

# **BIG SHANTY BASSMASTERS**

## **CHAPTER CONSITIUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### **2025**

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE**

##### **SECTION 1: NAME**

**This Chapter shall be called the Big Shanty Bassmasters**

##### **SECTION 2: PURPOSE**

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public attention to his crime. To improve our skill as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.

#### **Article II- Membership**

##### **SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS**

The active roster for the club shall not be limited to a specific number

##### **SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

Affiliated- The Club will align itself with B.A.S.S. Nation

##### **SECTION 3: Requirements for membership**

- 1) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- 2) The prospective member will personally submit a membership application at a regular meeting and be paired by drawing to fish two (2) tournaments with a regular member, but not the same member twice. If the prospective member at the time of application has a boat and intends to be a boater, then for 1 (one) of his two tournaments he must take his boat & be paired with a regular non-boater member. This is to be done primarily to ensure the prospective member operates his craft in a safe manner and knows the proper boating regulations and laws. Members will verbally report on the applicant at the next regular meeting following the second completed tournament.
- 3) Be voted on by membership. Vote shall be by secret ballot. Prospective member must be in attendance at the meeting to be voted on. If the prospect is a no show by the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, then he must restart the prospective membership process all over again. Unless two (2) or more negative votes are received, the vote shall be affirmative and full membership shall then be awarded. After the prospective member is voted in, he has the option to back pay his dues for the 2 prospective tournaments he fished and receive the weight/points for those tournaments or opt not and start from scratch.
- 4) Any member may leave the Chapter for a conceivable reason, for up to 3 months, after submitting in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer for Board of Directors approval.
- 5) Applicant must be at least eighteen years of age prior to submitting an application for membership to this Chapter. Children of chapter members may join once they obtain the age of 16 so long as the parent remains a member in good standing. If the parent member leaves the chapter before the child obtains the age of 18 then the child's membership, so long as he is in good standing, will be placed in Honorary status until he reaches the age of 18 at which time he may rejoin the chapter.
- 6) Any member, who left in good standing, may submit his application with dues and be voted on in the current meeting.

#### SECTION 4: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership's will be considered to members who first make application for such, are in good standing and are current in their dues. Also Honorary Memberships may be awarded to outside individuals who are an asset to the club. Honorary Members shall be eligible to attend meetings (but have no voting power) & to fish tournaments but must be paired with a regular club member. (They must pay the regular entry fee for that tournament but will not be eligible for any Progressive Big Fish award)

#### SECTION 5: MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. The annual membership dues shall be one hundred dollars (\$120), payable at the November meeting of each year, or, in the event of new membership, upon receipt of application. 2/3(\$85) shall go for Club Operations (\$30 for B.A.S.S. Nation dues, \$30 State Federation Dues, \$25 to club) & 1/3 (\$35) for Top Six Funding. The \$30 BASS Nation dues DOESNT cover BASSMASTER Membership.
2. Membership dues are \$25 a month (\$75 a Quarter) and are due on a Quarterly basis at the monthly meeting in January, April, July, and October. (1/3 (\$10 per month) shall be for Top Six Funding, 2/3(\$15 per month) shall be for Monthly payout). **This shall be charged whether the member fishes or not.** If the member elects not to fish then the \$15 shall be placed into the club treasury under general funds.

#### SECTION 6- REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

A member shall be dropped from the membership roster for the following:

- A) Failure to pay dues within 90 days.
- B) Infractions or flagrant disregard of fundamental sporting principals as sportsmanship, safety, courtesy, and conversation.
- C) Any action that would reflect dishonors and disgrace on this chapter and B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
- D) The Board of Directors will review any member failing to attend 75% of club functions every six months. No member shall be removed, however, who missed functions because of employment.
- E) Disqualification for any reason from participating in B.A.S.S. sponsored events including disqualification for use of drugs and/or alcohol.

#### ARTICLE III: AFFILIATION

Big Shanty Bassmasters shall maintain 100% membership with B.A.S.S , Federation Nation and Ga. BASS Nation, and agree to the requirements set forth by B.A.S.S. to maintain good standing with the Ga. BASS Nation.

