

## **BYLAWS: NY KAYAK BASSMASTERS**

This document, including all attachments and references shall act as the bylaws, rules of conduct and organizational structure for the NY Kayak Bassmaster club (Herein "Club"), a B.A.S.S. Nation and NY B.A.S.S. Nation affiliated Club. All members and tournament/event participants of NY Kayak Bassmasters and its sponsored activities are bound by this document.

### **1. Effective Dates:**

This document shall be valid for the 2020 and 2021 Club season and shall be reviewed and revised as necessary by January 31st of each year by the Club Officers. Members may submit any comments on these bylaws by December 31<sup>st</sup> for consideration by Club Officers during the revision process.

### **2. Club Purpose:**

The Club shall be a social organization, with the objective of promoting fishing, paddlesports, and the outdoors via establishing a community of anglers, paddlesports enthusiasts, outdoor recreationalists, and conservationists. Membership Dues shall be \$30 for the 2020 calendar year then increasing to \$32 per calendar year in 2021 which covers the anglers B.A.S.S. Nation dues and Club operating fees. The Club accepts all members without discrimination or prejudice. In support of NY B.A.S.S. Nation, anglers are encouraged, but not required to join the NY B.A.S.S. Nation.

### **3. Territory:**

The Club shall have an Operating Area encompassing all of NY State. The Club may at times sponsor or co-host events on border waters or on waters in neighboring states with other Nation Clubs in those states.

### **4. Officers:**

The Club shall designate any new Officers by December 31st of each year. All club Officers shall be permanent appointments until such time the officer relinquishes their position, is removed by a unanimous vote of the other Officers, or is removed by petition requiring signature from 50% of Club members.

Officer positions and duties are as follows:

Club President: Tyler Sweet

- The Club President shall be responsible for enforcing all bylaws of the Club;
- Act as the intermediary and primary contact for other clubs or partner organizations;
- Set up all tournament management event profiles;

- Act as the deciding vote for any schedule or rule disputes;
- Appoint new officers; and
- Approve all Club actions.

Club Treasurer: Tyler Sweet

- The Club Treasurer shall maintain records of all Club financial transactions;
- Shall manage all tournament entry fees;
- Shall issue all event payouts; and
- Shall receive, record, and allocate all sponsor contributions for club use, distribution at events, or as year end title awards.

Club Secretary: Tyler Sweet

- The Club Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining all club rules and bylaws;
- Shall maintain event records and angler standings; and
- Shall maintain membership records.

**5. Tournament Schedules:**

The Club will host between four (4) and six (6) Club events each season beginning in 2021. This may include any NY B.A.S.S. Nation sponsored events with a kayak division. The regular season Club events will be *Qualifying Events* for the NY State B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak State Championship. The Club may, at its discretion, co-host tournaments with other kayak fishing organizations, designating them as *Qualifying Events* in an effort to promote and grow the Club. The Club schedule for the season shall be determined by the Club Officers and announced to the Club prior to December 31st of the preceding year. The final event of each season will be designated as the NY State B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak State Championship, qualifying anglers for advancement per the B.A.S.S. Nation Rules and Bylaws.

**6. Tournament Eligibility:**

All events hosted and originating from the Club shall require membership in NY Kayak Bassmasters. Participation in any event hosted or sponsored by NY B.A.S.S. Nation including the NY State B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak State Championship will require membership in NY B.A.S.S. Nation. These events will be clearly designated, and requirements communicated at the time the schedule is released.

**7. Tournament Management:**

All Tournaments will be scored and managed using the TourneyX Management System. Participants must create a free profile and agree to all terms and conditions required by TourneyX. The Event pages on TourneyX will provide all event specific details including but not limited to

Launch Times, Competition times, Submission Deadlines, Eligible Waters and Boundaries, and the Captains Meeting location.

#### **8. Registration, Entry Fees, and Payouts:**

Registration for events will remain open until 5:00PM the day prior to the event. Registration and payment, including any Club dues must be completed prior to this deadline. Entry Fees will be \$40 for standard Club events. The entry fee for the NY State B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak State Championship will be \$100. All entry fees are fully refundable until 48 hours prior to the start of competition time. Cancellation Requests must be submitted in writing to a club officer. Payouts for Club events shall be issued via PayPal to the email used to pay the entry fee. Payouts will be issued in a timely manner, not to exceed 14 days from the announcement of the event results. Payouts for Club events will be 15% of the field (rounding down) with a minimum of two (2).

#### **9. Tournament Rules:**

The Club shall follow the official Competition Rules Standard set forth by B.A.S.S. Nation except where explicitly stated here in the Club Bylaws, or in the individual event rules posted on the TourneyX event page. The B.A.S.S. Nation Competition Rules can be found on the B.A.S.S. website at: <https://www.bassmaster.com/kayak/>.

The Club-specific rules are as follows:

*Identifier* - All photos submitted for judging must include the unique event code written on a paper, laminated, or printed identifier no larger than 3"x5". Event codes written on the person or clothing will not be accepted. The identifier must not cover any portion of the fish, except where the identifier is worn in a holder on the back of the hand and extends beyond the hand. This Identifier code will be released the night prior to competition start, at or around 8pm.

*Covering of Fish* - Nothing may be placed on the fish in any photo submitted for judging except the use of a hand (gloved or bare) to hold the fish in place. No towels, rags, grippers or other objects may be covering the fish including when placed between the hand and the fish.

*Minimum Size* - The minimum length bass after all deductions or penalties have been assessed is 12-inches.

*Prefishing* - Prefishing for Club is permitted up to 12-hours prior to the launch time as defined in the TourneyX Event Page. Anglers are not permitted to be on eligible waters after the end of the designated prefishing time until launch time.

*Disputes* - Any disputes must be directed to a Club Officer, in writing, within 24 hours from the announcement of the event results.

*Obligation to Follow NY State Law* - Anglers participating in any event held within NY must comply with all NY State Regulations. These regulations may be different for specific bodies of water, and it is the angler's responsibility to ensure that they are abiding by NY State Law, and the regulations of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

#### **10. Angler of the Year, Rookie of the Year**

The Club shall recognize the top performing anglers of each season by awarding Angler of the Year and the Rookie of the Year titles. A rookie designation shall be issued to any angler that has never competed in a Club event. Prizes for these titles will be based on allocations from Sponsor contributions. The Club may, at its discretion, issue a "Temporary" prize such as a trophy that the winner may possess and display for a predetermined amount of time, then return to the Club.

A point system shall be used to determine the Angler and Rookie of the Year titles. The winner of each event shall earn 200 points. Second place shall earn 195 points and the point value will decrease by one (1) point for each following position. The Angler of the Year will be the angler with the highest total cumulative score. The Rookie of the Year will be the angler with the highest total cumulative score among anglers with a Rookie designation.

#### **11. Media Use Policy**

All digital media including but not limited to logos, event fliers, videos, and articles are the sole property of the Club. Members are permitted to use, share, and post all digital media produced by the Club for their own personal use at the sole discretion of the Club. Members may use the official Club Logo on jerseys, hats, or other apparel for their personal use only. No items which include the Club logo will be permitted for sale except via the Official Club store.