

# BY-LAWS

## ASSOCIATION of SURF ANGLING CLUBS of NEW JERSEY, INC.

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### **BY-LAWS**

#### **BY-LAW ARTICLE I**

##### **PRINCIPLE OFFICE**

The principle office of ASAC shall be at the office of the President.

#### **BY-LAW ARTICLE II**

##### **EMBLEM**

The emblem and seal shall bear the title of the "Association of Surf Angling Clubs of New Jersey, Inc." in a circle, together with three fish to be so arranged as to form the spokes of a wheel.

#### **BY-LAW ARTICLE III**

##### **MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of ASAC shall be held on the third Saturday in March of each year.

**Section 2.** A meeting of the officers shall be held prior to the annual meeting. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

**Section 3.** Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or upon the written request of the delegates from no less than fifteen clubs; submitted at least fourteen days prior to the date of meeting, stating time, place and purpose thereof. No action shall be taken on any matters not specifically stated in said notice under purpose.

**Section 4.** A quorum shall consist of at least one third of the clubs in good standing in ASAC being represented by one delegate.

**Section 5.** A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority.

**Section 6.** A meeting of club presidents plus 1 delegate from each club in good standing shall be held on the third Saturday in January to discuss current issues concerning the member clubs and the tournament schedule.

#### **BY-LAW ARTICLE IV**

##### **VOTING**

**Section 1.** Each club in good standing, of ASAC shall be entitled to one vote.

**Section 2.** A majority of the voting delegates present at any meeting shall determine all questions, unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 3.** A member club, unable to attend a special meeting calling for a decision on a stated purpose, any cast it's one vote via registered mail when signed by an authorized delegate and club president

**Section 4.** All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting each year. In the event of three or more being nominated for the same office and none receiving a majority of the votes cast after two ballots, the name receiving the least number of votes on the second ballot shall be withdrawn; and, in the event of no election on the third ballot, the name receiving the lowest number of votes is to be withdrawn; and so continue in like form until a candidate shall be elected.

**Section 5.** There will be three (3) Trustees elected for three-year terms in the following manner:

- A. Initially one (1) trustee for a one (1) year term, one (1) trustee for a two (2) year term and one (1) trustee for a three (3) year term.
- B. After the initial term expires one trustee shall be elected at each annual meeting for a three (3) year term.

**Section 6.** ASAC shall have the power, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its delegates, to remove from office any officer of ASAC.

**Section 7.** A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice-President. A vacancy among the other officers' positions shall be appointed by the Trustees for the remainder of the term.

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE V**

### **COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Committees shall be appointed by the President when necessary.

**Section 2.** The above committees shall make their reports directly to the President.

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE VI**

### **MISCONDUCT**

**Section 1.** In the event of official misconduct, the trustees, with a two-thirds, (2/3)-majority vote, can call a special meeting of ASAC membership for the unseating of an officer. Fourteen days notice, in writing, to ASAC member clubs is required. This is the only order of business to be considered at this meeting. The review and election of a new officer will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the member clubs. A vote of no confidence will be presented, stating reasons and final outcome, to be recorded in corporate book.

**Section 2.** No member and/or club in good standing shall show willful improper behavior, improper conduct or disrespect to any other member or club of ASAC under penalty of suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the Executive Board and reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE VII**

### **CONDUCT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

**Section 1.** A yearly budget shall be presented at the annual meeting.

**Section 2.** Expenditure limits for the Board will be \$200.00 per non-budget item.

**Section 3.** Funds to pay for insurance will be raised by a surcharge on each tournament per team and individual registration.

**Section 4.** In the event of the dissolution of ASAC, all funds after meeting all outstanding obligations and liabilities will be donated to a non-profit organization with similar goals as ASAC and will be chosen by the executive board when needed. In no case will the assets be distributed to the membership.

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE VIII**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Section 1.** The following order of business shall be employed at the annual meeting.

- A. Roll call.

- B. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- C. Reports of committees and officers.
- D. Communications and bills.
- E. Unfinished business.
- F. New business.
- G. Election of officers.
- H. Miscellaneous
- I. Adjournment

**Section 2.** Member clubs wishing to bring forth a subject for discussion at the annual meeting shall make said subject known to the Secretary by letter at least seven days prior to the meeting so that the subject may be included in the program. Discussion of unscheduled subjects will be controlled by the presiding officer.

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE IX**

### **SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES**

#### **Section 1. – Schedule:**

- A. Tournament dates must be approved by the Executive Board of ASAC.
- B. Spring and summer tournament dates will be limited to the following weeks: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in May, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in June, and fall schedule beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after Labor Day regardless of the date. (These dates are subject to change with the Executive Boards approval, in regards to changing beach access, weather and insurance's).
- C. Any schedule change must be approved by the Executive Board and must be submitted in writing to the ASAC Secretary by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year. (With the exceptions of the items listed above in B).