## **ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY**

### **SECTION I - Officers and their Duties**

The officers of the Big Shanty Bassmasters shall consist of:

- A) **PRESIDENT:** Preside over all meetings and direct all official business, appoint and direct all committee functions, supervise all club functions. This shall be an elected position.
- B) **VICE-PRESIDENT/ TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Be responsible for and conduct all tournaments and related functions for the club. Assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President.
- C) **SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings, maintain accurate financial records and make a financial report at each meeting, maintain an accurate record of all meetings and club rosters. This shall be an elected position.
- D) **WEBMASTER:** For as long as the club maintains a web site, there shall be a Webmaster whose duties will include, monitoring, maintaining, and maintenance of the site, as well as updating the site on a regular basis with club information.

#### **GUIDE LINE (S) AND RULES FOR THE BIG SHANTY WEBSITE.**

1. The webmaster shall have the only access to the web site (unless he has an assistant, whose must first have club approval)
2. There will be no offensive, abusive, pornographic, or any material that would be offensive to anyone allowed on the site. Once it is found or noted it must be removed immediately. That is to say the club website is to be family orientated
3. No club member may benefit personally from the web site, (I E No popup ads and received compensation from them personally) The webmaster may allow pop-up ads & affiliation programs for compensation but must report this to the club and all funds from said ads are to be placed in the club treasury, provided that said ads do not violate section 2 above. (Club members may advertise their own business's website through the links section)

(Until there is a minimum of 15 or more active members there will only be 3 officers- Pres. VP /TD and Sec/Treas. As the club grows, the Tournament director position shall become its own separate position from the vice president position, and will become an appointed position by the club president.

Until there is enough funding for a web site, the Webmaster position will remain vacant, and the President and Vice President will be responsible for keeping a Facebook/Social media page up to date.

E.) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, & 2 at large members from the General membership who shall be elected from the general membership and shall have met the eligibility requirements as set for officers. The duties of the Board of Directors shall include review of membership, disciplinary action when associated with tournaments or any other club functions, and overall club wellbeing.

## **SECTION 2: ELECTIONS**

- A) Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote. Proxy vote is not permitted.
- B) The President shall appoint nominating committee at the August club meeting. Formal nominations for officers shall be made during the October meeting. Election of Officers shall be held during the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken prior to the vote at the November meeting.

## **SECTION 3: TERM OF OFFICE**

- A) The term of office shall be for one calendar year beginning on January 1 and terminating on December 31, 2 consecutive term limit, ( After 2<sup>nd</sup> term member must sit out for 1 year before running for ANY Officer position again-Depending on membership, the term limit may be suspended until there are enough members to support.)
- B) Any member may make a motion to have an officer impeached from office. Said motion must be in writing stating the reason for impeachment and be accompanied by any evidence (if any), signed by 5 members, and be presented to the Board of Directors. After review by the Board, The Board at a specially called meeting or at a regular scheduled meeting shall put forth the motion before the general membership for vote. If 2/3 of the membership present vote in the affirmative then the officer in question shall be removed. If the officer is the President, then the Vice president shall immediately take office and finish the term. The vacant Vice president position shall then be filled as according to the by-laws.

## **SECTION 4: VACANCIES**

In the event an office become vacant prior to the term expiring, nominations shall be taken at a regular meeting with a majority vote of members present required to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating office.

## **SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE**

To be eligible for an office a member must;

- A) Have been a member for at least 6 months
- B) Have attended at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Chapter meetings and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Chapter functions (Includes tournaments, meetings and other events)
- C) Shown an active interest in the club.

## **SECTION 6: Committees**

- a) Tournament Committee: The Tournament Director will appoint (2) members from the general membership to form a 3-man tournament committee. This committee should consist of at least one member who has never served on a tournament committee for the purpose of educating each member as to the selection of tournament locations, dates and times. This Committee will consist of the tournament director, assistant tournament director, and weigh-in assistant. The assistant

tournament director shall fill in for the tournament director in the case of his absence. Acceptance of these appointments is strictly voluntary.

- b) Program Committee: The program committee, as appointed by the president, shall be responsible for club programs.

