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## **Region Seven of Virginia Constitution and By-Laws**

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# REGION SEVEN OF VIRGINIA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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**ARTICLE 1 AREA, ADDRESS, AND MEETING LOCATION**

1.1 AREA. The seventh region of the Virginia B.A.S.S. Nation (VBN) shall be known as Region Seven of Virginia (the "Region"). Region Seven of Virginia shall include the counties of Accomack, Isle of Wright, Northampton and Southampton, and all cities within them, and the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

1.2 PRINCIPAL ADDRESS. The principal address of the Region shall be the residences of the Director, or such other address as he/she may select.

1.3 BUSINESS MEETING LOCATION. The business meetings of the Region shall be convened at a site selected by the Director. Committee and other official meetings shall be held at sites selected by the chairman or other presiding officials.

**ARTICLE 2 PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE REGION**

2.1 PURPOSES. The Region is established to preserve and promote the sport of angling for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and redeye bass; to introduce youth to sport fishing; to conserve water and other natural resources; to work for an abundant, healthy, and self-sustaining bass fishery wherever a natural potential exists; and to support the local, state, and national agencies which conserve and manage the freshwater sport fishery and other associated natural resources.

2.2 GOALS. The Region shall pursue the goals of: organizing and conducting competitive fishing events that adequately provide for the needs of the bass and the angler; establishing live release of bass to their habitat; promoting realistic conservation of natural resources and causing the adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards; supporting and cooperating with fishery management agencies for the future; encouraging youth involvement in sport fishing and leading the Chapters in organizing and conducting youth participation activities; promoting public awareness and efficient communications with the membership through a regularly updated website; gaining new members and Chapters to BASS/VBN; generating revenue sufficient to conduct the programs of the Region; reducing the hazards of boat operation and sport fishing; of supporting the nonprofit purposes and goals of BASS/VBN; and other goals as may be established for the Chapters and the committees of the Region.

**ARTICLE 3 ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

**3.1 CONSTITUENCY, MEMBERS, AND CHAPTERS**

3.1-1 CONSTITUENCY. The constituency of the Region shall include the citizens of Southeast Virginia and Northeast North Carolina who are members of BASS/VBN. The interest of the constituent members shall, within the purposes and goals of the Region, be fully represented by the Region and its officials.

3.1-2 MEMBERS. The members of the Region are the members in good standing with BASS/VBN and any of the Chapters of the Region. Membership shall not alone constitute eligibility to hold elected or appointed office in the Region. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the Region.

3.1-3 CHAPTERS. The Chapters of the Region shall include only those Chapters duly chartered by and approved for membership by Bass/VBN.

3.1-4 OFFICERS. The Officers of the Region shall include the Director, Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

3.1-5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Region Seven Board of Directors shall include the Region Seven Officers as set forth in 3.1-4, Youth Coordinator(s), and each Chapter President.

### 3.2 REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

3.2-1 REGION SEVEN DIRECTOR: The Region Seven Director shall be elected by the Chapter Presidents on or about the fifteenth (15th) day of November of each odd-numbered year to a term of two years which shall begin at the January meeting of the Board following the election. Region elections shall be held in odd-numbered years. Mid-term vacancies shall be filled through special elections conducted as soon as practicable after they occur. The term of office shall expire upon installation of his successor. The Director shall only be limited to as many consecutive terms as he is elected and willing to complete. A year in office shall be measured from the first Board meeting of the year until the first Board meeting of the following year. The Director shall be elected from among the members of the Region. He/she shall remain as a member in good standing of a Chapter in good standing throughout his/her tenure. Loss of good standing shall vacate the office of Director and require that a special election be held to fill the incomplete term as soon as practicable. The duties of the Director shall include attendance at meetings of the Board and other functions of the Federation, attendance at meetings of, and working with the Region and its Committees on Region affairs, supporting the purposes and goals of the Federation, and any other duties, not in conflict with the Federation and Region Constitution and By-Laws as may be in the best interest of Chapters and their members.

