

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1: NAME

This club shall be called "RENEGADE BASSMASTERS OF RALEIGH."

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote a competitive tournament bass fishing environment while still maintaining a high level of fun, camaraderie and sportsmanship among its members. The exchange of knowledge and experience will be strongly encouraged to improve the bass fishing skills of all members. The club will emphasize sportsmanship, safety and responsible use of our environment and natural resources.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Total membership shall not exceed thirty members

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To become a member an individual must:

- Membership is granted to an angler upon fishing their first tournament and the angler is then fully eligible for all club functions.
- Have genuine interest and display a basic proficiency in bass fishing skills.
- Obtain a current North Carolina fishing license and agree to keep said license current while a member.
- Each member will be given a liability form that releases the club, its officers, agents and members from any liabilities.

SECTION 3: DUES

- Annual club membership dues shall be \$40.00, due at the beginning of the year for members and due upon installation of membership for new members
- Monthly club membership dues shall be \$10.00 regardless of participation in tournaments.
- Tournament entry fees shall be \$30.00. There is an optional big fish pot of \$20 per person.
- New Members – will pay \$40 annual club membership dues, \$10 monthly dues and \$30 tournament fee.
- Guests – Can only participate in the big fish post (\$20 per person)
- Any member that is on medical leave does not have to pay monthly dues for the period they are absent from the club.

SECTION 4: PAYBACK SCHEDULE

BREAKDOWN OF MONTHLY DUES: (\$10.00)

- \$3.00 (30%) Annual General Fund: This fund will pay for all normal yearly club expenses i.e year-end trophies, web hosting fees, scale, supplies etc. Replacement of any official equipment, i.e. official club scales, official Golden Rule etc., will be paid for from these funds.
- \$ 7.00 (70%) Classic Pot.
- \$30.00 Monthly Tournament Entry Fee (100% goes to the monthly tournament payback)

TOURNAMENT PAYBACK

Tournament Payouts as follows:

- Pot = \$30.00 Monthly Tournament Entry fee from each tournament participant
- Payouts (% of Pot):
- A maximum of 3 places will be paid out for 11 and more anglers.

Tournament Participants	1st	2 nd	3rd
10 or fewer	70%	30%	
11+	70%	20%	10%

ANNUAL STANDINGS PAYBACK

Awards for the previous year's achievements will be presented at the January meeting as follows:

- **Angler of the Year** - 1st place in overall in Angler of the Year points standings
- **Big Fish Award** – Angler that weighed the largest fish for that year.
- **Perfect Season Awards** – Any angler that weighs in a limit in all club tournaments
- **Classic Winner Trophy** – winner of Club Classic tournament

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY for OFFICE

SECTION 1: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Club Officers will be appointed as follows.

President

The President shall:

- Preside over all club meetings.
- Direct and supervise all club meetings.
- Appoint all committees.
- Break ties on voting matters.
- Share with the Treasurer the responsibility of securing payment for reservations.
- Share the duties of the Tournament Director
- Make the final decisions with regards to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations.

Tournament Director

The **Tournament Director** shall:

- Assist the President in all his duties.
- Preside over all functions in the President's absence.
- Serve as Tournament Director.
- Make arrangements for the tournament sites, reservations, lodging etc.
- Publish information concerning tournaments for club members.
- Coordinate and control group movement to the tournaments.
- Participate in making final decisions with regard to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations.
- Make safety inspections of all boats prior to the start of each day's fishing.
- Supervise weigh-in.

Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary shall:

- Maintain the official club constitution and by-laws.
- Maintain accurate minutes of all club meetings.
- Maintain permanent records of tournament results.
- Prepare all club correspondence.
- Maintain permanent files for the club.
- Perform all functions associated with the President in their absence in accordance with existing regulations and policies.
- Maintain records of attendance at club meetings.
- Maintain accurate permanent records of all club financial transactions.
- Submit accurate financial reports at each club meeting.
- Share with the President the responsibility for securing payment for reservations.
- Maintain all club financial accounts in conjunction with the club President.
- Report to the club the status of dues payments at each club meeting.

Weigh Master

The Weigh Master shall:

- Weigh all fish and report weight to the Secretary for recording.
- Decide live/dead status of fish for the purposes of weight penalty. His decision is final.
- Maintain scales.
- Evaluate and pick out a club belly board.
- Appoint an Assistant Weigh Master.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

- Any member in good standing nominates candidates for office
- Two candidates for each office will be nominated.
- One of the two candidates will be elected by the general membership by simple majority.
- All votes will be made by secret written ballot
- In odd years, elections for the President and Secretary/Treasurer positions will be held in December.
- In even years, elections for the Tournament Director positions will be held in December

SECTION 3: VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Only members in good standing are entitled to one vote

SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE

Term of office will be two years unless said Officer resigns, moves, or is removed from office pursuant to Article VIII.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES

In the event that an officer's position becomes vacant, an election will be held. (See Article III Section 2, elections.) In the event that the office of President becomes vacant, the Tournament Director will automatically succeed to the office.

