



NICKEL CITY
BASS
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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: Introduction

Section 1. Purpose and Powers

1. To promote and support conservation practices in the Greater Sudbury area;
2. To practice high standards of sportsmanship;
3. To provide the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources support and encouragement;
4. To preserve and promote the sport of bass angling by promoting the improvement of bass angling skills in the membership through fellowship and the friendly exchange of techniques and ideas and active involvement;
5. To promote the conduct of youth fishing activities locally;
6. Recruit new anglers to the exciting world of fishing.

Section 2. Logo

The official logo of the Nickel City Bass is as follows. Use of NCB logo is prohibited without authorization from the executive.



ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1. Definition of Membership

The members of Nickel City Bass are those persons having membership rights in accordance to these bylaws. A member must be in good standing.

Section 2. Dues and Assessments

1. The decision to implement a club assessment, and amount, shall be that of the Executive members.
2. Notice of intent to implement dues or an assessment, and their amount, must be given to all members at least 10 days in advance of a scheduled meeting via electronic mail or telephone, in which a vote will be taken at that meeting.
3. Dues for members joining shall not be pro-rated at any point in time and are payable to the Treasurer.

Section 3. Withdrawal from Membership

Any member may withdraw from membership, after fulfilling all of its obligations to Nickel City Bass, by giving notice, in writing, via electronic mail or postage, to the Secretary, and at least one other Executive Member.

Section 4. Forfeiture of Membership

1. Any member in violation within this constitution, and the provincial and federal laws, during any organized event, may lose their membership rights to Nickel City Bass, with a quorum present, after opportunity to be heard, whenever the Executive, in its judgment, considers such action to be in the best interests of Nickel City Bass.
2. Individuals may be denied participation in Nickel City Bass sponsored activities by the executive, for cause, in its judgment, considers such action to be in the best interests of the club.

Section 5. Rights and Privileges

As members of Nickel City Bass, Individual rights and obligations shall include:

1. Eligibility to seek any executive and committee position.
2. The right to participate in club sponsored activities for which they are eligible.
3. Such other rights as may be defined in this constitution, provided the individual maintains a current membership.
4. The right to vote at meetings, on certain matters pertaining to the operation of the Nickel City Bass.
5. Sportsmanship among its members.

Section 6. Non-discrimination

There shall be no discrimination within the membership or at any activities.

Section 7. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held during the fiscal year, and shall be coordinated and determined by the President. Additional and/or special meetings will be held at the discretion of the President. The President shall announce the locations, dates, and starting times for the regular meetings of the succeeding Fiscal Year during the last meeting for the current Fiscal Year.

Section 8. Voting during regular meetings

At all meetings, each member and executive member shall have one vote. Proxy votes will be accepted via electronic mail, or by telephone. The only exemption where proxy voting will not be accepted will be for the Election of the Executive.

ARTICLE III: Executive Members

Section 1. General

The business management and affairs of the Nickel City Bass shall be under the direction and control of the Executive Members, who shall have the authority to authorize contracts, expend funds, approve sale and exchange of organizational property, and attend to such other matters connected with the conduct of the Nickel City Bass. The Nickel City Bass Executives will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director and Conservation Director.

Section 2. Voting Procedures for electing office

Executive positions will be selected through a majority vote system; ballots will be created in order to vote, if deemed necessary. Voting will take place every November meeting as required, Once all the ballots have been received and tallied by the Secretary and other members of the Executive, the current President will then contact the newly elected Executive members and advise them of the results, Once the new Executive members have been contacted and accepted their positions, the remainder of the membership will be advised of the results.

Section 3. Executive member position duties

President:

- Direct liaison with the O.F.A.H. presidents on any matters affecting the club.
- Liaison with the general public, media, and outdoor organizations concerning matters involving the NCB.
- Presides over all NCB meetings acting as the chairperson.
- Delegates tasks pertaining to the efficient operation of the NCB.

Vice President:

- Act in the position of President in his/her absence.
- Assists in the operation of the NCB with the other executive members.

Treasurer:

- Prepares annual audits for review by the members.

- Maintains operating budget and financing of the NCB account.
- Provides updated financial reports at the executive and general meetings.
- Makes sure that all club funds are properly safeguarded, and all receipts of monies and expenditures are properly recorded according to acceptable accounting procedures.

Secretary:

- Maintains accurate minutes of all meetings called for by the chapter president.
- Prepares needed documents concerning all matters involving the NCB.

Tournament Director:

- Assists in the operation of the NCB with other executive members.
- Responsible for the execution/coordination of tournament day activities (starts, weigh in, conduct etc.).
- Liaise with community organizations with respect to launching facilities, parking and local restrictions on water, allowing for smooth operations of the day's events.
- Ensure that recording data, weigh in equipment and other logistical matters are functional for the operation of each competition.

