To encourage the love of bass fishing among our youth.
5. To enhance the public image of bass fishermen through continual community involvement and support.
6. To assist family members in their hour of need or in times of bereavement.
7. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand clean air and water standards.
8. To support our state conservation departments and offer our organized moral and political support and encouragement.

**ARTICLE II : MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION A.**

\_United Bass Masters of Charlotte shall maintain at least six (6) regular members.

**SECTION B.**

\_ Requirements for Regular membership.

1. Be recommended by a regular member.
2. Attend one monthly meeting.
3. Fish at least 3 tournaments. This is also the only way to qualify for next year's Classic Championship.
4. Be at least 18 years of age. Any member can bring a guest twice a year. If the guest is a boater or co-angler their name will be placed for a draw. Guests can only compete for big fish. Any angler that was a previous member of UBM cannot fish as a guest but can rejoin the club. Any member can bring a child under the age of 18, provided he has cleared co-an angler status with the tournament director prior to lake events. This will ensure dues paying members will be able to have a seat with a boater. Only members can fish for the Classic Championship.
5. Be approved for membership by at least two-thirds of the membership at a meeting.
6. Be current with yearly dues.

**Section C.** Non boaters on the regular roster will not exceed 30% of the membership.

**Section D.**

#### Membership and Assessments

1. Pay \$120.00 prior to the 3rd tournament for yearly dues membership.
2. Club Classic entry fees are \$100.00 dollars whether you fish one day or both, nonrefundable.
3. Each club entry will be \$25.00 pot \$25.00 big fish which is optional.
4. Co- Anglers will pay boaters \$25.00 fuel fee; boaters can decline the fuel fee.

#### **Section E.** Termination of Membership Procedures

1. Voluntary Termination, the member is in good standing and notifies the executive board that for personal reasons he will end his association with United Bass Masters of Charlotte.
2. Involuntary Termination, the following will constitute acts that will cause a member termination for UBM of Charlotte.
  - a. Use of Alcoholic beverages before or during tournament hours.
  - b. Use of illegal drugs during tournament hours.
  - c. Conduct that grossly damages the integrity of UBM of Charlotte.
  - d. Termination shall be conducted by the officers of UBM of Charlotte.

#### **Section F.** Meeting of Members:

The membership shall meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at a designated location set by the president of UBM of Charlotte. Meeting time should be 3pm. Meeting can be held at the landing after tournaments and or Zoom meetings as well.

### **ARTICLE III Election of officers and their duties**

**Section A.** The election of officers shall be held at a scheduled meeting during the month of December. Nomination of prospective officers shall be made at this meeting in the event less than one-third of the total membership is not present, voting will be delayed until January. All voting for officers, changes in by laws, or any other voting acts for that particular year **will remain in effect until another voting process changes standing votes** of previous year.

**Section B.** Club officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Tournament director, Chaplin, and Treasure.

#### **Section C.** Duties of Officers

President: Resides over meetings and schedules regular club meetings. Settles disputes, represents the club outside entitles, performs other duties as the position dictates.

Vice-President: Handles the duties of the President in his absence and performs other functions as requested by the President.

Tournament Director: Presides over conduct of tournaments at selected lake sites. Secures necessary permits as required by state and local agencies, coordinates fishing schedules with lakeside marinas as needed. Selects a committee to assist in planning the tournament, lakes landings, hours of competition, and provides assistance at landings. In addition, it provides information for the year end awards banquet. Assured members are in good current financial standing prior to fishing lake events.

Chaplin: Conducts all spiritual activities of the club. Maintain contact with sick members and their families.

Treasurer: Maintain club banking account. Prepare monthly statement for membership approval. Maintain tracking reports of club payouts and collected dues sheet.

**Section D.** Eligibility for holding office

To be eligible for an office a member must:

1. Have been a member for 6 months.
2. 75% of meetings and functions attended during a 12-month period.
3. Have shown interest in all club activities.

**Section E.** Removal of club officers

If any duly elected officer of UBM of Charlotte becomes negligent and fails to carry out his assigned duties, the Executive Board members shall contact that officer by email or text a notice of warning. If negligent conduct continues the Executive board shall seek impeachment by way of vote.