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

To be eligible for elected office, a member must...unless circumstances deem otherwise: Be a member in good standing for not less than six months and anticipate that he will remain in this locale for the term of office.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS – FREQUENCY AND ATTENDANCE

SECTION 1: FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The club shall conduct meetings on the second Wednesday of every other month

ARTICLE V: FINANCIAL RECORDS

The treasurer shall maintain an accurate financial record of all transactions involving club funds. Semi-annual audits are to be conducted by two club Officers other than the Treasurer. The results of this audit will be reduced to a written report to include the items of information required by Article III, Section 1. The results will be provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting. The report will be signed by the Officer's conducting the audit and will certify that the books are in order. If irregularities are detected, they will be thoroughly investigated and reported in detail. The Officers conducting the audit will make specific recommendations regarding any action to be taken.

ARTICLE VI: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least one month prior to the December meeting. The Secretary shall announce the proposal under new business at the December meeting. Members in good standing will vote upon any proposal that receives a second at the December meeting. A two-thirds majority of members in good standing present must pass changes in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

CLUB MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

- Failure to pay club dues for two consecutive months.
- Failure to attend meetings for four consecutive months unless on medical leave.
- Violation of tournament regulations.
- Any act or omission prejudicial to the good order, discipline or camaraderie of the club.

Termination requires a simple majority vote of members present.

Terminable offenses should be submitted to any officer in writing for review by the board.

ARTICLE VIII: REMOVAL FROM ELECTED OFFICE

Any elected official of the club may be removed from office by the general membership for violation of the club constitution and by-laws or for other reasons, which would justify termination of membership of any member. A member who desires to initiate action to remove an elected official shall enter a motion in writing for a vote of confidence in the individual officer, clearly citing the reasons for the motion. Based upon the results of the vote of confidence, a member may then submit a subsequent motion calling for the removal of the officer or his voluntary resignation. The subsequent motion will be presented to the membership for a vote by secret ballot at the first meeting following that at which the vote of confidence was made. Removal from office will require a simple majority of the total general membership. Removal from office will not constitute automatic termination of membership.

ARTICLE IX: BANNING FROM THE CLUB

A member may be banned from the club for:

- Theft
- Use of illicit drugs during club activity
- Any act that the Officers deem to be unbecoming of a club member
- Cheating of any sort
- A list of banned club members will be recorded in the permanent record by the Secretary.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are applicable to all tournaments conducted by this club. Final interpretation of them will be the responsibility of a majority vote of good standing members

1. **Participation:** All club members in good standing may fish club tournaments. New members and guests may fish in the club tournament provided they pay the appropriate fees. To officially participate in a tournament and be eligible for Membership and Tournament Participation Points, an angler must participate in the tournament launch, and be present at weigh in. In the event an angler is going to be late for the launch, the angler must contact the Tournament Director and get permission for a late start. If an angler is unable to attend the entire tournament due to equipment failure, life events etc, the angler must contact the Tournament Director to request an early release. Note an early release will count as Participation but no fish weight will be allowed from said angler. If the Tournament Director is unavailable, the angler should attempt to contact the President, and if they are unavailable, any other officer. A roster with everyone's contact information is provided at the beginning of the year and upon request.
2. **Tournament schedule:** This club will conduct twelve (12) tournaments each calendar year.
3. **Tournament sites:** Tournament sites will be selected via a club meeting at the end of the year
4. **Participation:** All club members in good standing may fish club tournaments. New members and or guests may fish in the club tournament provided they pay the appropriate big fish side pot fee.
5. **Boat Order** – Each individual tournament boat order will be determined by a random draw conducted by the Tournament Director based on all members reporting as fishing. Members not entering the draw, can attend the tournament and will be added to the end of the boat order
6. **Tackle:** No natural bait (i.e. minnows, worms, shrimp, etc.) may be used. Pork strips and pork ells are permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Extra rods and reels rigged or un-rigged may be in the boat. Electric fishing aids may be used.
7. **Boats and Motors:** Boats and motors must be properly licensed. Boats must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment.