#### **Section 2. – Participants:**

- A. Teams shall consist of not more than six (6) members of a club.
- B. All six (6) may fish; one member shall act as captain.
- C. The team captain is responsible for the correct scoring of his team's fish.
- D. The team captain is responsible for the conduct of his or hers teams including the adherence to the tournament rules.
- E. Individuals will be accepted in tournaments as indicated on the annual schedule.
- F. ASAC clubs that wish to enter a tournament and have not replied by mail must call the host club representative at least 72 hours. (Tuesday PM) prior to the tournament and secure a position if one is available.
  1. All ASAC clubs that call before the 72 hours will be given positions before non-ASAC teams will be accepted. (72 hour rule)
  2. If a position is secured from a host club and the team does not show, the host club will be entitled to the entry fee for reserving the position, unless the tournament is cancelled or postponed.
  3. If by the end of the year a club has not paid for being a no-show, the host club will inform ASAC and that club will not be able to call and reserve a position in any tournament the following year.
  4. To make this effective, each host club should have two or three telephone numbers listed so that clubs wishing to reserve a position to fish can do so. This applies to ASAC teams only.
- G. Each Host Club Judge should be equipped with a cell phone on the day of the tournament to facilitate the scoring of fish in a timely manner.
- H. Each non-host club fishing the current seasons tournaments must decide 4/15 of the current tournament year, which tournament will NOT count for ASAC team points. They must also choose alternates in case the first choice is cancelled. Or, if club elects not to choose a tournament, then the ASAC Board will pull a tournament out of a hat at the end of the tournament season for that club.

When non-host clubs choose a tournament, they must turn the choice form in, call in or email a response to the Secretary before 4/15 of the current ASAC year.

- I. Host Clubs must also choose a tournament to be dropped and alternates in case of cancellations. They must turn the choice form in, call in or email a response to the Secretary before 4/15 of the current ASAC year.
- J. If a tournament is cancelled the day of the tournament due to weather, tides, beach access, etc. teams that show up and register will receive their 5 points.

**Section 3. – Fishing Equipment:**

- A. One fishing line per angler.
- B. Two (2) hooks per line, double (tandem) hooks count as one (1) hook.
- C. Artificial lures, live bait, fresh and frozen baits are permitted.
- D. Each team must furnish its own bait.

**Section 4. – Rules:**

- A. Lines may be wet before start time for stretching purposes only. Absolutely no hooks or bait.
  - 1. Lines in water before start time with hooks will be issued one warning per season, second infraction will result in your team being disqualified for that season. Third infraction – end of your team's season.
  - 2. Lines in water before start time with bait or lures on hook will result in session disqualification your team, second infraction will mean end of season for your team.
- B. Fish only in designated areas. If on sand bar please pay attention to how the current has moved you.
  - 1. Stay in your area. Be considerate of the people next to you. If this becomes an issue on the beach with numerous warnings, your team will be disqualified for the session. When tides are moving lines to the left or right, you must work with adjoining team to insure sportsmanship.
- C. Nets and gaffs may be used before session and at break, but at no time during sessions.
  - 1. Any fish landed with a gaff will not be scored, period!
  - 2. Use of nets during session will result in an inspection of your coolers and live wells for illegal fish caught in the net, if any are found they will be marked as to not be scored. If you are caught trying to score a netted fish, your club will be disqualified for the season and you for 5 years.
  - 3. Using nets during session will also result in being given one warning, second infraction will result in being disqualified for the session for your team and third infraction will mean being end to your team's season.
- D. Chumming and chum pots (includes minnow buckets) are not permitted. Bait by-products, (head, tails, guts, etc.) are not to be thrown in wash before or during sessions. Exception-bait on hook may be removed and dropped in water.
  - 1. Anyone caught chumming in any form will result in session disqualification for your team, second infraction, done for the day for your team.
- E. Fish caught on loose rigging will not be scored. Exception, lines tangle with fish on hooks may be cut once fish is on beach to untangle lines, these fish will be scored. If lines are broke or cut before fish is landed, the fish will not be scored.
- F. Dead (when landed) or mutilated fish will not be scored.
- G. If fish are caught on tangled lines and there is a problem or challenge as to whom posses said fish, lines must be untangled before fish will be scored.
- H. Fish hooked at time of stop signal will be scored when landed.
- I. No fishing from a jetty, rock piles, bulkheads, or other structure.
  - 1. Any violation of this rule will result in your team's day being over. Disqualified for the tournament is mandatory as this is an open insurance problem in the making.
- J. No fisherman, in any type of clothing, shall wade into the surf further than waist high.

