

FRANKLIN BASS ANGLERS

BY LAWS-2013

ARTICLE 1 Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name:

**This club shall be called the FRANKLIN BASS ANGLERS of Franklin, Ohio.
Club colors are red and white.**

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a sport. To offer our State Conversation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence of all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to the crime. To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of bass catching techniques and ideas. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for great recreation.

ARTICLE 11 Memberships

Section 1: Number of Members

The club requires that 70% of its members will be boatmen and shall maintain this percentage before any new non-boatmen is added to the roster. The reason for this is to attempt to eliminate the chance of having three members fishing from one (1) boat. The full membership total will be forty (40) members, a minimum of twenty-eight (28) boaters, and twelve (12) non-boaters. New members will be added from the waiting list as an opening occurs.

Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a member of this club, a person shall;

- a. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.**
- b. Be recommended by two (2) members at a regular meeting.**

Section 3: Probationary Members

- a. All new members are considered probationary members for the first 12 months from enrollment.
- b. Probationary members will be voted into the club for full membership privileges 12 months from enrollment. This vote will be based on the following:
 - 1. All dues must be current.
 - 2. Attendance at monthly meetings. Allowance for work is granted.
 - 3. Participation in tournaments.
 - 4. To vote in probationary members, the prospective member will leave the room. An open discussion will commence and at the conclusion of the discussion a vote by show of hands will be taken. The results must unanimous.
- c. Probationary membership entitles the member to:
 - 1. Fish the club tournaments.
 - 2. Receive payouts at tournaments.
 - 3. Have full voting privileges at meetings.
- d. Probationary membership does not entitle the member to:
 - 1. Place a person on the waiting list.
 - 2. Hold any club office.
 - 3. Buy T-shirt or jackets displaying the club logo. The purchase of club hats is permitted.
- e. Additional rules for probationary membership:
 - 1. A new waiting list can be started at any time.
 - 2. New members are required to be present to pay their one time initiation fee of twenty (\$20) dollars and their dues of \$120 dollars (or \$10/mth for the remaining months in that calendar year). The initiation fee (\$20) is non-refundable.

ARTICLE 111 Establishment of Tournament Payouts

Section 1: Tournament Payouts

The Budget Committee shall determine the tournament payouts for all tournaments prior to the beginning of the season. The payouts and budget must be approved by the club vote. Once the tournament payouts are determined by the Budget Committee and approved by the club vote they not be charge for that tournament season. The Budget Committee will establish Barkley Tournaments and other multi-day tournament payouts separately from local tournaments.

ARTICLE IV; Offices, Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and Offices

The Officers and Offices of the club shall consist of:

- a. **President (Previous year's Vice-President);** presides over all meetings and directs all official business, appoints and directs all committee functions and supervises all club functions.
- b. **Vice-President (President Elect);** (Head of Nomination Committee); acts as program (committee) chairman, assist the President in his duties, and Presides in the absence of the President.
- c. **SECRETARY** maintains accurate minutes of all meetings, keeps records, and takes care of correspondence and other writing tasks.
- d. **TREASURER** maintain accurate financial records, pays all bills when due, deposits all monies collected into the club's account, and presents a financial report at each monthly meeting.
- e. **WEIGHT MASTER** is responsible for weighing in all fish caught, recording their weight, determining if someone is penalized or disqualified, if fish are of legal size, if fish are dead or alive, if fish have been altered in any manner. Assuring that all contestants are at the weigh-in site on time, and will be in charge of all tournament safety.
- f. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** will keep order during club meetings and club tournaments. NOTE: One (1) man will hold office of Weigh Master and Sergeant-at-arms.

Section 2: Elections

The election of the Officers and Tournament Committee shall be held annually at the November meeting. Election shall be simple majority vote of members present at the meeting. Election for each office shall be held separately in the order listed in Article IV, section 1.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not allowed.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office for Officers is for one (1) year, which shall begin January 1 and end December 31 or the successor assumes Office.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an Office becoming vacant, nominations shall be taken and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the Office being vacated.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding office

To be eligible for an Office, a member must:

- a. Have been a member for one (1) year.**
- b. Have attended at least (3/4) of the club's meeting and functions.**
- c. Have shown an active interest in all club functions.**
- d. Must be a full member, no probationary member may hold office.**

ARTICLE V Method of amending the BY LAWS

The BY LAWS may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided notice of the amendment has been presented to the membership at least one (1) monthly meeting prior to the vote.

ARTICLE VI: Membership Removal

A member shall be removed from the club for the following reasons:

- a. Failure to pay dues. Any member who does not pay their dues for two (2) consecutive months shall be placed on the inactive list and notified by letter. He has two (2) months from date of letter to pay dues in full, or be removed from the club roster. A member wishing to be reinstated in less than a year's time must pay all back dues and be accepted by a unanimous vote of all members present at the meeting.**
- b. Any action, which would reflect, dishonor and/or disgrace on the club.**
- c. Failure to attend seventy-five (75%) of the meetings and functions during a twelve (12) month period. Exceptions may be approved by majority vote of members present at a meeting.**
- d. Any member being dismissed from the club who feels he has been dealt with unfairly may bring his case before the members present at a monthly meeting, requesting a reversal of the dismissal.**

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ARTICLE V11 Club Meetings and Club Dues

Section 1: Meeting Night

The first Wednesday of each month will be the club's regular meeting night, unless changed by a vote at the previous meeting or a special meeting is called to order.

Section 2: Club Meeting Order of Business

1. Roll call of members.
2. Collection of dues.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Old business.
6. New business.
7. Winners of previous tournament (s) will answer questions from the membership.
8. Drawing for next tournament (s). Any member who wishes to fish a tournament but cannot attend the meeting must contact a fellow member and have that person put his name into the drawing.
9. Door prize/50-50 Drawing
10. Adjournment of meeting.

Section 3: Club Dues

Regular Dues are \$140 per year. Payable NO LATER than the April Meeting.

Section 4: Initiation Fee

There is a one-time Non-Refundable initiation fee of twenty (\$20) dollars for all new members of the club.

Section 5: Uses of Club Money

All money taken in will be used for club activities and events, and for club business. Secretary is authorized to spend up to \$100.00 per year for items relating to his duties without prior approval of membership.

Section 6: Dispersal of Club Money

In the event that the club disbands, all money in the Treasury will be divided equally among all current (paid in full) members.