Article I. Name The name of the organization shall be the Sportsman Fishing Club at NMSU.

Article II. Purpose A. To inform the campus about the sport of bass fishing. B. To provide opportunities for students to engage in a bass fishing sports club. C. To provide an opportunity for participating in competitive bass fishing at a collegiate level. D. To promote bass fishing and cooperation with other organizations on campus.

Article III. Membership
Section 1 – Eligibility A. The Sportsman Fishing Club at NMSU is open to all full time (12 credit hour main campus) undergraduate and graduate students of New Mexico State University in good academic standing, regardless of ability in bass fishing. However, per FLW tournament rules, competitors outside club level must be full time main campus undergraduate students only. B. Participation is open to active and enrolled students of New Mexico State University. (The top 3 must have a GPA of 2.0 at beginning of each semester.) Members must be a current member of FLW and BASS (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society) and maintain their membership throughout the tournament year for liability coverage and other benefits. No member will be allowed to fish or participate in any club events until all Club dues are paid in full to the officers of the Sportsman Fishing Club at NMSU. C. At all times, the Sportsman Fishing Club at New Mexico State shall maintain full, 100% membership in B.A.S.S. D. The Sportsman Fishing Club at New Mexico State shall submit a full roster list annually to B.A.S.S. E. The Sportsman Fishing Club at New Mexico State must submit two copies of your constitution and bylaws, signed by all charter members when forming your club.

Section 2 – Good standing A. To be an active and voting member, dues must be paid in full. Dues will be twenty dollars annually; the treasurer will collect and account for the dues collected. B. Sportsmanship. Members that have violated the Sports Club Rules of Conduct or that have abused tournament or Club rules (see Article XI: Sportsmanship) are subject to the following by the Executive Committee: • Suspension from tournament competition for semester – first offense • Suspension from the club for a year – second offense • Termination from the club – third offense Article IV. Governance
Section 1 – Officers A. Titles and duties of each officer 1. President: A. Preside at all meetings B. Appoint necessary committees C. Call special meetings of the club as a whole or the officers D. Act as a liaison between the officers and the advisor/tournament director. E. Responsible for alerting members by email about upcoming events such as meetings, club qualifiers, and tournaments. F. Handle duties regarding sponsors and club qualifiers. 2. Vice President: A. Be responsible for recruitment activities and public relations B. Handle duties regarding sponsors and club qualifiers. D. Assist the President and preside at all meetings in the absence of or at the call of the President E. Be responsible for counting and handling ballots along with the Advisor.

3. Secretary: A. Keep an accurate record of all current members B. Call roll at meetings C. Keep an accurate record of minutes from each meeting C. Be responsible for all entry fees and forms. D. Compose all written documents and newsletters to keep members informed about club events or meetings.

4. Treasurer: A. Collect dues B. No funds are to be spent without club recommendation C. Keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements D. Organize any fundraisers E. Present a financial report to the club at each meeting. B. Officer Elections Officers will be elected through a majority vote of club members on the first meeting of the fall semester. Officers shall be nominated from the floor at the first fall meeting. The voting shall be done at the same meeting by private ballot. Officers will be elected by a plurality of votes with a quorum of two thirds of the club members present. The counting and handling of the ballots shall be the responsibility of the Vice President and Secretary.

C. Officers’ Terms of Office The terms of office shall be one year, beginning fall semester and end at the end of the following summer semester. Article II – Removal of Members and Officers A. Removal of Members or Officers The following are reasons for initiating removal proceedings: 1. Failure to fulfill the responsibilities of his/her office as defined in these bylaws. 2. Missing two functions in a row and neglecting to contact the secretary in advance. 3. Not following the rules of the club. 4. Failure to pay club dues.
B. Procedure for Removing Members  Any member in good standing with the club may bring charges against another member or officer by presenting his/her concerns to the President of the club. The accused member or officer must be notified in writing by the President of the reason for the proposed removal in advance of the meeting to consider removal. The accused member will be given the opportunity to present his/her case to the officers. To revoke membership, a majority vote of the Cabinet (officers) is required. If the accused member is the President, the next highest ranking officer will control the proceedings.

Article V. Meetings  Section 1 – Regular Meetings  A. The club will meet alternate Thursdays of each month during the academic year. Any schedule changes will be by notification three days in advance by the club President or V.P.

Section 2 – Attendance
A. All Club functions and meeting attendance is expected of all club members (as described in the list of rules). Failure to attend meetings or functions (80%) will result in those individuals not being able to hold office the next year. Each meeting a member attends, he will receive 1 point.

