



Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen  
2017

**Standby Associate  
Membership Package**  
Standby Membership

## **Introduction**

Thank you for considering membership in the Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen. The sport of competitive Bass fishing has really gained popularity over the last few years. Bass tournaments have become a mainstay on nationally televised cable programs across the country, spurring interest in this great sport. Fishing clubs fill an important need and form the grass roots of tournament bass fishing by introducing anglers into a competitive environment. Established in 1976, we are one of Pennsylvania's oldest B.A.S.S. affiliated clubs. We are a group of members, friends, and family who all share a genuine passion for the sport of competitive catch and release Bass Fishing. We have a very diverse membership ranging from anglers brand new to tournament fishing to our touring B.A.S.S. Professionals. Our membership spreads throughout the entire southwestern Pennsylvania area. The members of the Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen are looking for new members, competitors, and most importantly friends to join us in this great sport. If you have a passion for competitive Bass fishing as we do or a desire to learn and you are of good character in accordance with the principles and objectives of this chapter, please consider our new membership package.

## **Tournaments**

We have 12 to 13 annual artificial lure only tournaments, which are very competitive, friendly, and a lot of fun. Tournament fishing is not a lazy Sunday afternoon at the river. We fish hard from first light for eight hours, so you can expect to be "fished out" after the tournament day is over. We conduct a partner draw to determine our partners for that day. A \$6.00 ramp fee (goes to club), \$20.00 rider fee (non boater only) (collected by tournament director and distributed to boaters) applies and an *optional* \$14.00 prize pool for our day end payout (paid out 100% at tournament). We don't have what you would consider a "home water" lake, we instead like to travel around the entire tri-state area and fish many different types of water. Occasionally we travel south and fish some of the south's larger bodies of water such as Lake Anna, and Potomac River in Virginia. We are not currently fishing any 20 hp lakes regularly considering that most of our members have larger boats. We do recommend that 20HP boat owners apply because in the last 10 years, three 20HP boat owners walked away with our year end angler of the year award.

## **Other activities**

We currently have our winter meetings at Beverly Services in Bethel Park Pennsylvania. Our meetings are held on selected Sunday mornings throughout the winter months and after tournaments at location during the summer.

## **Membership requirements**

Our membership requirements are fully stated in our current bylaws but please note the following: Members must be at least 14 years of age for insurance purposes. Members must be of good character as stated above and the club must maintain a 50/50 boat owner/rider percentage to run tournaments efficiently.

**This is an associate membership only.** No affiliation to BASS is included. None of the benefits of The BASS affiliation are included: for example you are not covered by the club insurance policy; you may not fish as a club member in any Federation Nation tournaments, and are not eligible to fish on the club's state team. You may not be an officer in the club. You **may not upgrade** your membership during the year, but may do so next year.

## **Standby membership**

This membership is for co-anglers that are waiting for a normal spot in the club but would like to fish when a spot is available. We cannot guarantee how many times you would be able to fish but history shows about two thirds of the tournaments. We only will allow two of these memberships to increase odds. Standby members will check with the tournament director by Wednesday as usual, the tournament director will notify you by Thursday on availability. As a result of the expected reduction in tournaments fished we have reduced fees by \$20.00. Standby members must upgrade to full membership when openings become available or pay full membership fees on renewal.

# Official Standby Associate Membership Application

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for membership in the Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen. I have been aware of the by-laws governing the club and understand the club is governed in a democratic fashion, and any decisions on club policy, finances or activities passed by a majority vote, affect all members equally, regardless of their individual vote. I have also been made aware of all financial obligations of any club member and agree to support them fully. If accepted as a member in good standing with the Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen, I will never publicly oppose or attempt to discredit any official policies of the club, or any of its members. Should I, at any time, fall out of compliance with the club by-laws or be unable to support any of its official policies, either financial or otherwise, I will request that my membership status in the club be reviewed, with the possible termination of said membership.

## PROBATION:

I understand that the first 6 (six) months of my membership, if granted, are on a probationary basis, and after this period my status will be reviewed with either a granting of associate membership or termination of membership. I also understand that as a probationary member, I will be entitled to all rights and privileges of any associate club member including attendance and participation in all club activities with the only exception being the suspension of voting rights.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Application accepted and probationary membership commenced \_\_\_\_\_

Membership reviewed \_\_\_\_\_

Associate membership Granted \_\_\_\_\_

Membership terminated \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/treasurer

# Standby Associate Membership Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

B.A.S.S. Membership information (Optional)

# \_\_\_\_\_ exp date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a Tournament Boat?

If yes: make: \_\_\_\_\_ horsepower \_\_\_\_\_

If no would you be willing to join a waiting list, if applicable? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or have you been a member of the Pa. Bass Federation Nation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to another club? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, name: \_\_\_\_\_ club number \_\_\_\_\_

Which club do you designate as your mother club \_\_\_\_\_?

Fees:

Annual Club Dues:	\$60.00
Tournament Ramp Fee	\$6.00/event

**Mail application to:**  
**Ron Taylor**  
**101 Queensgate Drive**  
**Moon Township, Pa. 15108**

Make check payable to PA Southwest Bassmen

Optional Prize Pool	\$14.00/event
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Tournament/Events Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
04/22/2017	Berlin Lake, OH
04/23/2017	Mosquito Lake, OH
05/13/2017	Tygart Lake, WV
06/03/2017	Cheat Lake, WV
06/10/2017	Moundsville
07/09/2017	Shenango
08/06/2017	East Brady
08/19/2017	Edinboro
08/27/2017	Ten Mile (Labelle Ramp)
09/09/2017	Conneaut
09/23/2017	Chautuqua-1
09/24/2017	Chautuqua-2
09/30/2017	Ohio River- Monaca

**Contact Information**

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