
Christian Bassmen of Montgomery Club Bylaws

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” – Matthew 4:19

1. Purpose

The Christian Bass Fishing Club exists to bring together followers of Christ who enjoy the sport of bass fishing and fellowship. Our mission is to honor God first and share His love with others through fishing, camaraderie, and community involvement.

2. Membership

- A. The Club will consist of no fewer than six (6) members and no more than fifty (50).
- C. Members must profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- D. Prospective members must be recommended by an active member and fish in at least three (3) club tournaments before being voted in by the membership.
- E. Members must be at least sixteen (16) years old.
- F. Dues and fees must be paid promptly.
- H. **Code of Conduct:** All members and guests must conduct themselves in a manner that honors Christ. Illegal drugs, alcohol, and profanity are prohibited at all club events. Sportsmanship, courtesy, and safety are required at all times.
 - I. No tobacco use is permitted during prayer, devotionals, or indoor club events.
 - J. All boaters will maintain liability insurance.
 - K. All boaters will comply with all Alabama laws to operate a marine vessel.
 - L. All boaters will take an approved boating safety course.

3. Dues and Fees

- A. Annual dues are \$60. New members may join mid-year at a prorated rate of \$15 per remaining quarter.

4. Officers and Duties

- A. President** – Leads all meetings and club functions, oversees all official business, and must be an active member.

B. Vice President / Tournament Director – Manages all tournament operations, officiates rules, and presides when the President is absent. Ensures all events begin and end with prayer.

C. Treasurer / Secretary – Manages all club finances, collects dues, records meeting minutes, and presents quarterly financial reports.

5. Officer Requirements and Elections

- B. Officers must be active members who attend at least 75% of club events.
- C. Elections will be held annually in November. Terms run January 1 – December 31.
- D. Vacancies due to inactivity or resignation will be filled by a vote of the membership.

6. Meetings

- A. Club **business meetings will be held quarterly** to review finances, and events.
- B. A pre-tournament meeting will be held the Thursday before each scheduled tournament.
- D. Members needing partners (boaters or non-boaters) should notify the Tournament Director, who will assist with pairing.
- E. All rule changes will be voted on during the November or December meeting.
- F. Decisions of the club officers are final.

7. Tournaments

- A. Tournaments will be held monthly, typically on the second Saturday, unless changed for holidays, safety, or other approved reasons.
- B. Anyone may fish with anyone — members, guests, or invited friends. Non-boaters will be matched with available boaters.
- C. Each participant may weigh in a **personal limit** of five (5) bass, subject to state regulations. Culling must occur immediately after catching a sixth fish.
- D. Bass must be at least twelve (12) inches in length (mouth closed). A one-pound penalty applies for short fish. More than one short fish results in disqualification.
- E. Live bait and trolling are prohibited.
- F. All state boating and fishing regulations must be followed.

G. Life jackets (Coast Guard approved) must be worn while the boat is on plane.

I. Prayer will occur before launch.

J. Side pots (e.g., Big Bass, Most Weight, etc.) may be offered at each tournament. Participation is voluntary and separate from official club.

K. Tournament sites and start times may be changed for safety or weather by the Tournament Director or President.

8. Community and Outreach

A. The Club will plan and participate in **community and outreach events**, such as youth fishing days, charity tournaments, and recruitment activities to grow the club and share God's Word.

B. Members are encouraged to invite guests and new anglers to participate in tournaments and events.

10. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any quarterly business meeting, provided notice of the proposed change is given in advance.

Closing Statement

The Christian Bass Fishing Club seeks to glorify Jesus Christ through fellowship, good sportsmanship, and fishing. We are united in our mission to be "fishers of men," both on and off the water.