



Sample Bylaws For A New The Bass Federation (TBF) Junior Fishing Club

The sample club bylaws below are an example of what you need in your clubs bylaws. They are a starting point for your club to modify if necessary. Once your club has reviewed them and voted on a final copy. Please forward two (2) official copies to TBF with your club roster. Please note that the articles for “membership requirements” and for “affiliation” are required to remain in your bylaws for TBF to approve them and grant your club affiliation charter.

TBF JUNIOR CLUB NAME

NAME OF SPONSORING ADULT CLUB

CITY STATE ZIP

ARTICLE I - Name and purpose

Section 1: Name

This TBF junior club shall be called the

_____ OF _____

Name of Club City State

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of our TBF junior club is to promote and encourage SAFE youth fishing, we do promise to support TBF’s founding principals, by creating among our fellow anglers and the public in general an awareness of the organization’s contributions to American angling, conservation, and outdoor recreation through education, fishing ethics and techniques, sportsmanship, and conservation of our natural resources. We do pledge ourselves to full adherence to all conservation codes and to detect and report any polluter of our Nation’s waters.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1: Number of Members

The Chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six members to stay active.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a TBF Junior club Member, a person shall: Express an interest in membership and be 8th grade or less, (cannot have started the 9th grade.)

Section 3: Membership Dues

The dues shall be \$25.00 per member for TBF National Dues and there may be state dues to join your home state federation each year.

Section 4: Meetings

The club shall hold regular meetings at pre-set times.

ARTICLE III - Officers, Elections, Eligibility, and Vacancies

Section 1: Officers and their duties

The officers of the club shall include:

- a. **PRESIDENT:** Will run all meetings and conduct all business with the guidance of an adult advisory member.
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT:** May run meetings, if the president is not present, and will assist president in all duties.
- c. **SECRETARY:** Take minutes of all meetings, keep rosters updated and take care of all correspondence and club mail.
- d. **TREASURER:** Collect all funds, record, and disburse all money of the club.

Section 1: Elections

The elections of officers shall be held annually. Elections shall be by majority of members present. Elections for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, section 1. Each member is entitled to one vote, proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 2: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin when elected, and end with the next year's election.

Section 4: Vacancies

In the event an office becomes vacant, an election shall take place to fill the position until the end of the term. If this happens, TBF National Office and your home state federation must be notified of the change in officers.

Section 5: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

- a. have been a member for six months. (except for new club start-ups)
- b. have attended 50% of all club activities.
- c. have paid all dues.

ARTICLE IV - Removal Of Membership

Section 1: Causes for Removal or Suspension of Membership

A member can be dropped or their membership suspended from the club for any of the following reasons:

- a. failure to pay dues.
- b. failure to participate in 50% of club activities.
- c. any action that would dishonor and/or disgrace the club or TBF.

ARTICLE V - Affiliation

Section 1: Requirements for Affiliation

- a. Approval of Junior Club by TBF National Office.
- b. Update your membership roster and all club members at least once each year before Dec 31.
- c. Send name, full address, and TBF dues of any new members joining your club as they join.
- d. Should be sponsored by an adult TBF club. If this is not possible. You may request an exception to policy from TBF National Office. Exceptions will be granted or not granted on a case by case basis.
- e. Must affiliate with your home State TBF Federation and support its programs.

ARTICLE VI - Method of Amending Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present. Members must be notified of the amendment two weeks in advance prior to voting on it.

We the undersigned members, submit this as our application for affiliation with TBF, Inc. We do hereby agree to the objectives and purposes of TBF, Inc as set forth in the constitution and bylaws. We further agree to the above bylaws and the establishment of this chapter on the

_____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Adult Advisor

Signatures of members

Please complete two copies and send then both to TBF National Office, 5998 N Pleasant View Road Ponca City, Ok. 74601. Once your new club charter is approved one copy will be certified and returned to your club secretary along with your clubs charter certificate and club number.