1. Definition: if wave height at top is above your chest BACK UP! Due to weather conditions and rip tides, this can be subject to change by the host club or highest-ranking ASAC board member present on day of tournament due to safety and insurance regulations.
  2. If you are found to be too deep, judge will warn you to come in. Failure to do so will result in your team being disqualified for the session. Repeated infractions (3) in this area will cause the team to be disqualified for the day and will end your season.
- K. If an angler hooks a fish that runs into another position, the fish when landed will be scored.
- L. Sportsman-like conduct is demanded at all times.
- M. Anyone caught keeping undersized fish or more fish than the bag limits will be disqualified for 5 years and be turned into the Dept. of Fish and Game.
- N. Total fish points shall determine the winner.
- O. Ties shall be broken as follows: Most fish category total fish points. (inches) Largest fish category total length, then girth.
- P. Fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. Measurement will be to the closest ¼ inch forward after the minimum length has been met.
- Q. Fish species & minimum size eligible for scoring:
1. Bluefish————— 12 inches
  2. Kingfish————— 10 inches
  3. Ling----- 10 inches
  4. Albacore, Black Bass, Black Drum, Croaker, False Albacore, Fluke, Red Drum, Striped Bass, Sundial, Tautog, Weakfish, Winter Flounder, Herring/Shad (10") size and limits to conform to current years State and Federal Statutes.
  5. Other fish – Blowfish, sharks, (all forms) perch, spot, sea robin and porgies will count for one point per fish at a minimum of 10 inches.
- R. Minimum lengths and bag limits of fish species eligible for scoring in all ASAC sanctioned will at all times conform to the existing State and Federal statutes. Changes in these statutes will be immediately compulsory at all ASAC sanctioned events.
- S. Any team caught actively cheating, such as scoring a fish not caught in tournament, shall be dropped from ASAC for 5 years, and not be eligible to fish any ASAC sanctioned events.
- T. Youths will be broken into 2 categories: 14-17 and 13 and under. To be eligible in either category your birth date must be as of the annual meeting, Example: If you will be 14 after the annual meeting, you can still fish 13 & under for that season. Same as if you will be 18 after the annual meeting you can still fish the 14-17 division for that season.
- U. A parent or guardian fishing on the same team may cast for a 13 and under assisted youth but the youth must land the fish with minimal assistance from adults for fish to score. Assisted anglers must register as such for entire tournament season. Limit of 3 assisted youths per team and moderate casts by adult for assisted youth. Points by assisted angler will count towards total team score.
- V. Any measurable fish that will be kept by a competing Angler will have the tail cut or punched or suitably marked by a tournament judge.
- W. If employing catch and release the fish to be released must be witnessed by a tournament judge.  
(3/00)
- X. If fish bags, stringers, buckets or coolers are utilized, each angler must have their own. No angler may deposit or attach his fish to any other angler's fish bag, stringer, bucket or cooler.
- Y. In order to facilitate scoring during the last 30 minutes of a session, any angler who has five unscored fish must have them scored before the end of the session. If time remains in the session after the fish are scored, an angler may resume fishing with the use of his fish bag, stringer, bucket, or cooler for keeping his catch, to a maximum of five fish.
- Z. Each Host Club will appoint one (1) individual as Head Judge for their tournament. This individual will be made known to the highest ranking ASAC Board Member present at this tournament. The tournament Head Judge will have in their possession one (1) complete copy of ASAC's By-laws and Tournament Rules. This person will be responsible for administering any warnings to tournament

participants for infractions of any tournament rules. These tournament rules will be enforced fairly and without prejudice.

**Section 5. – Surf Fishing Championships for Teams and Individuals:**

Since 1995 ASAC has sponsored the awards for our Surf Fishing Championships for clubs and individuals who are in good standings with the ASAC Clubs. The clubs and individuals who accumulate the most points during our sanctioned tournaments are the Champions for the year.