Section 3 – Officers’ Meetings  A. The club officers will meet prior to the regular or special meetings of the club to plan the club meetings.  Section 5 – Voting  A. Unless otherwise stated in the club bylaws, a vote carries with the majority of the members present. All voting will be conducted through use of a ballot.

Article VII. Finances/Apparel
Section 1 – Club Dues  A. Club Dues will be in the amount of $20.00 per year to be paid in full by the first club qualifying tournament of the fall semester. Members must also maintain their membership in FLW.

Section 2 – Fundraisers  A. All members are expected to participate in club sponsored fundraisers. Fundraisers are considered club events. See Members in Good Standing.  B. Money raised through fundraisers are payable to the club. Members participating in the fundraisers are financially obligated for those funds. Loss of funds by club members will have to be repaid before the member will be allowed to continue in club activities.

C. Each team that competes outside the club level must raise seven-hundred fifty dollars as a team to be eligible to compete.

D. Members will purchase their own apparel; this is not a mandatory purchase. However, if the said individual has raised over five hundred dollars as an individual they will receive their apparel free, courtesy of the club.

Section 3 – Tournament Funding  The first team in points to qualify over the fall and spring semesters of the same year will be guaranteed full financial funding for the tournament they attend. Second and third will be provided the same funding, so long as the club has sufficient funds. Second will take precedence over third in financial support.

Article IX. Point System
Section 1 – Points  A. Points will be issued throughout the year for members participating in various events.  B. Casting contest – each member is expected to attend all casting contests. For attending each event members are guaranteed at least 5 points. The first round will consist of all competing members. The second round will consist of half of the competing members. The third round will be the top five competitors. Round qualification is based solely on point accumulation of the round. Points will be cumulative through all three rounds. Members that make it to the second round will be awarded 7 points. The third round will be given points as follows: 5th – 13, 4th – 14, 3rd – 15, 2nd – 16, 1st – 17 points. In a result of a tie, the anglers in question will have a flip-off to determine the winner. Note casting contests are individually based, but members of a team add up their performance points from how they placed. For example if a team has one member get 3rd in the contest and the other fail to make it past the 1st round of competition, then the total number of points for that team will be 20.  C. Qualifying Tournaments – each member is expected to attend and fish in all qualifying events. Each member of a two man team will receive 5 points a person (10 points per team) just for fishing the event. The qualifying tournament
points format will be as follows: One point spread between places, based on weight, with the team’s weight, divided by two, added to their place score.

1st place (by weight) – 100 pts + (team weight/2)
2nd place (by weight) – 99 pts + (team weight/2)
3rd place (by weight) – 98 pts + (team weight/2)

So on and so forth...

D. At the conclusion of a members’ career with the club, the funds he or she has accumulated for traveling expenses (this excludes any winnings previously designated as property of the individual) shall be transferred into his or her partner’s traveling expense account, else return to the club general funds.

E. Points will restart at the beginning of each semester, but will be stored for reference in wild card standings, etc.

F. Any team that qualifies for any tournament outside of club level must have a team composed of two, tournament eligible members. A team that qualifies through points, but does not consist of two (2) tournament eligible members is not eligible to fish the tournament either individually or as a team.

G. Any member who competes individually and qualifies to compete at an extra-club level competition must compete as an individual. He or she may not pick up a teammate for the tournament unless it is voted on by the club with a two-thirds majority.

Section 2 – Top 3 (Tournament Teams)

A. The Top 3 – teams and team members will compete in various club and tournament events throughout the year. In these events the members and team will receive points for attendance and results. Each college tournament available will be filled with the top point team, followed by the second and third. Points will be awarded for each tournament and qualifier to determine the Top 3 teams throughout the year. After each tournament, qualifier or casting contest, the Secretary will add up all points for each team and publish a new Top 3. The top team will get first choice on the next upcoming tournament. If the top team chooses not to fish then the 2nd team will take their spot, 3rd and so on. If a Top 3 team qualifies they will be named the 1st Team in regards to tournaments other than FLW (if they are limited entry/or unless a qualifier is set up to determine entry). If a qualifier is set up to determine entrance into a tournament, the qualified team/teams are eligible to participate and advance. The top team, with the most points acquired over the season will be the team that is sent to the UA College Bass/Boat U.S. Collegiate Bass National Championship, as long as all requirements are fulfilled. If more than one team is allowed into the National Championship, then the 2nd team with the most points will also be sent. Teams must be fully eligible to compete or otherwise will be replaced by the next eligible team according to points. The top team (1) in points in the fall semester will be qualified automatically for divisional. The top team (1) in points in the spring semester will be qualified automatically for divisional. The third team in the top 3 will be the team with the most points over the fall and spring semesters cumulatively. In this way, three different teams will attend divisional each year representing the New Mexico State bass team.