3.2-2 *Deleted 02/18/09*

3.2-3 REGION SEVEN TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. He/she will supervise the operation of Region Seven Tournaments including, but not limited to: (1) effecting liaison with regulatory bodies having jurisdiction of tournament sites; (2) the setting up and calibration of the official scales; (3) the weighing and handling of fish; (4) the inspection of boats; (5) the manner and order in which boats are flighted out; (6) the maintenance and retention of tournament records; (7) the resolution of protests to include ruling on the interpretation of Tournament Rules in Article 6.1. He shall provide an inventory of tournament equipment and supplies annually in December to the Region Seven Directors, noting any repairs or replacements needed.

3.2-4 REGION SEVEN SECRETARY. The Region Seven Secretary will be appointed by the Region Seven Director and will continue to serve until relieved by a successor. He/she will be responsible for recording minutes of Region Seven Presidents' meetings and other meetings as designated by the Region Seven Director. He/she will maintain records of Region Seven Chapter membership and will coordinate with the Tournament Director in determining the eligibility of Region members to fish Region tournaments. He/she will maintain records of correspondence received by or sent out by any of the Region Board members. He/she will be responsible for maintenance and distribution of the Region Seven Constitution and By-Laws and will keep records of formal motions submitted by any of the Region Seven Presidents. He/she will perform other duties as specified by the Region Seven Director.

3.2-5 REGION SEVEN TREASURER. The Region Seven Treasurer will be appointed by the Region Seven Director and remain in that capacity until relieved by a successor. He/she will maintain an accurate record of expenditures and receipts of funds within the Region. He/she will provide a financial report periodically, but not less frequently than once each Region Seven Presidents' meeting. He/she shall present all books and financial records or documents annually in December, and on the occasion of the appointment of a new Treasurer, to a person or committee selected and appointed by the Region Seven Director, for audit.

3.2-6 REGION SEVEN YOUTH COORDINATOR. The Region Seven Youth Coordinator(s) will be appointed by the Region Seven Director and remain in that capacity until relieved by their successors. He/she will represent the Region in all matters concerning youth activities.

3.2-7 REGION SEVEN CHAPTER PRESIDENTS. Each Region Seven Chapter President shall be elected in a manner set forth in their respective Chapter's constitution and will act as a liaison between their respective Chapters and the Region. They will keep their Chapter members informed of Region and VBN business as required. They shall attend each Region Seven Presidents' meeting and actively support the Region in their dealings with their Chapters and the VBN.

3.2-8 CHAPTERS. The Region shall assist the VBN in aiding any persons wanting to form new chapters by providing information and contact with organizing officials of VBN. Chapters must consist of the minimum number of members as dictated by VBN [As of the date of these Bylaws, the minimum number is six (6)]. Each new chapter shall be assigned to Region Seven in consideration of its geographical location and its charter shall be delivered to the new chapter by the Region Seven Director, following acceptance. The Region Seven Director shall assist the Chapter in becoming a participant in the affairs of the Region.

3.2-9 CHAPTER PARTICIPATION AND GOOD STANDING. A Chapter in good standing will support the goals and purpose of the Region. A Chapter shall be declared in good standing and defined as one which has: (1) paid their VBN and Region dues and updated their Chapter rosters by midnight, January 31st; (2) participate in 50% of the region's meetings; (3) participate in 50% of the region's tournaments; and (4) participate in 50% of all other regional activities approved by the majority of the Chapters in the Region. Chapters not in good standing shall not be eligible to participate in the activities of the Region. The Region Seven Director shall submit a list to the VBN of those chapters who have not satisfied the 50% rules above in January of each year. A chapter in good standing at the region level will update their rosters to the region secretary at the beginning of each calendar year and thereafter as roster changes are made; those chapters not complying will not be eligible to participate in the next scheduled region tournament.

3.2-10 COMMITTEES. The Region Seven Director may appoint committees as necessary to carry out Region projects. The Tournament Committee will be chaired by the Tournament Director and will consist of the remaining Region Officers. A committee to update the By-Laws shall be appointed at the Region Seven Director's discretion. The committee shall be chaired by the Secretary and shall publish and distribute copies of the By-Laws to each Chapter President before the first tournament of the following year.

