

THE BASS FEDERATION OF MICHIGAN
(TBF OF MI)
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ARTICLE 1 – Name and Purpose

Section 1 – Name

This organization shall be called “The Bass Federation of Michigan”, located in the State of Michigan.

Section 2 – Purpose

The primary purpose of the TBF of MI, Inc., shall be to promote conservation of our natural resources, be involved with youth incentives, and preserve and promote the sport of recreational and competitive bass fishing.

ARTICLE 2 – Membership

Section 1 – Requirements of Membership

- a) Membership in the TBF of MI., Inc. shall be open to members of TBF, Inc. and meet one (1) of the following requirements
 - 1) Join an existing affiliated Chapter located in the State of Michigan.
 - 2) Form a new Chapter, which in turn, meets the requirements of TBF, Inc. and The TBF of MI.

Section 2 – Denial of Membership

- a) No person shall be denied membership in the TBF of Mi, Inc., because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, handicap, age, or sex.

Section 3 – Membership Dues

- a) Each member in the Federation shall pay annual dues to TBF, Inc., TBF of MI, and any other affiliated organization as required.

ARTICLE 3 –Directors, Elections, Terms of Office, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1 – Directors

- a) The TBF of MI. Inc. will be governed by a Board of Directors composed of nine (9) members.
- b) The Board of Directors is empowered to run the business of the Federation..

Section 2 – Elections

- a) Three (3) Directors will be elected to office at the first meeting of each new operating year.
- b) The Board of Directors shall annually elect by secret ballot a Federation President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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Section 3 – Terms of Office

- a) Directors shall be elected for a three (3) year term of office.

Section 4 – Vacancies

- a) Vacancies shall be filled for the rest of its term by a majority vote of the Chapters present at the next regular or specially called meeting of the Federation.

Section 5 – Eligibility

- a) Be a member in good standing of an active Chapter of the TBF of MI, Inc., for at least one (1) year prior to nomination.
b) No Chapter shall have more than two (2) members serving on the Board of Directors at any one time.

ARTICLE 4 – Committees

Section 1 – Standing Committees

- a) The President shall appoint annually from the Federation membership the following
- 1) Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee.
 - 2) Chairman of the Environmental / Conservation Committee.
 - 3) Chairman of the Tournament Committee.
 - 4) Chairman of the Membership Committee.
 - a) Must be a current Director.
 - 5) Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.
 - 6) Any other special committees as needed.

ARTICLE 5 – Removal of Membership/Disciplinary Action

Section 1 – Removal of Membership

- a) Those clubs and/or individuals who have not fulfilled their obligations to TBF, Inc. or TBF of MI, Inc, can be disciplined or eliminated from the membership of the TBF of MI, Inc. and will forfeit their dues paid. Obligations are as listed.
- 1) Voluntarily express a genuine membership interest and have or be on an initial roster of no less than six (6) members.
 - 2) Submit a complete and accurate roster of all members as well as a listing of club offices.
 - 3) Pay annual dues to the TBF of MI, and any other affiliate organization including the TBF National as required.
 - 4) Follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation.
 - 5) Conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to TBF National, TBF of Michigan, all affiliated sponsors, the sport of fishing, and all efforts to promote the sport of fishing.
 - 6) Violation of or failure to comply with any of the bylaws or standing rules for the TBF of Michigan.

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- 7) Consumption and/or possession of any illegal or non-prescribed drug during a TBF sponsored event.
- 8) Suspension/disqualification from any fishing tournament or other fishing organization for convicted illegal activities.
- 9) Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote the TBF of Michigan, youth, conservation, safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules.

Section 2 - Disciplinary Action

- a) In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined in Article 5 Section 1, the Board will notify an existing member or Chapter that all TBF of Michigan rights and privileges are suspended until they are placed before the TBF of MI. at the next membership meeting for review to determine appropriate disciplinary action, consisting of but not limited to the following.
 - 1) Refusal of an application for membership.
 - 2) Refusal of an application to compete.
 - 3) Deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (minus deposits).
 - 4) Disqualify a contestant.
 - 5) Place a member on probation for a set period of time.
 - 6) A lifetime ban from the organization.

ARTICLE 6 – Motions and Voting

Section 1 – Motions

- a) Any affiliated Chapter having voting rights may place motions before the membership by way of their representative.

Section 2 – Voting

- a) 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.
 - a) The Federation President will vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 7 – Definitions

Section 1 – Policies

- a) Policies are principles, rules, and guidelines formulated or adopted by an organization to reach its long-term goals. They are designed to influence and determine all major decisions and actions, and all activities take place within the boundaries set by them. (Reference – BusinessDictionary.com/definition/policies-and-procedures.html)

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Section 2 - Procedures

- a) Procedures are the specific methods employed to express policies in action in day-to-day operations of the organization. Together, policies and procedures ensure that a point of view held by the governing body of an organization is translated into steps that result in an outcome compatible with that view. (Reference – BusinessDictionary.com/definition/policies-and-procedures.html)

Section 3 – Standing Rules

- a) A standing rule is a rule that relates to the details of the administration of a society and which can be adopted or changed the same way as any other act of the deliberative assembly. Standing rules can be suspended by a majority vote for the duration of the session, but not for longer. (Reference – Robert, Henry M. (2000). Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th ed., p.18)

ARTICLE 8 - Will Codicil

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- a) In the event that the TBF of MI, Inc. ceases to exist as an organization, ALL monies in the general fund after all debts have been paid, will be distributed to a non-profit organization to be determined at such time by the board.