## **ARTICLE V- AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS- METHOD OF**

### **Section 1: Amending the Constitution and by-laws**

. The Constitution and by-laws may be amended once a year and this is to be at the November meeting. The changes must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present. Notice of the proposed amendment must have been presented to the membership at least 1 regular meeting prior to the vote.

The Board of Directors, in their discretion may call a special meeting to review, add, amend, or veto rules and By-Laws for the betterment of the club and its members provided that the board of directors must have presented said change to the general membership for discussion, table said change for one month, and be voted on by the general membership. Said change must be approved by 2/3 vote of the members present at said meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI- RULES OF THE CHAPTER**

### **THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.**

#### **Section 1: Meetings**

The Big Shanty Bassmasters shall hold its monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month. The President may call special meetings as needed. The Meeting date may be changed depending on unforeseen circumstances and holidays.

#### **Section 2: Tournaments**

- a) A minimum of twelve (12) regular tournaments, September through August, will be held each year.
- b) The tournament director will be responsible for the conduct of the tournaments, to include the weighing, and the recording of all weights & points. The tournament director and tournament committee will select the lake, date(s) and time of each tournament. The Tournament day will not exceed more than 8 hrs. Any tournament over 8 hours in length must be voted on by the club members. Changes in tournament site can be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director, but in no case within seven (7) days of the original date. Exceptions to this rule will be made in the case of emergency, (high or low water conditions or other dangerous conditions that would place the membership in harm's way such as extreme cold or hot weather and driving conditions) after approval of all Board of Directors, and full notification of all members participating in the next scheduled event.  
The incoming Tournament Director shall at or before the First regular meeting of the year, produce a tournament schedule for the coming year.
- c) Any member who elected not to fish in pairings at a regular club meeting, must then have approval of the tournament director to fish and must be paired with a club member if possible. If a non boater member becomes unpaired after the drawing, then he can be paired with the next unpaired boater in the order of draw. (See Sec 4 para v) No one shall intentionally stay out of pairings in order to fish by themselves. Failure to notify the Tournament Director, or President, that you are fishing in the

tournament with-in 48 hrs of the start of the tournament, or at the discretion of the Tournament Director, will result in the loss of weight, points, and place for the tournament in question.

- d) The official measuring board will be the Golden Flat Rule for everyone.
- e) Every effort will be made not to pair members more than two (2) times in a regular tournament within a calendar year.
- f) Tournament payout will be on 2 categories, Boater and Co-Angler, and shall be based upon number of members fishing in each category. Payout will be upon a 1 in 5 scale. (example tournament- 11 Boaters=3 place's, 7 Co Anglers = 2 place's). Winners will have the choice of all cash from the prize pool or a plaque- If the winners choose a plaque, the cost of the plaque will be deducted from their winnings and they will receive the plaque and the difference (if any).
- g) A member may not put in as a boater if he has knowledge that his boat isn't fully operational. This means items such as, but not limited to, malfunctioning livewells, outboard, trolling motor, Etc. If there are any doubts or questions, the final decision will be made by the tournament director.
- h) Big Fish Award- The club will have a separate award for Big Fish- \$2 per member will be in a progressive award and will be paid to any fish 5Lbs and over, \$3 per member will be a monthly award and be paid for the big fish of the tournament. Big Fish MUST BE ALIVE to be eligible- Participation in this award is strictly voluntary. To participate in the progressive, you must back pay to become current. The Member who catches Big Fish of the Tournament will receive 3 bonus points for the tournament

### **Section 3: Delinquency in Tournament Dues**

- a) In no circumstance will a member be delinquent more than 1 (one) month in tournament dues. Tournament fees are due at the same time the drawing takes place. **If a member participates in a tournament and is delinquent and doesn't back pay his dues at the next scheduled meeting, he will forfeit any weight for the month in question and shall be ineligible to fish the next month's event until he gets current.**