#### **ARTICLE 4 AMENDMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

4.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Amendments shall be submitted to the Region Seven Director any time before a regular scheduled Region Seven Presidents' meeting for consideration. Motions must have a second before they may be considered and must be carried by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

4.2 PROCEDURES. Proposed changes to the Regio Seven Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Region Seven Director. The change proposal must include the article/section/paragraphs as it presently appears; the article/section/paragraph as it would appear with the change entered; a listing of other articles/sections/paragraphs affected by the change, if any, and a discussion of the reasons for the change. Administrative and typographical errors may be corrected any time. Routine business may be conducted, and functional motions voted upon and carried by a simple majority, rather than the two-thirds majority of Section 4.1. The Region Seven Director shall establish the rules of order.

#### **ARTICLE 5 BY-LAWS**

5.1 REGION FUNDS. Region Seven funds will be handled as described herein.

5.1-1 TREASURER RECEIVES ALL FUNDS. All funds received by Region Seven and its agents on behalf of the Region shall be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit to the appropriate account.

5.1-2 ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PROHIBITED. No donations, gifts, goods, or services shall be accepted in the name of the Region, or by any agent of the Region, from any individual or organization found to conflict with the purpose and goals of the Region.

5.2 REVENUE GENERATION. Tournaments and other events, sale of goods and services, and other business activities not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws, may be operated by the Region for the purpose of revenue generation in support of the Region and in advancement of its purposes and goals.

5.3 REGION DUES. *Initiated 1/28/15.* All Region members who participate in a Region Seven tournament, shall submit Region dues in the amount of \$10 per year prior to competing in a region tournament.

## **ARTICLE 6 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

6.1 TOURNAMENT RULES. Region Seven Tournaments will be conducted in accordance with these rules.

6.1-1 PURPOSE. Tournament rules provide equal opportunity for all participants to successfully apply their fishing skills and abilities, improve the safety of both participant and non-participant user of the tournament waters, and provide for proper handling of the fish.

6.1-2 INTERPRETATION. The Tournament Rules are subject to interpretation only by the Tournament Officials under the coordination and supervision of the Region Seven Tournament Director. **The Tournament Director's decision shall be final.**

6.1-3 TOURNAMENT SITES AND DATES. Annually, in August, each Chapter President will provide their club's vote for four sites, which votes shall be tallied, and the top four sites voted will determine the tournament sites. In the event any of the top four sites determined require advance permitting, those dates will be voted on at that August meeting. In September, the dates for the remaining top four sites will be submitted by the Tournament Director for approval to the Region Seven Board of Directors for Region Seven tournaments the following year. Each tournament will be one day in duration. Dates and sites, once approved, will not be changed without the expressed concurrence of the majority of Region Club Presidents.

6.1-4 ENTRY FEES. Entry fees of \$100.00 per boat (\$10.00 Big Fish included), are hereby established. This fee, once received by Tournament Officials, is non-refundable.

6.1-5 ELIGIBILITY. Members and Chapters in good standing whose applications are received by the Tournament Officials shall be eligible to compete, conditional upon acceptance by the officials present.

6.1-5A INSURANCE. All boat owners that are members of a Region Seven Chapter must have no less than \$300,000.00 Liability Insurance on their boat. In order to use their boat for Region Seven Qualifying and Open events, proof of insurance must be provided to Region Seven Chapter Presidents who in turn will attest to the Region Seven board that each club boater fishing a Region tournament has valid boat insurance. Penalty for not having boat insurance: disqualifications from tournaments fished without insurance and all future tournaments until proof of insurance is provided to the region.

6.1-6 REGISTRATION. Chapters in good standing must pre-register for each region tournament at the preceding Region Meeting. Any exceptions shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Tournament Director. If you pre-register and you do not fish, your entry fee will not be refunded. Tournament registration forms will be at the meeting. Chapter presidents are to insure proper completion of the Tournament Weigh in form prior to its submission to the Tournament Officials for the tournament.

6.1-7 ETHICS, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND PERSONAL CONDUCT. Participants shall observe high standards of ethics, sportsmanship, and personal conduct. They shall obey all laws and the authorities having jurisdiction in the tournament area. They shall keep themselves informed and aware of the rules, laws, and conditions applicable to the tournament. Drunkenness during competition and scoring activities is prohibited. No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in competition boats during competition hours. Competitors shall yield to inspection by Tournament Officials at any time during the tournament. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-8 TOURNAMENT WATERS. Tournament waters shall be defined as public waters which are accessible by boat from the tournament headquarters. All fishing by participants shall be done from a boat on tournament waters. All participants and competition boats shall remain on tournament waters throughout the competition hours. Fishing on tournament waters shall not be permitted within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored. Any such boat shall have its trolling motor retracted from the water. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within the 50-yard circle claimed by him or her to the exclusion of any other competitor. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25. It is the responsibility of the anchored boat to make other competitors aware that he or she is anchored.