Conservation Director:

- Assist in the operation of the NCB with the other executive members.
- Liaison with the MNR to stay current with the conditions of local fisheries.
- Develop a conservation plan for NCB to participate within the community.
- Advise NCB members of any concerns or restrictions on bodies of water concerning the NCB tournament schedule.

Section 4. Removal From Office

The Members shall have the right at any time to remove any Executive Member from office, for cause, by a majority vote, with a quorum present, and after opportunity to be heard, whenever in its judgement, the Members considers such action to be in the best interests of Nickel City Bass.

Section 5. Special Meetings

The President may call special meetings of the Executive at any time. Determining a special meeting shall be accomplished by telephone or electronic mail survey conducted by any member of the Executive. Notice of any special meeting of the Executive shall be given personally, through electronic mail, or by telephone, to each Director not less than ten 10 days before such meeting. The notice shall state the time, place and the purpose(s) for which the meeting is being called.

Section 6. Action Without Meeting

Any action may be taken at an Executive level without a meeting, provided consent, in writing, with a quorum present, setting forth the actions to be taken. If urgency of the action does not allow for written consent, consent may be obtained by a telephone or electronic media poll conducted by a member of the Executive. Such consent, either written or verbal, shall have the same force and effect as a vote of the Executive, and may be stated as such in any writing document.

Section 7. Compensation

Members shall not receive compensation funds from Nickel City Bass for their services as Executive members. However, members may be reimbursed for authorized expenses incurred on behalf of the Nickel City Bass. The expenses are to be evidenced by receipt or other proper document.

Section 8. Quorum

A quorum for transaction of business of the Nickel City Bass shall be the majority number of Executive Members for the current year.

Section 9. Term of Office

The term of office for the Nickel City Bass Executives shall be for a period of 1 year, to a maximum of 4 years starting in January and ending in December.

Section 10. Eligibility for Office

Officers shall be members in good standing of the Nickel City Bass.

Section 11. Responsibilities

The Executive Members of Nickel City Bass will be responsible for the conduct and operation of a successful club, They will also be responsible for prize/payout structures, trophies and/or awards, functions and events, both internal to the club and external to the public, and any other matters that will arise affecting the maintenance of the club.

Section 12. Acknowledgement of Business matters

Updated information on any matters voted forward, with a quorum present, concerning any business matters of Nickel City Bass, must be presented to the secretary for tracking and safe keeping, and shall be documented if further referenced. All other members of the Executive will also be advised of any business matters voted forward, either it be communicated within the next meeting, or writing in context and sent via any means accepted within this constitution, so that the executive members are updated about all business matters presently happening, either they were present or not at such meeting, or has replied to such context or not, accepted by this constitution. This will keep the executive updated on any business matters that were decided upon should the secretary not have proper documentation on such matters for any reason.

ARTICLE IV: Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

A Standing Committee shall be composed of Chapter members, and shall have a term of 1 year. Each Chair shall present a copy of their report to the Secretary at the end of the meeting, to ensure accuracy of the Minutes. The Nickel City Bass shall appoint the following standing committees when deemed necessary:

1. Youth Activities Committee:

This Committee shall review youth activities programs and projects related locally to our youth in the sport of fishing, sportsmanship, aquatic resources, boat and water safety and conservation practices. The President shall name the Chair of this Committee.

2. Conservation Committee:

This Committee shall maintain current information on all matters, including legislation, related to the local preservation of aquatic resources and local natural environments; ensuring the President and membership's awareness of such matters. They will review proposed conservation projects to determine suitability for club sponsorship, they will also coordinate and supervise the implementation of club sponsored conservation related projects; bring information and educational programs to the members and public that will foster a greater awareness of threats to our environment, and maintain liaison with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as needed. The Conservation Director shall Chair this Committee.

3. Tournament Committee :

This Committee shall plan, organize and operate all Tournaments conducted by the Nickel City Bass. The Tournament Director shall chair This Committee and may;

- Ensure that all Tournaments will be conducted within the spirit and letter of current Nickel City Bass Tournament Rules;
- Ensure the coordination of registration, launch, take-off, check-in, scoring sites, supervision, operation and all matters properly related to the orderly conduct of any organized Tournament.

Section 2. Committee creation and responsibilities

The Executive may, by resolution(s), with a quorum present, designate one or more Committees, with each Committee to consist of two or more members. The designation of such Committee and the delegation of authority shall not operate to relieve the Executive, or any member thereof, of any responsibility imposed upon the Executive, or member, by law or this constitution. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report to the Executive as required or necessary.