### **Section 4: Tournament Rules**

#### **General Rules shall apply to ALL tournaments.**

- a) Any member failing to show for a tournament without giving 48 hours prior notification to the Club President, Tournament Director, or his selected partner, will be fined \$25 dollars for a one-day tournament or \$50 for a two-day tournament. Said fine shall be paid to his selected partner. The President shall be responsible for collecting the restitution and, if the member due the restitution does not desire to be compensated, the collected fine shall be placed in the club treasury. Only in the event of an emergency shall this rule not apply.
- b) All boats and participants will be in the water and ready to be checked prior to fishing time. Boats may be checked at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- c) Any time a boat is in operation and on plane, a Coast Guard approved life vest must be worn.
- d) In the event a member is left without a partner and he has a boat, he will be checked out and permitted to fish alone. If the member is left without a partner and is a no-boater, and all efforts to pair him have failed within 48 hours of the start of the tournament, he will be awarded the weight of the club average for that tournament but receive the points awarded for 0 fish. (He will not be required to attend the tournament to receive said average weight and points).
- e) All fishing must be done from the boat. In the event someone wants to depart the lake for the day, don't leave without letting someone know that you are leaving. Any emergency will be handled according to the situation.
- f) No participant will fish within fifty (50) yards of a public gas dock. No boat will fish within seventy-five (75) yards of an anchored tournament boat. (to be considered anchored, the Trolling motor must be in the stowed position with an anchor line out or shallow water anchoring systems,

- ie Power Poles or Talons etc etc deployed )No boat will come in on a bank where another tournament boat is drift fishing, drop anchor or ask the other boat to leave. No boat will cut in ahead of another boat fishing a bank. If two boats wish to fish the same area, the boat captains are expected to work out the details on sharing the area,
- g) Trolling is not allowed, however the use of an electric motor as a means of moving the boat while drift fishing is allowed.
  - h) Each partner will have equal time to fish chosen water. No member will position his boat in such a manner as to deliberately handicap his partner. The partners are expected to work out satisfactory fishing arrangements.
  - i) Official measurement of fish will be determined by placing fish on the official Golden Flat Rule, bought by the Club, with the mouth closed. Any portion of the tail thereof touching the twelve-(12) inch mark, or size and species designated by the Tournament Director, will be considered a legal fish. Any Tournament Committee member may measure any fish except his own. All questionable fish will be measured. If there is an undersized fish, it will be culled along with the largest fish in that catch. In the event a member has only one fish and it is undersized, 20 points will be deducted from the members' annual year to date point total.
  - j) Any member checking in to the weigh-in station with more than the allotted limit of fish will have his catch culled down to the legal limit starting with the largest fish in his catch.
  - k) Only artificial lures will be used with the exception of pork trailers, which will be allowed.
  - l) The Tournament committee will conduct the weigh-in. Any member arriving late for the weigh-in will be penalized eight (8) ounces of his total weight for each minute late. Fish WILL NOT be weighed after fifteen (15) minutes. Time will be counted from tournament finish time until constant's boat is at the weigh-in site. The decision of late penalties shall be left up to the Tournament Directors discretion.
  - m) Weigh-In will proceed within fifteen (15) minutes after the tournament ends. All fish should be weighed as a matter of record. If there is a discrepancy of any kind, officer should vote depending upon members present.
  - n) In the event of a tie, the number of fish will be used as a tiebreaker. If the Fish numbers is the same then big fish will be used to break the tie.
  - o) No member will give, buy, sell, nor weigh any fish, other than those caught legally by himself.
  - p) Any member wishing to file protest will do so in writing to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director must be notified of the protest within five (5) minutes after the weigh-in of all fish and written protest must be completed within fifteen (15) minutes of notification.
  - q) In the event a participating boat breaks down near the end of a tournament and cannot mechanically under its own power make it back to the launch area, the boater shall PLACE A CALL TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY!!! If another participating boat is close by to assist the disabled member, HE SHALL CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY to receive instructions on how best to handle the situation.. If a participating boat decides to stop and help a non-participating boat- He MUST CALL THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR to inform him of the situation. The decision of late penalties in either case will be left up to the Tournament Directors discretion.
  - r) Alcoholic beverages will not be carried in the boat or consumed during the tournament or the weigh-in. Drunkenness on the part of any member will not be tolerated and will be deemed cause for termination of membership. No illegal drugs of any kind will be consumed or in a members possession during tournaments or on tournament trips. This means no member will participate in Big Shanty Bassmasters if he uses drugs
  - s) Partners will be selected by drawing at a regular monthly meeting. Tournament Format will be blind draw and will be Boater vs Boater- Co-angler vs Co-angler
  - t) The decision of the Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors will be final on any rule infraction, which has a penalty of disqualification. The penalty of membership termination will be decided by a 2/3-majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.
  - u) Any fish brought to the weigh in area will be considered an eligible fish. The weigh in area is the area approximately 20 feet (one boat length) immediately surrounding the scales and bump table. If there is a question about species of fish or if the participant would like a courtesy measurement, he/she will contact the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee Member BEFORE