**ARTICLE IV. TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. All members fishing scheduled lakes must have valid fishing licenses. If any member is ticketed for that day while fishing the event, the member will be disqualified for that event with no refund.
2. All non-boaters will be randomly paired with a boater. CO- anglers will be prohibited from pairing with the same boater for two consecutive days, this also includes the classic championship.
3. All boat owners should position their boat so that the co-angler can have access to the fish.
4. The tournament director will conduct all pairings and if there is a change in pairings he must approve the change. He must also be contacted if there is a problem while completions are being conducted.
5. Safe boating must be always observed. Carelessness or unsafe operations of any boat will be grounds for disqualification.
6. All boat owners are required to have their boats insured. Contestants are responsible for their own liability.
7. All boat occupants are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest while the boat is powered by the gas engine and is on plane. Boat owners are required to provide the non-boater with an approved life vest: however non boaters are encouraged to have a life vest to their personal fit.

8. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the boats during a tournament. Violators will be disqualified from that tournament.

9. Any boat deemed not seaworthy by the tournament director, and his committee will not allow the boat to be used. That boater will be designated as a co-angler until the boat is properly repaired.

10. Only artificial lures may be used, no live bait. All bass must be caught live in a conventional manner, no trolling allowed and no trapping, only casting jigging methods may be used.

11. A penalty of .24 oz per minute will be deducted from total weight for late returners. Any participation more than 5 minutes late will lose all credit for the day's catch.

12. Any area posted or cordoned off and restricted to boats by the lake authority will be an off-limits area to tournament boats. Anyone who violated this rule will be disqualified for that tournament.

13. Once a tournament is in progress no participant may leave the boat to fish bank wade or fish by another method. Leaving the boat for safety reasons, i.e. thunderlight storms or answering a nature call is permitted.

14. At no time shall one boat fish closer than fifty (50) yards from another contestant who is anchored with the trolling motor in the up position.

15. Only largemouth, small mouth, spotted bass, and Kentucky bass will be weighed in. The limit will be 5 fish per participant. All bass must meet the minimum state regulation governing the water being fished. The weigh master will use a Golden Rule with the fish mouth closed tail fanned to determine length.

16. Weighing short fish or more than 5 fish limits will result in losing your biggest fish in your creel. It is the participants' responsibility to make sure fish are of correct length prior to weighing.

17. All fish weighed in are under the control of the tournament committee and will be returned to the lake alive when possible. Every effort must be made to keep fish alive. For each dead fish brought to the scales .24 oz will be deducted from the total weight of the contestant.

18. Only the tournament director and his designee are deemed to weigh in fish; all others need to stand back and stand clear of the scales. Weights called by the tournament director will be final.

19. Any member who is not current with dues or entry fees will not be allowed to participate in said event. See Treasure for compliance and financial standings.

20. All participants shall depart at blast off and return at the appointed time. Participants are encouraged not to arrive late for tournaments. In the event a contestant arrives late he must do the following:

Before any fishing begins you must find an UBM member on the lake. Tell him you were late for blast off and request that he physically check your life well. After he verifies that your life well is empty, he should then advise you of the creel limit and the weight in time. You must then pay him your entry fee and then you may begin fishing. At weigh in you and the member that checked your life well should see the tournament director or his designer.

21. Any protests must be filed with the Tournament Director before the end of the weigh in. At the conclusion of the weigh in the tournament results are final and no protests can be filed. The tournament committee will make the final decision on any protests and their decision regarding appropriate actions will be final and not subject to appeal.

22. Tournaments weigh in fish caught by the members during each tournament. Weights will be cumulative throughout the tournament season. All tournaments will be calculated, and no weight will be thrown out.

23. Each non-boater is limited to 6 rods tackle box and needs protective apparel and equipment.

**BY -LAWS AMENDED JANUARY 2023 AND APPROVED BY**

**PRESIDENT: TRAVIS YOUNG**

**VICE PRESIDENT: EDDIE BYRAMS**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: TIM FORD**

**CHAPLIN: CARL RILEY**

**TREASURE: TRAVIS YOUNG**

Amended 1/17/26