

2025 UTAH B.A.S.S. NATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME and PURPOSE

SECTION 1: This organization shall be called the Utah B.A.S.S. Nation (UTBN).

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 as deemed necessary by the UTBN Board of Directors.
- To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water quality standards.
- To detect and report any polluter and call public attention to his/her crime.
- To improve our skills as anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert angling techniques and ideas.
- To function as a dynamic and effective link between bass clubs within the organization and other chapters of the B.A.S.S. Nation, embracing the principles and purposes of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: UTBN Chapter

- All chapters in good standing with the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society are eligible for membership in the UTBN and will be invited to participate in all events and activities.
- To become a Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society (B.A.S.S.) Club
 - o Have either applied for membership or be a club in good standing with B.A.S.S.
 - o Provide a list of elected officers and representatives to the UTBN secretary/treasurer no later than 1 March of the current calendar year.
 - o Adhere to any dues schedule as prescribed by the UTBN Board of Directors.
 - o Have at least six members, minimum age of 16 yrs old.

SECTION 2: Membership and dues requirements to be in good standing of the UTBN

- To become a member in good standing with the UTBN the requirements are as follow:
 - o UTBN State dues of \$20 (annually per member) must be submitted to the UTBN Secretary/Treasurer no later than 1 March of the current calendar year.
 - o B.A.S.S. National dues of \$30 (annually per member) must be submitted to the B.A.S.S. Nation no later than 1 March of the current calendar year.
 - o BASSMASTER magazine subscription shall be current through any events (state, local or national) that the member is participating in or representing the UTBN.
- UTBN State Team Requirements

- A member must be in good standing to be a member of the UTBN State Team and for participating at the B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Tournament.
- A member must be in good standing to be eligible for state team consideration at the current year's qualification tournament(s).
- A member must be in good standing to represent the UTBN at the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship Tournament.

NOTE: Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis as deemed appropriate by the UTBN Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III UTBN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: The UTBN Board of Directors

- The UTBN Board of Directors shall consist of the following:
 - One elected representative from each of the member chapters.
 - The UTBN President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.
 - Shall conduct the affairs of the Chapter in a manner consistent with these Bylaws. The UTBN Board of Directors is required to be comprised of members who are free to serve the UTBN and its members without a conflict of interest. Any UTBN Board member or Officer or an employee of any other BASS federation-type organization will not be permitted to hold an office within the B.A.S.S. Nation or UTBN at any level.

SECTION 2: Term of Office

- Shall be for one (1) calendar year beginning November 1.
- All Board of Directors may serve more than one consecutive term in the same office.

SECTION 3: Officers and Chapter Representatives Duties

- President
 - To preside over all UTBN meetings and direct all official business of the UTBN.
 - To participate in all B.A.S.S. Nation meetings when possible and to further the goals of all the B.A.S.S. Nation Chapters.
- Vice President
 - Presides in the absence of the president and assist the President in his duties.
- Secretary
 - Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings.
 - Maintain regular liaison between member's chapters and the B.A.S.S. Nation.
 - Provide the minutes of UTBN meetings to all club representatives and for posting on the UTBN website.
 - Maintain a record of all email and document all conference calls, notes, agenda and action items
- Treasurer
 - Collect and disburse all UTBN monies.

- Maintain accurate records and present a current financial report at each regular meeting.
- Provide a detailed end of year financial report/audit no later than 31 December of each year or as requested by the UTBN President.
- Club Representatives
 - Attend all regular and special meetings as called by the UTBN President.
 - To provide accurate written minutes of all regular and special meetings to their respective club.

SECTION 4: Voting

- Each member of the UTBN Board of Directors, except the President (see below) is entitled to one vote.
- The President will vote only in case of a tie.
- A simple majority vote is required for a UTBN By-Law change.
- All votes for Officer Positions shall be by secret ballot.
- All other votes shall be by roll-call unless in the opinion of the President this particular vote because of a sensitive nature should best be addressed by the secret ballot method.