- removing fish from live well. Once species is determined or measurement taken, the participant can either release the fish or bring it to weigh in.
- v) After the drawing for partners, all unpaired boaters may fish alone, together, or invite anyone, after calling and notifying the Tournament Director, Assistant Director or Club President to be sure there is no member needing a seat.
  - w) All live fish will be returned to the lake immediately after they are weighed. Exception to this rule will be trophy fish and selected other fish as needed in other club functions.
  - x) For safety reasons, all boats must have a working kill switch upon acceptance into the club. Each member must furnish his own Coast Guard approved life vest. Each boat must have an approved throw able flotation device.
  - y) Tournament scoring:
    - 1) Tournament Scoring- shall be based upon total weight caught. Tournament wins shall be worth 100 points with each position diminishing by 2 points per position. In the event of a tie for the place, the tie breaker will be used, if there still remains a tie after all tie breaker then each angler will receive that positions point value
    - 2) The Top Six Anglers for the calendar year shall be based upon a point system. The lowest point total from a members season, will be dropped. (ie only 11 Tournaments out of a 12 tournament schedule will count towards the members year end point total). In the event of a tie for the place, the tie breaker will be used, if there still remains a tie after all tie breaker then each angler will receive that positions point value.
    - 3) Any angler that doesn't weigh in a fish will receive 5 points less than the last placed angler weighing in fish.
  - b) Bonus Points:
    - 1) The Member who catches Big Fish of the tournament will receive 3 bonus points for the tournament. (see Big Fish Award Article VI, Section 2 Para h)
    - 2) Each member fishing a regular scheduled tournament will receive 1 bonus point for participation. This doesn't include special event tournaments or the club classic.
  - 3) Special Events:
    - a) Charity Event- Each member working in the yearly Charity event (Christmas Toy Drive or other special event as determined by the officers) will receive 50 Bonus points added to their YTD total.
    - b) Other Events-
      - (1) For 1 to 2 day events- each member working for a minimum of two hours' time will receive 25 bonus points to their YTD total.
      - (2) For any event over 2 days each member working for a minimum of two hours' time will receive 15 bonus points for each day worked to their YTD total. If a member works all days of said event he will receive an additional 25 bonus points. It shall be the Secretary responsibility to record attendance and report the point total to the Tournament Director to be added to the members YTD.

#### **Section IV-A Tournament Format**

The Tournament director, will at the time of drawing for partners, inform the club if the tournament will be a "Catch 5 Bring 5" or a "Digital" Tournament.

- (A) Rules for "Catch 5 Bring 5 Tournaments- In Addition to the "General" tournaments rules as stated above, the following will apply to a standard "Catch 5 Bring 5" event.



i) Official measurement of fish will be determined by placing fish on the official Golden Flat Rule, bought by the Club, with the mouth closed. Any portion of the tail thereof touching the twelve- (12) inch mark, or size and species designated by the Tournament Director, will be considered a legal fish. Any Tournament Committee member may measure any fish except his own. All questionable fish will be measured. If there is an undersized fish, it will be culled along with the largest fish in that catch. In the event a member has only one fish and it is undersized, 20 POINTS will be deducted from the members' annual weight.

ii) Any member checking in to the weigh-in station with more than the allotted limit of fish will have his catch culled down to the legal limit starting with the largest fish in his catch.

iii) The Tournament committee will conduct the weigh-in. Any member arriving late for the weigh-in will be penalized eight (8) ounces of his total weight for each minute late. Fish WILL NOT be weighed after fifteen (15) minutes. Time will be counted from tournament finish time until constant's boat is at the weigh-in site. The decision of late penalties shall be left up to the Tournament Directors discretion.