ARTICLE V: Conduct of Meetings

Section 1. Rules of Order

The rules of order adopted for meetings conducted by this club, are appended to this constitution and by-laws.

Section 2. Parliamentary Procedures

Except as otherwise specifically notified, all questions of order or procedures with respect to any meeting in action of this organization, its Executive committee, or any committee appointed hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the "Robert's Rules of Order".

ARTICLE VI: Authority of Representation

Section 1. Conferences

In as much as this club, an affiliate of the O.F.A.H., shall be necessary from time to time to have representation at board directors meetings, or elsewhere, to obtain information and new policies and procedures and to add the Nickel City Bass voice and vote in matters, this club shall have the power to pay the necessary expenses to such conferences or meetings as are deemed necessary by the Executive Members.

ARTICLE VII: Nickel City Bass Tournaments

Section 1. TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry fee is \$100 per boat plus \$20 big fish. Must be 2 anglers per boat, one must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Minimum 14foot boat with aerated livewell.
3. Membership fee is 80\$ for an adult membership and \$100 for a family membership (kids under 16 are included in family membership and spouse/husband)
4. You may compete in the club tournaments without a membership, however, you must pay a \$10 fee for each individual without a membership for each event.
5. Classic entry fee is \$220 per team plus \$20 big fish each day, BF money will be split between the two days for a BF winner each day. To qualify for the Classic, you must be a paid member and fished a minimum of 2 events as a member.
6. Tournament hours are from 7am-3pm. Departure in the morning is a Blast Off. with the exception of the Classic, Classic hours are from 8am-4pm
7. Teams must be fully paid and boat check complete by 6:30am for summer events and 7:30am for the Classic.
8. Payback is 80% to anglers' payouts and 20% towards the Classic (\$80 to anglers' payouts and \$20 to the Classic).
9. In the event there is a tie for Big Fish, the prize money will be split.
10. In the event of a tie in payback positions the biggest fish weighed in places ahead and if still tied a coin toss will decide. The loser of the coin toss takes the next position.
11. Artificial lures only, no live or dead bait allowed.
12. Payback for fields of 1-24 boats 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and payback for fields over 25 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.
13. Point system will be based on the total weight of the day. (ex. 20 lbs.=20 points)
14. Five fish limit.
15. All fish must be kept alive, you must have an aerated livewell
16. Only smallmouth and largemouth can be kept in the livewell and weighed in
17. All MNR, Provincial and Federal Rules/Laws must be followed
18. Life jackets must be worn when travelling faster than trolling speed
19. No alcohol or drugs
20. Anglers must stay 50 feet away from each other and must respect other anglers.
21. Pre-Fishing will be allowed up to the night (4pm) before each event on tournament waters, with the exception of the Classic, where pre-fishing will be allowed until the Sunday prior to the Classic date, no pre-fishing allowed from the Monday on before the classic date.
22. Tournament Directors/Officials may disqualify team(s) for rule infractions with no refund.
23. No weighing in your fish early.

24. All fish must be alive to qualify for your total weight of the day. Dead fish don't count towards your weight. If you have dead fish you must notify tournament officials prior to weigh in. Fish must be kept in accordance to the Game and Fish Act.

25. Late weigh-ins will cost the team 1/2lbs per min, more then 10 minutes late, you will loose your total weight.

26. SPORTSMANSHIP. All anglers are asked to conduct themselves in the highest standard of sportsmanship possible, in conservation, and actions, that will be a credit to them, Nickel City Bass, and the sport of fishing.

AOTY:

- Must be a member
- Must fish the classic
- Your points only start counting after you purchase your membership (no exceptions).
- AOTY is determined by total weight out of your 5 best tournaments. (We add best five tournament weights together and the angler with the highest weight/points wins the title)
- AOTY wins free entries to all regular tournaments (excludes the classic) for the next season. AOTY still has to purchase his membership and must pay into the big fish if they wish.

ARTICLE VIII: Miscellaneous

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year for this club shall begin on January 1st to December 31st of every calendar year.

Section 2. Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting at which there is a quorum present, by a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment has been issued to each member by hand delivery, electronic mail or similar means, at least 10 days prior to the vote.

Section 3. Dissemination of Roster

A roster of the Nickel City Bass and its members may not be given to any individual or organization outside of the club.

Section 4. Angler of the Year Expenses

It is agreed that the A.O.T.Y. shall have its tournament fees paid for the following year excluding big fish and the classic.

Section 5. Interpretation of Bylaws and Standing Rules

The final authority for interpretation of these Bylaws and Standing Rules shall rest with the Executive.