

**THE BASS FEDERATION OF MICHIGAN
(TBF of MI)**

FEDERATION BY-LAWS

The TBF of MI, Inc., will be governed by a Board of Directors composed of nine (9) members. The primary goal of the TBF of MI, Inc., shall be to promote conservation of our natural resources be involved with youth incentives and preserve the sport of bass fishing.

Furthermore, no person shall be denied membership in the TBF of MI, Inc., because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, handicap, age, or sex.

The Board of Directors shall annually hold at least two (2) general Federation meetings each year to conduct the business of the Federation. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or by a majority vote of the Chapter Presidents at any regular meeting.

The Board of Directors shall annually elect by secret ballot a Federation President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President shall then appoint from the Federation membership, a Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, a Chairman of the Environmental Committee, a Chairman of the Tournament Committee and any special committees as needed. The elections of officers shall be held no later than April 30, of each year. There will be three (3) Board meetings and one (2) general membership meeting per year.

Meetings will be November, and April. The meetings will be a general membership meetings, where elections and votes will be conducted.

I DIRECTORS

A. Eligibility for Directors

1. Be a member in good standing of the FLW Outdoors, TBF, Inc., and a member in good standing of an active, affiliated Chapter of the TBF of MI, Inc., for at least one (1) year prior to nomination.
2. No Chapter shall have more than two (2) members serving on the Board of Directors at any one time.
3. All Board of Directors are required to participate in all of Federation regular scheduled meetings. "Emergency" situations are excluded.

B. Term of Office

1. Directors shall be elected for a two (3) year term of office.
2. Annual elections will be held to fill vacated positions.
3. Two (3) Directors will be elected to office each year.

C. Elections

1. The incumbent Board shall receive written nominations for the Director's election from any active Chapter until December 31 of each year. Each Chapter eligible to vote may submit one (1) vote per vacancy (example: if five (5) vacancies exist the Chapter may submit up to five (5) votes, with no more than one (1) vote per candidate.) The election

shall be held, by secret ballot, at the regular general Federation meeting. Only Chapter Presidents or delegates present may vote.

2. All votes shall be opened, read aloud, tallied and reported to the Chapter Presidents and delegates immediately. The Board shall determine, in advance, a commonly accepted method of breaking ties and shall have the sole responsibility for doing so.

3. All newly elected Directors shall assume office at the conclusion of the general meeting.

II. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A. President

Preside over all meetings of the Board and general meetings of the Federation, direct all official business, supervise all Federation activities, appoint and be ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, be official representative of the Federation in relationship to other organizations, delegate such duties as may be appropriate to better serve the Federation, and maintain liaison with the TBF, Inc.

B. Vice-President

Assists the President upon request, presides in the absence of the President, assume the office of the President if it should be vacated. Attend National meetings if money is available.

C. Secretary

Record accurate minutes of all meetings and be responsible for distribution of the minutes to all Chapters, call meeting of the Federation and/or Board of Directors as directed by the President.

D. Treasurer

Receive and disburse all monies upon approval of the Board. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the membership at the end of each calendar year.

III. VACANCIES OR REMOVALS FROM OFFICE

A. Removal from Office

Any Director may be removed from office, for just cause, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

B. Vacancy of Office

Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Chapters present at the next regular or specially called meeting of the Federation. The Vice-President or some other Director shall assume the duties of the vacant office until a successor is elected.

IV. DUES

A. Each member in the Federation shall pay annual dues to TBF, Inc. and TBF of MI, to the Federation Membership Director, **made payable to the TBF of MI, Inc.** The amount of the dues will be determined by the Board of Directors at the first board meeting of the year.

B. Chapters not paying dues will lose all voting rights in Federation business, eligibility for the State Championship that year, and eligibility for all other Federation activities.

V. CONDUCTING GENERAL FEDERATION MEETINGS

- A. Robert's Rules Of Order will be followed.
- B. Any affiliated Chapter having voting rights may place motions before the membership.
- C. All eligible Chapter Presidents or their designees, and all Directors, with the exception of the Federation President, shall vote on all matters before the membership. The Federation President will vote only in case of a tie.

VI. CONDUCTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- A. The Board shall retain powers necessary for the efficient conductance of the Federations business when no General Meeting is in progress.
- B. All Directors present will be entitled to vote on all matters requiring vote before the Board, the President votes only to break a tie. A quorum must be present to vote on all matters requiring a vote. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board membership.

VII. PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Standing Motion: All by-law changes must be submitted in writing to the Federation Secretary.

- A. A bylaw change must be sent to the secretary by the February board meeting.
- B. The secretary will send out notice prior to the April meeting.
- C. Each club present at the April meeting will get one (1) vote, each board member will get one (1) vote. A 2/3 majority will be require for the motion to pass.
- D. The vote shall be a roll call vote.

VIII. SELECTION OF FEDERATION ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors is empowered to run the business of the Federation. Select annually, the Federation event sites and dates, and shall present this to the membership at the General Meeting.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the TBF of MI, Inc. Shall be open to members of TBF, Inc. and meet one (1) of the following requirements:

- A. Join an existing affiliated Chapter located in the State of Michigan
- B. Form a new Chapter, which in turn, meets the requirements of TBF, Inc. and the TBF of MI.
- C. Join our **No Name Club** as to use our resources to do, Community services, Youth activities and Conservation projects, including volunteer work at our events. Dues will equal to the TBF, Inc. Members will not have voting rights or be eligible to fish the State Championship.

X. WILL CODICIL

In the event that the TBF of MI Inc. ceases to exist as an organization **ALL** monies in the general fund will be equally divided to the Chapters in good standing, after all debts have been paid.

STANDING RULES

1. A Chapter forfeits its rights to vote and participate in the next State Championship if the President or designee does not attend the April general membership meeting. **All active clubs must have a representative at this meeting.**
2. A Chapter must appear on the Federation roster the current year to be eligible for the State Championship.
3. Directors will be reimbursed for the following expenses: phone, mileage (at current IRS rate), lodging, postage and any other documented federation related expense.
4. Those clubs and/or individuals who have not fulfilled their obligation to TBF, Inc. will be eliminated from the membership of the TBF of MI, Inc. and will forfeit their dues paid.