iv) Weigh-In will proceed within fifteen (15) minutes after the tournament ends. All fish should be weighed as a matter of record. If there is a discrepancy of any kind, officer should vote depending upon members present.

v) In the event of a tie, the number of fish will be used as a tiebreaker. If the Fish numbers is the same then big fish will be used to break the tie

vi) Only five (5) fish (bass) in the livewell dead or alive. When the sixth (6) fish is caught, culling must take place immediately. Failure to meet this rule will result in disqualification. No culling of dead fish. **(The limit may be decreased in hotter month's to cut down on fish stress and mortality)** A penalty of 1/2 lb (.50) ounces will be deducted per dead fish at the time of weigh-in.

vii) Any fish brought to the weigh in area will be considered an eligible fish. The weigh in area is the area approximately 20 feet (one boat length) immediately surrounding the scales and bump table. If there is a question about species of fish or if the participant would like a courtesy measurement, he/she will contact the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee Member BEFORE removing fish from live well. Once species is determined or measurement taken, the participant can either release the fish or bring it to weigh in.

B) Digital tournament- In Addition to the "General" tournaments rules as stated above, the following will apply to a Digital Event

1) The Club will provide each boat with a set of hand held scales for the tournament. (It is advised that each boat carry an extra set of batteries for the scales). Scales shall be set to standard Lb, oz Measurement.

2) Once a fish is caught and is deemed to have met the minimum size requirements, it will be weighed on the provided scale and the weight shown to your respective partner for verification. This will be your "Catch Weight". The member will record the weight on a weigh sheet provided by the tournament committee and his partner shall initial the weight as being correct. After the weight is recorded, the fish can then be released.

3) At the end of the tournament day, The Weigh sheet and scale must be turned in to the tournament director who will record the 5 heaviest weights and calculate the results. The weigh in sheet will not be accepted unless the scales provided are turned in, all weights initialed and weigh in statement signed by both parties. (In the case of a solo boater, scale must be turned in and weigh in statement signed)

4) If a fish at time of initial weight, qualifies for Progressive Big Fish Award, the fish MUST be presented to the tournament director for weight and verification. If the weight at the end of the tournament is LESS than the initial Catch Weight, the fish will not qualify for progressive big fish but the Catch Weight will stand. (Example- if at time of the catch the fish weight is 5lbs 2 oz, and once presented to the tournament director it only weighs 4 lbs 15 oz, the Progressive Big Fish award will not be awarded but the 5lb 2 oz weight will stand for Catch weight).

5) If the provided scales should become inoperable anytime during the day- then Members shall keep however many fish they would need to complete a normal 5 fish limit (Or Creel limit as established by the tournament director) and present those fish, along with the weigh in sheet, to the tournament director at the end of the day for weight. (Example- if you have already weighed and released 2 fish and the scale becomes inoperable, you may bring in only a total # of fish to make the creel limit for the tournament in question. Those fish will be weighed and added to your 2 fish catch weight.) Any fish brought to the weigh-in will be considered an eligible fish and is subject to measurement. Initial measurement should take place immediately upon catching. Official measurement of fish will be determined by placing fish on the official Golden Flat Rule, bought by the Club, with the mouth closed. Any portion of the tail thereof touching the twelve- (12) inch mark, or size and species designated by the Tournament Director, will be considered a legal fish. Any Tournament Committee member may measure any fish except his own. All questionable fish will be measured. If there is an undersized fish, it will be culled along with the largest fish in that catch. In the event a member has only one fish and it is undersized, 20 POINTS will be deducted from the members' annual weight.

6) Only the scales provided by the club shall be used to weigh and record the Catch Weight.

