



F.F.N.V.B.A.

"Future Federation Nation of Virginia BASS Anglers"

Bass Federation Nation of Virginia Youth Program

For Children of the State of Virginia

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

A. Name

1. The program shall be the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation of Virginia Youth Program, hereinafter referred to as F.F.N.V.B.A. ("Future Federation Nation of Virginia BASS Anglers").

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of F.F.N.V.B.A. shall be: to promote and encourage youth fishing through education of fishing ethics, sportsmanship, fishing techniques, and conservation of our natural resources. To fulfill all responsibilities we owe to our community, our state, and our society to help maintain natural fishing resources.

ARTICLE II: AFFILIATION AND REAFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS

A. To affiliate with the B.F.N.V. program, a club shall:

1. Submit to BASS/ESPN a copy of the BASS Federation Nation affiliation letter.
2. Submit to BASS/ESPN a copy of club By-Laws.
3. Submit to the B.F.N.V. Youth Director:
 1. Copy of Club Roster With:
 1. Names (denoting officers)
 2. Addresses
 3. Phone Numbers
 4. Parent/Guardian
 5. Date of Birth
 2. Copy of each member Birth Certificate.
 3. Copy of signed waivers for each member.

4. Name, Address, and Phone Number of Adult Advisor.
4. Upon acceptance by B.A.S.S. and B.F.N.V., the chapter will receive their charter.

B. To maintain affiliation with the F.F.N.V.B.A. program a chapter shall:

1. Be in good standing of the F.F.N.V.B.A. program.
2. Submit to BFNV Youth Director before December 31 of previous year:
 1. Copy of Club Roster With:
 1. Names
 2. Addresses
 3. Phone Numbers
 4. Parent/Guardian
 5. Date of Birth
 2. Copy of each member Birth Certificate.
 3. Copy of signed waivers for each member.
 4. Name, Address, and Phone Number of Adult Sponsor.
3. At a minimum conduct at least one project in each of the following categories; conversation and or environmental, community and Casting Kids projects
4. Provide projected dates and event listing to State Youth Director at the beginning of the calendar year.
5. Send project reports to State Youth Director
6. Minimum requirement of three(3) scheduled tournaments per calendar year
7. Maintain tournament results on forms provided by the State Youth Director.

ARTICLE III: PROGRAM

1. The F.F.N.V.B.A. program shall be directed by the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation of Virginia Youth Director. He/She shall report all activities within this program to the B.F.N.V. Board of Directors, and must have Board approval on all issues that may affect this program. The F.F.N.V.B.A. program is a program to help adult clubs or regions start junior clubs.

ARTICLE IV: PROCEDURES FOR DISAFFILIATION, MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A. CLUB: Voluntary Disaffiliation

1. A club may disaffiliate from the F.F.N.V.B.A. program with notification to State Youth Director in writing.

B. CLUB: Involuntary Disaffiliation

1. A chapter may be disaffiliated from F.F.N.V.B.A. program for any misconduct including complete disregard of ethical sportsman like behavior or failure to comply with the program requirements. The State Youth Director must present recommendations for disaffiliation to the B.F.N.V. board for approval.

2. Failure to comply with Article II, Section B.

C. INDIVIDUAL: Membership Revocation and/or Disciplinary Action

1. Whenever a member is placed on probation, suspended, or removed from a club roster as a result of disciplinary action for false information, cheating or other actions detrimental to the future of the F.F.N.V.B.A. program, the club must report the incident to the State Youth Director. He will review the incident and file a report to the B.F.N.V. Board of Directors. Appropriate action approved by the board may then be taken. Also any parent waiver slip not filed or parent rejection may also result in disaffiliation of the individual.

ARTICLE V: PARTICIPATION IN JUNIOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

A. Qualifications to Participate In F.F.N.V.B.A. Events

1. To participate in the F.F.N.V.B.A. Youth State Qualifiers (JSQ) and State Championship (JSC), an individual must be a current member of the National Junior B.A.S.S. and a current member of an affiliated chapter of the F.F.N.V.B.A. program.
 - a. Chapters with 6-7 members may enter four (4) anglers
 - b. Chapters with 8-9 members may enter five (5) anglers
 - c. Chapters with 10-12 members may enter six (6) anglers
 - d. Chapters with 13-16 members may enter eight (8) anglers
 - e. Chapters with more than 16 members may send an additional member for every three (3) additional members they have (Example: 19 members send 9, 22 members send 10, and so on...)
2. Clubs shall submit, prior to a sanctioned F.F.N.V.B.A. Qualifying Tournament , a copy of Club Roster with Angler Standings derived from an angler points system encompassing:
 - a. Club tournaments
 - b. Club Meeting Attendance
 - c. Participation in the Conservation, Environmental, Community, or Casting Kids Projects
 - d. Club Advisors will Calculate Club Points
3. Refer to ARTICLE II, section B for additional qualifications.

B. State Qualifying Tournaments

1. There will be 6 (six) Qualifying Tournaments for the JSC, of which, each CLUB may participate in no more than any 4 (four).

ARTICLE VI: STATE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

A. Qualifications

1. Each year the F.F.N.V.B.A. program can send the designated number of contestants to the Junior Bass Master World Championship. An angler must be between the ages of 11 and 18, only belong to a junior club, be in good standings in the F.F.N.V.B.A. program, to be eligible for participation. Competitors shall be selected as follows:
 - a. 100 % of the team shall come from the State Championship Tournament
 - b. No more than one (1) 15 to 18 year old competitor and (1) 11-14 years old competitor who does not reach the age of 15/19 prior to March 31 of next year.
 - c. World Championship Rules and Regulations will be in a separate document and are to be followed to the fullest.

ARTICLE VII: AWARD PROGRAM

A. Guidelines

1. The F.F.N.V.B.A. program does require mandatory chapter conservation or environmental, and community projects. We shall present annual awards in each of these categories. Only clubs submitting a notebook explaining their project(s) will be considered; pictures, press and/or other promotional items should be included. Entries will be judged with winning club(s) receiving an award.
2. Winners will be submitted by the youth director or the F.N.V. president to BASS/ESPN for National Awards.

ARTICLE IIX: POINT SYSTEMS

A. Guidelines

1. The F.F.N.V.B.A. points system will be utilized during all state qualifiers to establish Angler of the Year Points.
2. The anglers having the highest cumulative point total after all state qualifiers in each age category will be declared the Angler of the Year for that age group. They will receive Jackets and Plaques for this award. All ties in the cumulative year end standings will be broken by cumulative weight for the season. The winning angler in both age groups during each qualifier tournament will receive 150 points, 2nd place 149 points, 3rd place 148 points and so on. In the event of a tie in a tournament both anglers will receive the points for the place they are tied at, and the subsequent place will remain vacant. (Example: A tie for 3rd place in any age category would result in both 3rd place anglers receiving 148 points. The next angler behind them would be the 5th place and would receive 146 points.)

Anglers not weighing any fish will receive 1 less point than the last place angler with fish

ARTICLE IX: STATE QUALIFIERS and JSC TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Rule Changes

1. Great effort, study and research have gone into the formulation of these rules. The rules for this tournament will remain unchanged. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, and prohibition in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be final in all matters.
2. Refer to Approved JSQ or JSC Tournament Rules and Regulations.

B. Boat Captains

1. Refer to State & National Guidelines for Boat Captains.