6.1-9 COMPETITION HOURS. Shall be determined by the Tournament Director and announced at registration. The hours may be changed as necessary because of changing conditions and with reasonable notice to competitors during the tournament. Late arrival at the check-in point at the end of competition hours shall not be excused. No make-up time shall be granted for any reason to any competitor who has been unable to compete during any part of the tournament. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-10 PRACTICE DAYS. No restrictions.

6.1-11 WEATHER CONDITIONS. Tournaments shall proceed as scheduled regardless of conditions, except that competition may be suspended or terminated by the Tournament Officials with the concurrence of the Tournament Director whenever weather conditions are found to be hazardous. Competitors shall not fish during a period of suspension or after termination of competition. Violators are subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-12 SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS. Safety shall be a first priority concern to all participants. All competition equipment shall be presented for inspection before the beginning of competition and all participants shall yield to inspection upon the request of Tournament Officials during the entire tournament event, including scoring, award ceremonies, the protest period and during the deliberation of any protests that may be registered by the participants. Competition equipment found to be unsafe or unseaworthy by the Tournament Officials shall not be used in the tournament. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-13 SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Participants shall, whenever their primary propulsion engine is in moving operation (in gear), wear a vest-type personal floatation device, which is approved by the United States Coast Guard, as well as use running lights in accordance with the boating laws which state running lights must be used on any vessel being used from the hours sunset to sunrise.



6.1-14 BOAT REQUIREMENTS. Competition boats shall be 15 feet or more in length, powered by a primary propulsion engine of 9.9 or more horsepower. Boats may be equipped with an electrical motor for low-speed maneuvering. The boat shall be of the type normally used in competitive bass fishing. It shall be equipped with a functional device, known as a kill switch, which shall terminate the operation of the primary engine when the operator leaves the controls. Exceptions: in the event the primary propulsion engine is steered by a tiller handle, a kill switch will not be mandatory, but is recommended. The kill switch will be connected to the operator whenever the engine is in operation. Each boat shall be equipped with a functional power-operated pumping device which will remove water from the boat effectively and in a manner acceptable to the Tournament Officials. Each boat powered by an engine of 40 horsepower or less may, as approved by the Tournament Officials, be equipped with stick-type steering. When required, each boat MUST have a U. S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this rating plate or the maximum 250hp in compliance with BASS. Any boat manufactured before November 1972 must adhere to the ratings set by the U. S. Coast Guard for similar boats. Normal maintenance to increase the performance of engines is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts or motor to increase the horsepower over the factory horsepower rating is forbidden and will result in disqualification. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-15 FISHING TACKLE. Shall be limited to casting, spinning, and spin-casting rods and reels, and artificial lures. Only one such rod and reel may be actively in use at one time. No live or dead bait is allowed. Animal skin (pork frogs, for example), fur and feathers may be used to dress artificial lures. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-16 FISHING METHODS. Trolling is prohibited. Participants shall, without assistance, hook, play and land any fish they catch in competition, except partners may net fish in a landing net and bring them into the boat. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-17 PARTNERS NOT REQUIRED. Participants may fish without a partner. Upon the loss or absence of a partner if fishing with a partner, they shall terminate all competitive activity and report to the Tournament Director to fish the remainder of the tournament alone, but a single participant may not exceed the creel limit for one person. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-18 COURTESY TO PARTNERS. Competitors shall arrive at the tournament site with their partners and in a condition of readiness for fishing before the beginning of competition. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-19 CONTACT WITH OTHER BOATS/PEOPLE. Participants shall not approach closer than necessary, or otherwise make contact with, other boats or persons during competition hours for reasons other than emergencies. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-20 EMERGENCY CONDITIONS DEFINED. Emergency conditions are those which subject persons or property to imminent danger or which are deemed by the Tournament Officials to be of an emergency nature. Only under emergency conditions, or in cases where boats are disabled, may participants leave their boats. Under such conditions, they may ride in other boats and bring their fish to tournament headquarters for scoring, subject to all requirements otherwise applicable. Partners shall remain in sight of each other at all times until their fish are turned over to Tournament Officials. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-21 HANDLING OF FISH DURING COMPETITION. Competition boats will be equipped with a functional, adequately aerated live well. No stringers, ropes, or other devices which would injure fish or subject them to unnecessary stress shall be used. Dead fish large enough for scoring shall be kept by participants and submitted for scoring. Fish too small for scoring shall be returned

