

University of Dubuque Bass Fishing Club Bylaws

We, the members of the University of Dubuque Fishing Club, adopt and abide by these bylaws effective when voted as a club in order to provide an organized structure that fosters camaraderie, sportsmanship, integrity, conservation, and development of the skills and knowledge needed to be successful anglers, including adherence to the academic standards of excellence set forth by University of Dubuque.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The club shall officially be known as the University of Dubuque Fishing Club and will hereby be referred to as the "Club" in this document. The University of Dubuque will her therefore be referred to as the University.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Club shall be to encourage camaraderie, sportsmanship, integrity, conservation, and development of the skills and knowledge needed to be successful anglers by competing with other schools in college fishing tournaments and other fishing tournaments on a local and regional basis.

ARTICLE III: ELIGIBILITY

Membership is open to any full-time undergraduate or graduate student of the University who agrees with the purpose of the Club, is in good academic and disciplinary standing, and is currently enrolled in classes at the University.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The Club shall annually elect from its membership: (a) a president, (b) a vice president, (c) a secretary and (d) a treasurer. These four officers shall each be eligible for re-election and shall constitute the Club's Governing Board along with the Club Adviser. Candidates for office shall be nominated during a regular meeting in September and shall be communicated to the membership within 10 days of nomination. Officers shall then be elected during the following meeting. The term of office shall begin immediately after the Club's inaugural meeting and elections. In each subsequent semester the officer's positions will be reviewed due to graduations, transfers, etc.

1. The president shall (a) schedule regular Club and Governing Board meetings, (b) preside over all meetings, (c) appoint such committees as deemed necessary by the Governing Board, (d) act as Club liaison to the University, Collegiate Bass Fishing and other groups in day-to-day affairs, (e) ensure that all tournament rosters are submitted in a timely and professional manner, (f) ensure that all tournament information is distributed to Club members in a timely and professional manner, (g) actively pursue development and enhancement of the Club, and (h) oversee general operation of the Club.
2. The vice president shall (a) serve the duties of the president in the event of his or her absence, (b) maintain an accurate roster of active members complete with current contact information, (c) organize and lead fundraising efforts, and (d) perform additional duties as assigned by the president.
3. The secretary shall (a) record the minutes at all Club and Governing Board meetings, (b) maintain an organized system for storing minutes and other Club documents to be passed down to future officers, (c) serve as Club travel coordinator, and (d) perform additional duties as assigned by the president.
4. The treasurer shall (a) manage the financial business of the Club, (b) keep an organized record of Club financials and report on financials to the membership at regular meetings, (c) assist the president and Governing Board in creating a budget for the Club, and (d) perform additional duties as assigned by the president.

Should any elected officer be unwilling or unable to fulfill the duties outlined above, the officer shall be removed from office pending a vote by the Club, and the president shall be responsible for filling the vacant spot by a timely appointment that will serve out the remaining term of office.

ARTICLE V: ADVISER

The Governing Board shall select and have as a voting member an Adviser who is a member of the University staff, faculty or administration, knowledgeable in athletic administration, fishing and conservation. The Adviser shall (a) provide direction to the Club as needed and (b) serve as a Club advocate. The Adviser shall serve an unspecified at-will term and may be replaced by a majority vote of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

The Club shall hold regularly scheduled meetings to discuss activities, recruitment, retention and administrative matters. Meeting times and locations shall be set by a majority vote of Club members. Meeting attendance shall not be mandatory. The quorum for the conduct of all business at all meetings shall be those present and voting, with the exceptions being the election of officers and adoption, repeal or amendment of bylaws, in which case at least 60 percent of members must be present for an official vote. The Governing Board, by a majority vote, may elect to submit items to the membership by mail or e-mail for a vote outside of a regular meeting, in which case members shall be given at least 10 days to respond. Official results of such a vote will be communicated back to the membership in a professional and timely manner.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

Funds for Club operating expenses shall be obtained primarily through tournament winnings, fundraisers, University assistance, personal pocket or donations. The Club may institute annual dues in a reasonable amount as determined by a majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII: BYLAWS

Bylaws as written here are to serve as guidelines for normal operation of the Club and shall be enforced by the Governing Board. The Bylaws shall be approved, repealed or amended by a two-thirds vote at the beginning of each fall semester. At least 60 percent of members must be present for an official vote.

ARTICLE IX: CODE OF CONDUCT

All Club members are to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, the Club, the sport of fishing and the University. Any member found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct shall be subject to review by the Governing Board, which may impose a penalty deemed proportional to the severity of the infraction and consistent with other penalties imposed for similar infractions. Such penalties may include, but are not limited to, disqualification from participation in Club activities, including tournaments, for a specified period of time, a monetary fine and dismissal from the Club. Penalties must be approved by a majority vote of the Governing Board.