



Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen
2022

Associate Membership Package

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

Our meetings are held on selected Saturday or 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, You may not be an officer in the club. You **may not upgrade** your membership during the year, but may do so next year.

Official 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

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: \$80.00
Tournament Ramp Fee \$6.00/event

Mail application to:
Michael Pane
1646 Pinehurst court
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237

Make check payable to: PA Southwest Bassmen

Optional Prize Pool \$14.00/event