8. **Safety:** Any Tournament Director or Weigh Master may inspect all boats for safety before the start of the tournament. Life vest must be worn when the boat is moving with the gas engine running. Boat must display running lights during hours of darkness. Tournament Director has the right to disqualify any contestant for dangerous conduct during the tournament or at the weigh-ins. Kill switches should be used when the gas motor is running.
9. **Tournament Hours:** Normal tournament hours will be from safe light till 3:00 p.m. Other hours may be accepted for special tournament conditions. In the case where we fish a two-day tournament, the weigh-in on the first day will be at 4:00 and the weigh-in on the second day will be at 2:30, unless otherwise agreed by club.
10. **Scoring:** Tournaments are individual format with places awarded to members. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky and Spotted bass may be weighed in. There will be a 5 fish limit per person. Offering or asking to share fish will result in termination from the club. Mutilated or white-eyed fish will not be weighed in. The official length for bass shall be 12 inches. On waters where the State limit allows 2 fish between 10 and 14 inches, anglers can weigh-in 2 fish between 12 and 14 inches. Fish will be measured according to current state regulations on the official club Golden Rule. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fails to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass. Courtesy checks may be performed before weighing your fish without penalty. In the event of a tie, the tiebreakers in order of priority are:
 - biggest fish by weight (weigh penalty does apply)
 - most number of fish weighed
 - most number of bonus fished weighed
 - if all three are equal, each angler receives the same amount of tournament points
11. In the event of a tie, the individual entering the largest fish will receive top honors. Each dead fish will receive a half pound penalty deducted from the total weight recorded for that individual.
 - **Summer Scoring** – For tournaments (typically July and Aug) where the club votes to use Summer Scoring there will be a 3 fish limit, all fish over 14", with 2 bonus points awarded if all 3 fish are alive. All the other rules in Section 9 above apply.
12. **Courtesy:** No participant shall fish within 50 yards of another club member's boat unless specific permission is granted. All club members will treat everyone on and off the water with respect. Any club member who fails to grant the basic courtesies to his fellow fishermen may have their catch for the day disqualified. All decisions regarding any penalties or sanctions will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and Officers.
13. **Late Penalty:** Contestants late for weigh-in will lose one pound per minute late. Contestants who check in more than fifteen minutes late will have their creel disqualified but will receive their five bonus points for participation in that tournament. The Tournament Director will keep the official time and have the final say as to whether a contestant has checked in on time.
14. **Disqualification – Any participant that receives a ticket from NC Wildlife during the tournament is disqualified. Fishing in off-limit areas of the lake results in disqualification**
15. **Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, the alternate tournament site shall be Falls Lake. The Tournament Director and the President will have the final say in this matter. If the Tournament Director determines that the conditions for travel or boating are dangerous, they are to reschedule the tournament to another date to be determined by the Officers.
16. **Unsafe Water levels: In the event of extreme low or high water levels we will use Lake Gaston**
17. **Protest:** Any protest regarding violations of tournament rules should be submitted to an officer no later than 10 minutes after weigh-in. The Tournament Director and Officers will decide and report at the next meeting.
18. **Fishable waters for Renegade Bassmasters of Raleigh:** The club may fish in any lake/river in the state of North Carolina that lies within a 125-mile circumference of Raleigh. The list of fishable waters is available to all members and will be prepared for and presented by the Secretary in January of each year. Exceptions can be made to fish a body of water outside of the radius with a majority vote to do so.
19. **Tournament Changes:** In the event the date and/or lake of a scheduled tournament needs to be changed due to tournament cancellation, only members who can fish the proposed changes are allowed to vote on said change.

POINTS SYSTEM - INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT BREAKDOWN

Participation

- Tournament - 5 points

Tournament Finish (see Tournament Rules and Regulations for details)

- 1st Place - 50 points
- 2nd Place onward is reduced by one point for each sequential position
- No fish caught - 0 points for Place

Fish Catch Bonus

- Legal fish, < 4 pounds - 2 points per
- Legal fish, > 4 pounds - 4 points per
- Big fish of Tournament – 2 points

1. A legal fish is any fish weighed in that meets the requirements set forth in Section 11 of the Tournament Rules and Regulations.
2. The weight of a fish for the Fish Catch Bonus is the actual weight of the fish minus any penalties

Tournament Points will consist of Participation, Tournament Finish and Fish Catch Bonus points.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR POINTS =

Consists of the sum of an anglers best 10 **Tournament Points**

In the event of a tie in Angler of the Year, the tiebreakers in order of priority:

- highest yearly weight
- most number of fish weighed
- most number of bonus fish
- most tournaments fished

RENEGADE BASSMASTERS CLASSIC

Renegade Bassmasters of Raleigh will hold a Classic tournament each season. The tournament will be held on a date and location voted on by members at the January meeting of the next season. To qualify for the Classic:

- You must be a member in good standing at the end of the year to be eligible for the Classic qualification.
- Classic qualification will be based upon order of finish with Angler of the Year Points
- The Classic payouts will be voted on by the club prior to the event.
- As of 2023, the winner of the Classic will automatically be entered into the following years Classic
- The field will consist of 7+1 qualified members, which includes the prior year Classic winner and the top seven anglers qualifying for the event based on points for a total of 8 in the field.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ----- David Newell

Term of office January 2024 – December 2025

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ----- Paul Nelson

Term of office January 2025 – December 2026

TREASURER/SECRETARY----- Brian Postma

Term of office January 2013 – December 2026

WEIGHMASTER----- Michael King

Term of office January 2025 – December 2026

ASSISTANT WEIGH MASTER ----- Francisco Figueroa

Term of office Appointed January 2025 – December 2026

Term of office Appointed for 2 years