## **ARTICLE VII- TOURNAMENT EXPENSES**

Tournament expenses to be charged to the Co-Angler by the Boater shall equal one-half (1/2) of the cost of vehicle gasoline, outboard gasoline, and outboard oil, used in the tournament, not to exceed the maximum values set at the time the drawing takes place. Boaters and Co-Anglers are expected to work out their own arrangements as to splitting the cost of fuel/oil & lodging. This expense's DO NOT take into consideration practice day(s) or lodging. You are expected to work those out yourselves. IN THE CASE OF LODGING- IF A MEMBER IS A NO SHOW AS PER ARTICLE VI SECTION 4 PARA "A", IN ADDITION TO THE RESPECTIVE FINE AS MENTIONED IN SAID ARTICLE, YOU WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR RESPECTIVE 1/2 OF LODGING IF YOUR PARTNER CANNOT GET THE ROOM RATE CHANGE TO A SINGLE RATE OR CANNOT FIND ANOTHER PERSON TO SPLIT THE COST. Emergency situations will be taken into consideration. UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED TO, EXPENSES ARE TO BE PAID PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. Nonpayment could result in you being left on the bank/dock and/or being denied entry in future events until said obligation is cured.

## **ARTICLE VII- TOP SIX & CLUB CLASSIC**

### **SECTION 1- STATE TOP SIX**

- A) The Top Six Team shall consist of the top 6 finishers for the calendar year and they shall have the opportunity to represent the club in the State tournament
- B) If one or more of the Top Six elect not to attend, then the remaining spot(s) shall be opened to the membership starting with the highest placed member who participated in the required function(s) for that particular organization requirement(s) and working down the list to the next placed member who participated in the requirement(s). If spots still remain open after those who participated in the function requirement then the remaining spots will be open to those who did not participate in the requirement(s)

## **SECTION 2- CLUB CLASSIC**

A Club Classic will be held once the club has decided on whether to attend the State Top Six Tournament. If the Club decides not to attend then a Club Classic will be held. The Classic will be held based upon the current Tournament Directors scheduling.

The Classic format will either be an Individual or Team style format and will be decided upon by vote of the membership.

The tournament will be a MLF style event (Catch / Weigh/ Release) or will be a regular 5 fish creel limit (or creel limit as established by the tournament director) tournament. This will also be decided upon by the members (If the membership votes for an MLF style event then the format will be individual only).

The Classic will be open to all members who wish to participate so long as they have met the eligibility requirements as set forth below.

- 1) Be a current member in good standing with no obligations owed.
- 2) Have been an active member for a minimum of 6 months. (special events such as team pot tournaments and or Club sponsored benefit tournaments will not count)
- 3) If a member wishes to participate and has not met the 6 month minimum, then they may have the option to back pay however many months they would need to get current for the 6 month minimum requirement. ( \$25 per month)
- 4) The Current Club Top Six anglers after the end of the regular tournament season will receive an automatic berth into the Club Classic.

Entry Fee into the Club Classic for Non Top Six members will be \$50. ALL members fishing the event can elect to participate in the Big Fish Award by paying \$10.

Awards will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Big Fish

(If the event is scheduled to be a MLF style event then rules will be announced once its scheduled)

## **ARTICLE VIII-COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Big Shanty Bassmasters will also be active in its community by hosting at least 1 charity tournament event per year (Toys for Tots, March of Dimes,, etc etc) , perform at least 1 conservation project & 1 youth project.

## **ARTICLE IX-YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL FISHING CLUB RESERVED**

YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL CLUB-(PENDING)

**Exhibit "A"**  
**PAYOUT SCALE**

		Big Shanty monthly Payout scale 1 in 5			
Pot	Particip-	1	2	3	4
\$ 15.00	1	\$ 15.00			
\$ 30.00	2	\$ 30.00			
\$ 45.00	3	\$ 45.00			
\$ 60.00	4	\$ 60.00			
\$ 75.00	5	\$ 75.00			
\$ 90.00	6	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00		
\$ 105.00	7	\$ 65.00	\$ 40.00		
\$ 120.00	8	\$ 75.00	\$ 45.00		
\$ 135.00	9	\$ 80.00	\$ 55.00		
\$ 150.00	10	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00		
\$ 165.00	11	\$ 90.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 20.00	
\$ 180.00	12	\$ 95.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 25.00	
\$ 195.00	13	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 30.00	
\$ 210.00	14	\$ 105.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 35.00	
\$ 225.00	15	\$ 110.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00	
\$ 240.00	16	\$ 105.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00
\$ 255.00	17	\$ 110.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00
\$ 270.00	18	\$ 115.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00
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	20				