Article X. Club Qualifiers/Tournament Winnings/Sponsorships

Section 1 – Qualifiers

A. Club Qualifiers – The president and vice president will meet after the first meeting of the Fall semester to determine dates and times for the club qualifiers to take place. Points will be given for each qualifier (see Article IX. Point System).

Amendment 1 - Assistance in Qualifying tournaments

a) Any competition team classified as “competitive” may NOT receive ANY fishing related assistance during the tournament. This includes running the trolling motor (except in emergency conditions). In order to provide for an accurate representation of the Regional tournaments in which we will compete, boaters for “competitive” teams also may NOT fish during competition hours.

b) Soliciting of information is strictly prohibited ten (10) days prior to the tournament. Soliciting in this context includes, but is not limited to, seeking or obtaining information regarding fishing on the tournament waters from anyone who is not a member of the Sportsman Fishing Club at NMSU. Soliciting can be in the form of verbal communication as well as physical display. Put simply, solicitation is guidance in fishing from anyone who is not a member of our club; it is receiving knowledge that is not publically available.

See Article IX – Section 2. Section 2 – Tournament Winnings

A. Tournament Winnings – any tournament winnings won by members of the club in any college tournament will be put into the club account by the Treasurer. The winning team will
receive no more than 10% per member (20% team) of the winnings. No member will take any earnings in college tournaments for themselves or they will be kicked out of the club. Any prize (rods, reels, apparel, etc.) received or earned by a team member or team as a whole that is not money, will be split between the team that received it. Prizes exceeding five hundred dollars shall be relinquished to the club where a quorum will vote on the deposition of the item. B. Travel Expenses – All tournament winnings (excluding the team’s fee of 20%) will be put into the clubs account for travel expenses and entry fees. Travel expenses are regarded as hotels and gas only. Any other expenses are expected to be met by each member. Any college tournament that requires an entry fee will be paid for by the club. C. Fundraisers – any money that is gained through a club sanctioned fundraiser will be given back to the club directly. Section 3 – Sponsorships  A. Sponsorships are a privilege. Officers reserve the right to review all sponsorship proposals. Sponsorship proposals for the upcoming year must be turned in to the President by the last meeting of the spring semester. B. All sponsors will be treated in a respectable and fair manner. Sponsors are they to help the club out and the club will do as much as it can to help the sponsors out. C. Any new sponsor will be added to the website and any new apparel (jerseys, shirts, etc.) that the club purchases.

Article XI. Sportsmanship

Section 1 - Traveling/participation in Regional/National Events: • Members are representing the Club and New Mexico State University. • Members are under all guidelines for travel and conduct as if you were at NMSU. • Members will prepare themselves each day for their best effort on the Lake. • Members will travel together, share hotel rooms and expenses as needed. • Members will work together as a team for maximum effort in order to obtain the best finish at each event for NMSU. Section 2 – Tournament Rules • All members must read and follow all tournament rules for each tournament fished. • Each team/member that fails to comply with all rules and regulations will be sent before the Officers. • Officers will hear the story of the accused and decide if their membership is to be revoked.

Article XII: Advisor

Section 1-Selection Procedure

A. Selecting/ Electing Advisor(s) The club will select prospective faculty advisors as individuals and submit an advisor proposal the first meeting of the fall semester. These proposals will be reviewed and voted upon by a quorum of the club (at the same time the officers are voted in) in order to select the club’s faculty advisor(s).

B. Responsibilities

The faculty advisor will be responsible for reviewing the by-laws each year. Their attendance at club events will be encouraged but not mandatory. The faculty advisor will watch over the club and ensure its activities adhere to University policies.

C. Terms of Office The faculty advisor’s terms of office will be for one full academic year (beginning in the Fall Semester and Ending at the conclusion of the Spring semester).

Article XIII: Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1- Authority

1. Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the authority which will resolve questions on by-laws and meeting procedures.

Article XV: Amending By laws

Section 1- Amendment Procedure

A. In order to amend the by-laws, a motion must be placed in writing and seconded. An open discussion will follow. Then, the club will vote on the motion. If a two-thirds majority votes for the motion, the by-laws will then be changed accordingly.
B. All members must be notified of the amendment motion at a regular meeting before the vote can be taken at a subsequent meeting.

CHARTER MEMBERS

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Sportsman Fishing Club President  Date

Southwest Bassmasters President  Date

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NMSU Faculty Advisor  Date