

North Country BronzeBacks

BYLAWS

NAME OF CLUB:

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The club shall be called "**North Country BronzeBacks**".

PURPOSE:

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A - To assemble in an organized fashion, a group of sportsmen/women who share a common interest and special admiration for the sport of bass fishing.

B - To improve our skills as anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of bass catching techniques and ideas.

C - To maintain a proper balance of congenial unity and competitive spirit.

D - To promote and encourage youth fishing, community conservation and recreational activity and programs.

E - To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport and promote catch and release aspects of this great recreation.

F - To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement.

G - To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards.

H - To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to these crimes.

I - To inspire the love and respect due to this tremendous natural resource of the black bass family.

J - To have fun and share/have great times with friends.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP and NH FEDERATION NATION MEMBERSHIP:

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The number of members of the club is will be determined by majority vote of the club's active members.

Total membership may change based on the club's needs. The set maximum number of angler members is 16, and shall be a minimum of 8 boaters.

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A complete roster will be sent/submitted to the New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Department once a year.

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The club will belong to, and support the NH State Federation Nation.

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The club must contain 100% membership with BASS

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

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To become a club member a person shall:

A - Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.

B - To be voted on by membership, or by the majority of board members. If vote by members, it shall be done as a group by a show of hands, or by secret ballot, to be determined by board members.

C - An active member's family (i.e.: brother, sister, parent, etc) has first preference over anyone who may be on a waiting list, if such list exists.

D - Members of North Country BronzeBacks may be boaters or non-boaters.

E - Have a valid fishing license for all states in which the club will be holding tournaments in which said new member plans to fish.

F - Be a member to B.A.S.S., B.A.S.S. Federation, and New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Federation Nation. Non-anglers shall only have to pay club dues.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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The amount of the annual dues for membership shall be determined by the clubs officers.

A - \$20 for club membership dues, yearly, to help pay for club costs (trophies, banquet, club trip, etc.).

Additional \$10 tournament entry fee is required for each tournament fished.

B – Club and Federation Dues are due at the October 31st for the following year. Dues which are not received by December 31st shall be considered delinquent and that member will be notified that he may be removed from the club.

C – NH Federation and BASS Federation dues must be paid by December 31, of every year. If they are not paid by December 31st, you will not be able to fish that year STQT, Divisional, or National Federation Tournament.

OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES AND ELIGIIBILITY:

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The officers and their duties shall consist of, but are not necessarily limited to the following.

A...President: Presides over all the meetings and directs all official business. He/she appoints members to committees and is an ex facto member of all committees. He/she will supervise all club functions and will have the last say in any club matters.

B...Vice President: Acts as a program chairman, assists the president in his duties and presides in the absence of the president. Oversees and guides the Tournament Director. Submits all tournament applications to New Hampshire Fish and Game, or Marine Patrol. Acts as the Tournament Director if Tournament Director is absent.

C...Secretary: Maintains accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the president. The secretary is also required to take attendance records and to send monthly minutes of meetings to all club members. Will preside over any meeting at which both the president and vice-president are not present.

D...Treasurer: Collect and distribute all monies, maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each meeting. Prepare an annual audit for review by the Officers.

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The election of officers will be held annually at the September meeting.

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Members wanting to run for an office position shall advise their interest at the August Meeting either verbally or in written form.

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Elections shall be by simple majority vote of all members present. Elections for each officer shall be separately in order as listed in section 6.0. Newly elected officers will be sworn in immediately prior to the adjournment of the meeting.

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Eligibility to vote: Each member is entitled to one (1) vote. Member must be in good standing at the time of elections.

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Term of Office: The term of office is for one (1) year, which shall begin at the commencement of the September meeting.

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Vacancies of Office: In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

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Removal from Office: Any officer may be removed at any time during the normal term of office due to misconduct or any other infraction of Article 9.0, following an investigation by the remaining officer's and a 2/3 majority vote by the membership.

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Eligibility for Holding Office: To be eligible to hold office a member must:

A: Have shown an active interest in all club activities.

B: Been in good standing at time of elections.

Directors / Committees:

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A - Tournament Director/ Official Club Weigh Master: Enforce tournament rules and procedures. Prepare permits from New Hampshire Fish & Game, New Hampshire Marine Patrol or any other state in which North Country BronzeBacks intends to hold a tournament for ramp and tournament use. Prepare a tournament schedule, with assistance from tournament committee, to be approved by the Officers. An assistant tournament director/ official club weigh master will be appointed on a per tournament basis by an elected official to take the place of the Tournament Director/ Official Club Weigh Master or Vice President in case of absence.

B - Youth Director: Directs the youth member's club events, assists preparing youth tournament schedules, fundraiser events, youth tournament director, and assists the youths with official youth club meetings/activities.

C - Conservation Director: Set up a yearly conservation event or events, to work with the Federation on local, state, and regional conservation issues that impact sport fishing. To find recommendations to better fish habitat, aquatic nuisance species, aquatic vegetation management, angler access, fish health, and tournament fish care.

D - Federation Director: Will attend all federation meetings (once every 3 months on the third Wednesday of each month) and present all federation news to club at regular meetings.

E - Tournament Committee: Consists of the Vice President, Tournament Director, and two members appointed by the Officers. The committee is responsible for preparing a yearly tournament schedule, and assisting the Tournament Director at Tournaments.

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Directors, Committee Members will be voted in by members, or appointed by the President on a yearly basis.

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Removal of Director: Any Director may be removed at any time due to misconduct, infraction of Article 9.0, or failure to provide adequate services of their responsibility's, following an investigation by the board of Officers and a 2/3 majority vote by the membership.

MEETINGS:

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Regular monthly meetings shall be held on the 2nd Monday of month and will be open to all officers and club members capable of attendance. Meetings will be held on the following months: **January, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September.** The tournament committee will hold a meeting in **November.** Robert Rules shall be used. Any club business may be discussed and voted upon, so attendance is strongly encouraged.

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Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called to order by the officers at anytime during the month, after the proper notice is given to all members, to address critical issues or circumstances and will be conducted in the form of a regular monthly meeting excluding calls for new and old business and Treasurer's report.

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Attendance: ALL members are strongly encouraged to attend meetings. All voting takes place at these meetings... if you wish a say in the business and future of the club, attend and vote. If you miss meetings it is your responsibility to be aware of possible rules additions or changes.

REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP:

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Any of the following infractions of club bylaws will be grounds for removal from the club membership. No refunds of any matter will be allowed.

A: Failure to pay dues

B: Any action which would dishonor or disgrace this club or its members.

METHOD OF AMENDING BYLAWS:

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The club constitution and bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by 2/3 vote by the membership present, provided written or verbal notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership body at least one (1) regular meeting prior to the vote.