to the water immediately. No more fish than may be scored may be held in captivity at any time during competition hours. Fish shall not be mutilated or otherwise intentionally injured or mistreated. Puncture type culling systems are prohibited. Swallowed single hooks shall be cut free of other tackle and left in place whether the fish is to be kept or released. Lures must be extracted in the least injurious manner available. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-22 HANDLING OF FISH DURING WEIGHING AND SCORING. Participants shall present all bass in their possession when they pass the check-in point for scoring by Tournament Officials. The practice of culling is prohibited at, on, or in view of the tournament site. Bass will be presented for scoring BEFORE participants load their boats on the trailer unless, at the discretion of the Tournament Director based on the tournament site and available facilities, trailering of boats at weigh-ins is permitted. Bass received by Tournament Officials for weigh-in and scoring shall not be touched again by the participant who caught them. All fish, dead or alive, shall be placed in containers SUPPLIED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR unless otherwise directed by the Tournament Director, with water for transport to the scoring area. Water must be added to containers to reduce injury. All fish that are alive after the competition or scoring procedure shall be returned to the water by Tournament Officials, except that the requests of governmental, educational, and research agencies may be honored, and trophy fish may be returned to the participant who caught them when they request them for mounting and display. Fish not judged by Tournament Officials to be alive shall be protected from spoilage and disposed of as food, or otherwise in a manner which complies with the law if they are unfit for use as food. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25.

6.1-23 SCORING. Competitor's scores shall be the weight of the bass they have caught and kept during the competition hours. Weight may be deducted from competitors scores by the Tournament Officials as a penalty under the provisions of Section 6.1-25. Competitors may present, for weighing and scoring, no more than the legal limit of bass as determined by the tournament site location. The creel limit shall be five (5) fish. These fish shall be no less than minimum length required by state law as governed by the tournament site. In no instance will a fish be scored that measures less than 12 inches in length. Four (4) ounces shall be deducted from the competitor's actual weight for each bass which is judged by the Tournament Official to be dead at the time of scoring. All final standings shall be based upon the weight score remaining after deductions have been made for any dead bass and for any other penalties assessed. Violators shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 6.1-25. Ties will be resolved by the number of fish caught. If a tie still exists, the weight of the largest fish shall be used to resolve the tie.

6.1-24 PROTESTS. Participants who suspect that the tournament rules have been violated may protest to the tournament officials at any time during the tournament or within 15 minutes after arrival at the tournament site, followed by a written protest within 30 minutes after the scales have closed. Protests shall be decided upon by the tournament officials under the direction of the Region Seven Tournament Director.

6.1-25 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. Participants shall honor the letter and intent of the Tournament Rules, or they shall be judged to have violated them. All judgments are reserved to the Tournament Officials. All participants shall be presumed to be familiar with the tournament rules. Participants held by the Tournament Officials to have violated the principles of fairness, sportsmanship and ethical conduct explicitly or implicitly included in the tournament rules may be declared ineligible to compete in future region tournament events. In such case, the incident shall be reported to the Region Seven Director for action. Participants held by the Tournament officials to be in violation of the tournament rules shall be penalized as provided in applicable sections of this Article.

6.1-25(1) DISQUALIFICATION. The participants shall be disqualified from further competition in the tournament in progress and receive no credit for that event.

6.1-25(2) LATE PENALTY. The participant shall be penalized by deductions of ONE POUND of his actual weight for each minute he is late for the first fifteen minutes. After 15 minutes, the participants shall be disqualified and no credit for actual weight shall be awarded. The penalty shall apply to the tournament currently in progress and will not be carried over to a subsequent tournament.