SECTION 5: Vacancies

- If a UTBN office becomes vacant, nominations shall be requested and an election held for determining on whom will fill the vacant position for the remaining of the unexpired term.
- When a clubs representative to the UTBN Board of Directors vacates their office, that member chapter shall elect a new representative to serve on the UTBN Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: Obsolescence

- If the UTBN becomes obsolete or dissolves as an organization than all remaining real properties will be liquidated and all financial assets shall be distributed equally to all UTBN members in good standing at the time of this occurrence.

ARTICLE IV ELGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE

SECTION 1: Club Representatives

- Must be a member in good standings of the UTBN.
- Must be a member of an active affiliated member chapter of the UTBN and is considered a member of the board of directors.

SECTION 2: Offices of President, Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer (must meet 1 of the 2 criteria's listed below).

- Must have served one year on the Board of Directors.
- Demonstrated active interest in the efforts of the UTBN.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: Nominations

- Nominations for the UTBN Officer positions shall be accepted during 1-30 November of the current calendar year.

SECTION 2: Elections

- Elections shall be held at the regular December UTBN meeting.

SECTION 3: Voting

- Voting shall be by a simple majority of the UTBN Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: Attendance

- A minimum of 2/3 of the Board must be present.

ARTICLE VI: Affiliation

SECTION 1: Requirements for Affiliation

- Approval of chapter charter by B.A.S.S.
- Maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership
- Must affiliate with the UTBN and support all related applicable programs. Any additional requirements that the state establishes for chapters, such as memberships, dues, attendance at meetings, etc., would be necessary for the chapter to participate in the state team qualification tournament and any other Nation-sponsored tournaments or events.

ARTICLE VII: REMOVAL FROM THE UTBN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: Officers

- Any member of the UTBN Board of Directors who can show just cause why a current officer is not qualified to execute the duties of that office, can ask the UTBN Board of Directors for that officers removal.
- A 2/3 majority vote of the UTBN Board of Directors will be required for removal.

SECTION 2: Member Chapter Representative

- If the UTBN Board of Directors can show just cause why a club representative should be removed, they may request that the club elect a new representative.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Meeting Requirements

- The UTBN Board of Directors shall meet quarterly (if needed).
 - o The UTBN meetings shall be open to all UTBN and B.A.S.S. members and the public, unless the UTBN President deems it necessary for the meeting to be closed.
 - o 50% of the UTBN Board of Directors must be present to constitute a quorum.
 - o Special meetings may be called as needed by the UTBN President; 72 hour prior notice either written or verbal, is required to the UTBN Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX: BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: Proposing Changes

- Proposed changes to the BY-LAWS may be presented at any regular meeting of the UTBN Board of Directors.
- Proposed changes shall be submitted in writing.
- By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least once regular meeting prior to the vote.

SECTION 2: Voting of Proposed Changes

- Voting on proposed BY-LAW changes will occur at the next adjacent UTBN meeting.

ARTICLE X: UTBN FUNDING

SECTION 1: Source of UTBN Funds

- Funds for support and maintenance of the UTBN may be derived from possible periodic funding from B.A.S.S.
- Funds raised by projects sponsored by the UTBN.
- Sponsor provided donations and associated contracted programs, fund raisers and proceeds from tournaments.

SECTION 2: Outside Funding

- Under no circumstances may the UTBN accept monetary assistance from individuals, businesses, corporations or government agencies if there is evidence that the goals of these entities are contrary to the primary goals of the UTBN.

SECTION 3: UTBN State Team and National Championship Contenders Funding

- The UTBN will support and fund the UTBN State Team to attend the Western Divisional Tournament with money garnered from sponsor donations, fund raisers and proceeds raised from tournaments.
- The UTBN will support and fund the UTBN National Championship contenders to attend the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship with money garnered from sponsor donations, fund raisers and proceeds raised from tournaments.
- The monetary amount of funding provided to the UTBN State Team and the B.A.S.S. National Championship contenders will be reasonable and prudent as determined by the UTBN Board of Directors.