**Section 6. – Scoring:**

- A. All fish scored in the tournament will be scored on a three-part NCR form, which will be supplied, to each sponsoring club by ASAC.
  - 1. Distribution of the score sheet is as follows:
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> copy: White – Host club copy
    - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> copy: Yellow – ASAC official the day of tournament
    - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> copy: Pink – team captain on the beach
  - 2. The yellow copy is to be given to the highest-ranking ASAC board member present on the day of the tournament and forwarded by that person to the Secretary.
- B. The NCR forms must be used. No substitutions are permitted.
- C. There are eleven categories of individual championships:
  - 1. Largest fish points – Men
  - 2. Largest fish points – Women
  - 3. Largest fish points – Youth +
  - 4. Largest fish points – Youth –
  - 5. Largest fish points – Youth Assisted
  - 6. Most fish points – Men
  - 7. Most fish points – Women
  - 8. Most fish points – Youth +
  - 9. Most fish points – Youth –
  - 10. Most fish points – Youth Assisted
  - 11. Largest fish year
- D. Club championship rules points are as follows:
  - First place team will receive\_\_\_\_\_ 20 points
  - Second\_\_\_\_\_ 17 points
  - Third\_\_\_\_\_15 points
  - Fourth\_\_\_\_\_ 14 points
  - Fifth\_\_\_\_\_ 13 points
  - Sixth\_\_\_\_\_ 12 points
  - Seventh\_\_\_\_\_ 11 points
  - Eighth\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points
  - Ninth\_\_\_\_\_ 9 points
  - Tenth\_\_\_\_\_ 8 points
  - All other teams present\_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
  - 1. Places will be awarded on the basis of all teams competing in a tournament, including non-ASAC teams. The total of those points accumulated by an ASAC team from all sanctioned tournaments will determine the Championship Club.
  - 2. If there is a tie in the team championship based on total fish points, the Championship team will be the club with the greater number of fish.

3. The selection of the 6 anglers for the Championship team will be at the discretion of the winning club.
- E. Individual championship rules are as follows:
1. Any Association member may compete on a team or as an individual at those tournaments, which also have individual competitions.
    - First place————— 5 points
    - Second place ————— 3 points
    - Third place————— 1 points
  2. An individual is an angler fishing with in specific positions during session hours during team competitions at ASAC sanctioned tournaments.
  3. Places will be awarded based on individuals competing in a tournament, including non-ASAC participants.
  4. An angler cannot place more than once in a category in any single tournament. Meaning, you can only place once at your highest level. Re: 1<sup>st</sup> place only, not 1<sup>st</sup> and third.
  5. Largest fish points: If there is a tie in an individual tournament, the tie will be broken by girth, if still a tie remains, both persons will be awarded the same points and the next place skipped. Example: (2) 20" blues tie for first there is no second, go to third. If there is a tie for the largest fish points on the year, the largest fish caught will break the tie.
  6. Most fish points: When anglers are tied in an individual tournament with the same number of fish points, the tie will be broken with total fish caught. Example: 5 fish for 60" verses 4 fish for 60" the 5 wins, but if 5 fish equal 60" and 4 fish equals 62" than the 4 fish win. Meaning all wins is by total inches, with number of fish only used to break ties.
  7. If in the Most fish category there is still a tie after both inches and fist caught are the same, then both individuals are awarded the same points and the next placement skipped.
- F. Prizes: All Champions will receive jackets inscribed as Champions of ASAC of the Executive Boards choosing, along with other gifts of the board's choice.
- G. Largest fish all tournaments: ASAC will present a jacket to the person with the largest fish caught during tournament fishing. Ties on the largest fish will be broken by girth, if unable co-winners will be awarded.
- H. ASAC will present plaques at the annual meeting for the first through fifth place teams for the year. ASAC will also award a plaque for the largest fish overall.

**Section 7. – Tournament Result Forms:**

- A. The key to successfully continuing these Championships is that clubs which run the fishing tournaments must accurately and promptly fill out the result forms and return with the team and individual waivers to the Secretary of ASAC within SEVEN days of the tournament.
- B. If tournament results are not received within 7 days, you will receive a warning letter from ASAC. If paperwork is still not received within thirty (30) days from warning letter, you will be on probation for the following season. If paperwork is not in by the first seven days of the following season, you will no longer be a host club. All financial obligations to ASAC are due in thirty days. All financial obligations not paid within in 30 days will be charged 1.5% interest per month if not paid in full by the next annual meeting.

**BY-LAW ARTICLE X**  
**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Section 1. -Purpose**

The Association of Surf Angling Clubs of New Jersey, Inc., a/k/a ASAC, shall establish an annual scholarship fund in the amount of \$1000.00. The scholarship shall be named "The Flo Pancoast Memorial Scholarship." There can be one or more awards per year in an amount to be determined by the ASAC Board of Directors but not to exceed \$1000.00. The recipient/recipients of the scholarship will be a

graduating senior that is a member of an ASAC club in good standing or has parents/guardians and/or a family member that is members of an ASAC club in good standing.

**Section 2. – Applicant Selection**

The applicant will submit the application provided by ASAC to the Scholarship committee. All required information must be submitted by the indicated submittal deadline. The applicant shall be a graduating high school senior entering a certified program in a college or technical school.

**Section 3. - Committee**

The scholarship committee will consist of 3 members selected by the Executive Board but not members of the executive board.