

ARTICLE VII. TOURNAMENTS

Section 1

Regional and National Championship Qualifying Tournaments: At the Fall Business Meeting starting in 2024, every third calendar year, the club Representatives shall decide, by the guidelines set forth in Article VII, Section 5, the general format as described in Article VII, Section 2, for the tournament, or tournaments, used to determine the representatives of the KBN for the reserved regional slots and the direct entries into the BASS Nation National Championship tournaments. All Qualifier format proposals, including the current format, must be submitted to the KBN President at least 90 days prior to the fall meeting.

The Bylaws Committee will review all formats for typographical, rules, or bylaws errors. If errors are found, the proposal is sent back to the original author for revision and resubmission. Final version requires submission to the President at least 45 days in advance of the fall meeting. The President must send the final versions, and the current format, to the clubs at least 45 days prior to the fall meeting. Once the final versions and current format have been submitted, to the clubs, they stand as written with no amending at the Business meeting. The general format approved will be placed in effect for the next three years, and once approved may only be changed by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, and only for the following reasons:

- (1) An insufficient number of tournament staff to conduct the tournament(s).
- (2) Safety issues. Instances where conducting the tournament(s) would place the Nation in violation of local, state, or federal law.
- (3) Conflicts with other tournaments or events that would be detrimental to the best interests of the Nation.

Section 2

Regional and National Championship qualifying Tournaments Formats: The following general format items refer directly to

Article VII, Section 1.

- (1) Approximate date (spring, fall, a particular month, etc.).
- (2) Approximate location (in state, out-of-state, east, west, etc.).
- (3) Number of tournaments.
- (4) Entry fees, side pots, and payout(s).
- (5) Any other item as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director.

Section 3

The Tournament Committee shall have sole responsibility to finalize the specific operating format(s) and the specific date(s), time(s), and location(s) of Regional and National Championship qualifying Tournament(s) to be presented at the fall business meeting. Every third calendar year the Tournament

Director and Tournament Committee will prepare the specific operating format(s) and the specific date(s), time(s), and location(s) of Regional and National Championship Qualifying Tournament(s) for each tournament proposal submitted as to have tournament schedule available at the fall business meeting. The Tournament Committee shall provide notification to the Nation's Club Presidents of the finalized format at the conclusion of the fall business meeting each calendar year. The Nation shall recognize and reserve the following weekends annually as potential qualifier dates:

4th weekend of April.

4th weekend of June.

3rd weekend of September.

3rd weekend of October.

These weekends shall be held steadfastly each year, with one or more used, depending upon the format approved by the club representatives pursuant to Article VII, Section I.

Section 4

Other Tournaments: The Nation may schedule other tournaments. The Tournament Director shall decide date(s), time(s), location(s), and format of these other tournaments to be presented at the fall business meeting. If deemed necessary, changes to the date(s), time(s), location(s), and format of these other tournaments may be made by two-thirds vote of the Tournament Committee and only for the following reasons:

- (1) An insufficient number of tournament staff to conduct the tournament(s).
- (2) Safety issues. Instances where conducting the tournament(s) would place the Nation in violation of local, state, or federal law.
- (3) Conflicts with other tournaments or events that would be detrimental to the best interests of the Nation.

Section 5

Voting guidelines for Regional and National Championship qualifying Tournaments

- (1) Motion made to accept all tournament proposals as written, 2nd, and passed by majority on total amount of votes received not majority of representative clubs present. If motion does not carry or no motion is made the format defaults back to the current format for the next three calendar years until new tournament proposal can be submitted as described in Article VII, Section 1.
- (2) After the motion passes each proposal shall be read, and each club representative can vote only once on the proposal of their choosing.
- (3) The top 3 proposal formats will then be voted on by the club representatives with each representative only receiving one vote with the proposal receiving the most votes declared the tournament format for the following three calendar years.

- (4) In event of a tie the two tied proposals shall be voted on again by the club representatives with each representative only receiving one vote with the proposal receiving the most votes declared the tournament format for the following three calendar years.
- (5) The Tournament Director will have a tie breaking vote in case of a tie of the top two proposals as voted on by the club representatives.