6.1-25(3) ILLEGAL FISH LIMIT. All fish found to be in violation of established length limits shall be removed from the creel before scoring and then the participants shall be penalized by the additional removal of the largest fish remaining in their possession, or such remaining fish for each violation.

6.1-25(4) ILLEGAL FISH NUMBERS. Violation of creel limit will result in disqualification from further competition in the tournament in progress, and violators will receive no credit for that event.

6.1-25(5) Deleted 2/4/18.

6.1-26 POLYGRAPH TESTS. Polygraph tests may be given in conjunction with Region Seven tournaments. These tests will be given at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or the Region Seven Director. Random Region Seven polygraph tests shall be given in the following format:

6.1-26(1) FAILURE TO UNDERGO EXAMINATION. Selected participants of Region Seven Tournaments shall submit to Region Seven polygraph examination when directed by the Tournament Director and/or the Region Seven Director. Failure to submit to Region Seven polygraph examination will result in disqualification or the denial of eligibility under Article 6.1-5.

6.1-26(2) EXAMINATION CONDITIONS. Polygraph examinations shall be given by a licensed Polygraph Examiner and shall be given under conditions specified by the Polygraph Examiner.

6.1-26(3) COOPERATION WITH EXAMINER. Selected tournament participants shall abide by the instructions given by the Polygraph Examiner and cooperate in his efforts to give a thorough and accurate exam.

6.1-26(4) EXAMINATION SITE AND TIME. All Region Seven polygraph examinations shall be given on site or in a designated area on the same day of the tournament.

6.1-26(5) RESULTS HANDLING. The results of the Region Seven polygraph examination shall be scrutinized by the examiner and given to the Region Seven Tournament Director and/or Region Seven Director at the tournament or examination site.

6.1-26(6) RETESTING. Retesting of selected participants will be done only at the discretion of the examiner. The retesting will be done at the same site, and on the same day as the previous test, and will be done by the same Polygraph Examiner. Any additional fees for the retesting will be the responsibility of the requesting participant.

6.1-26(7) FAILURE TO SUBMIT OR UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS. Failure to submit to examination by Region Seven Polygraph Examiner or failure to attain a satisfactory result on a Region Seven polygraph examination shall be conclusive evidence of a violation and subject to Articles 6.1-5 and 6.1-25.

## 6.2 TOURNAMENT AWARDS

6.2-1 Deleted 02/18/09

6.2-1(1) Deleted 02/18/09

6.2-1(2) TOURNAMENT PAYOUT: Payout for tournament places, will be based on 80 percent of total entries collected not including sponsored funds for first place, and funds allocated to big fish. A payout matrix will be provided at pre-registration of the first tournament each year.

6.2-1(3) LUNKER: When a lunker pot is declared by the Tournament Director, the funds will be collected by an appointed member and all proceeds, will be given to the participating member with the largest fish weighed. Should a tie occur, the proceeds will be divided equally among the tied members.

6.2-2 END-OF-YEAR AWARDS. Following the last regularly scheduled Region Seven Tournament, the following awards will be presented (if funds are available).

6.2-2(1) LUNKER OF THE YEAR: One (1) Region Seven Lunker of the Year Trophy.

6.2-2(2) TOP FISHERMEN: Two (2) Region Seven Fisherman of the Year Trophies.

6.2-2(3) Deleted 02/18/09

6.2-2(4) FALL CLASSIC TEAMS:

The VBN Fall Classic is a TEAM tournament format. Following the completion of Region Seven's qualifying tournaments, the top 10 finishers, if funds available, shall become eligible and have paid entry to compete in the Fall Classic. In the event of a dropped participant, the slot shall be offered to the next Region Seven competitor in the order of their rank in the final scores until the paid entry positions are filled. Anyone not claiming their position shall forfeit all benefits and privileges provided by the region. Benefits and privileges to the top ten finishers provided by the region shall be paid entry into the Fall Classic.

Any Region Seven qualifying tournament participant in good standing may pay their own way to the Bass Nation Fall Classic. A member must enter at least one Region tournament to be considered a "qualifying tournament participant in good standing". That State allows up to 30 teams to the Fall Classic; therefore, first come, first serve in pay-your-own way entries.

6.2-2(5) Deleted 2/4/18.

NOTHING FOLLOWS