



ANCIENT CITY GAME FISH ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I GENERAL:

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Ancient City Game Fish Association, abbreviated (ACGFA).

Section 2: It shall be domiciled in St. Johns County, Florida.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE:

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To promote the sport of game fishing in this area.
- b. To do whatever is in our power to improve fishing grounds and facilities in the area.
- c. To encourage this sport as a recreation.
- d. To publicize generally the area as a superb fishing and recreational area.
- e. To keep the sport of game fishing ethical and to make its rules acceptable to the majority of anglers.
- f. To speak out against, and work to stop, any venture, practice or man-made projects which threaten to hurt the natural outdoor recreational advantages enjoyed by this area.
- g. To maintain and conserve our local fishery and all its resources.
- h. To promote education and encourage participation of young anglers.

ARTICLE III THE BOARD:

Section 1: The Board consists of three equally powered sub groups. These groups are to be known as the Officers, the Directors, and the Advisors.

Section 2: No action as described in Article II by or for the ACGFA, shall be taken until it is first approved by a majority vote of the Officers, Directors, and the Advisors.

Section 3: The Officers, the Directors, and the Advisors shall attend to all business policies

and shall act for the membership during the intervals between meetings in all matters within the scope of these bylaws.

Section 4: No one other than the President shall officially represent, speak, or write for the ACGFA unless first authorized to do so by the Board or the President in writing,

Section 5: Meetings of the Board shall be called as needed by the President or be called by two Officers or by any nine other members of the Board.

Section 6: A quorum of the Board shall consist of no less than two Officers, two Directors, and two Advisors.

Section 7: The polling or voting process shall occur in scheduled Board meeting. The polling or voting process shall be managed by the Officers.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS:

Section 1: Officers shall be: PRESIDENT- VICE PRESIDENT-SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 2: The President's vote will determine the Board's choice if a tie vote occurs.

Section 3: The Officers shall be elected each year by a majority of the members present at an election meeting.

Section 4: The election meeting will be designated by the Board and advertised for two consecutive months prior to the election meeting.

Section 5: Terms for Officers shall be one year but any Officer may be re-elected, without limit on the number of times.

Section 6: Any Officer who misses three consecutive meetings shall be relieved of the position if deemed necessary by the Board.

Section 7: A vacancy among the Officers shall be filled for the balance of the term by an appointment made by the Board.

ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS:

Section 1: The Directors shall consist of six members. One of which is the last past President willing to take this position.

Section 2: The remaining five Directors shall be elected each year by a majority of the members present at an election meeting.

Section 3: The monthly meeting will be designated by the Board and advertised two consecutive months

prior to the election meeting.

Section 4: Terms for Directors shall be one year but any Director may be re-elected, without limit on the number of times.

Section 5: Any Director who misses three consecutive meetings shall be relieved of the position if deemed necessary by the Board.

Section 6: A vacancy among the Directors shall be filled for the balance of the term by an appointment made by the Board.

ARTICLE VI. ADVISORS:

Section 1: The Advisors shall consist of five (5) Life Members willing to contribute to the club and selected by the existing Life Members for each club year.

Section 2: Life Members may participate as an advisor on the board with all voting privileges.

Section 3: Life Member is described in Article IX Section 5.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES:

Section 1: Ad Hoc Committees: The President shall appoint any committees and the proper chairmen for whatever purposes arising and for whatever terms necessary, subject to ratification by the Board.

Section 2: Standing Committees: TOURNAMENT-ENTERTAINMENT-MEMBERSHIP-PUBLICITY (includes promotion)-OFFSHORE IMPROVEMENT

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS:

Section 1: Regular monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place appointed by the President.

Section 2: Members shall be notified in advance of each meeting either by mail, email, or by publication.

Section 3: The business portions of meetings shall be conducted in a formal manner, with no extraneous talking allowed.

Section 4: A quorum for a membership meeting shall consist of no less than two officers and ten members.

Section 5: Special meetings of the membership shall be called by the Board or the President by written notice at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLES IX. MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: Dues for an individual membership shall be at a rate recommended by the Board and approved by majority vote of the membership at a regular monthly meeting.

Section 2: Dues for a family membership shall be at a rate recommended by the Board and approved by majority vote of the membership at a regular monthly meeting. Dependent children 18 years of age or younger are included under a family membership. Persons who attain their 19th birthday require their own membership.

Section 3: Membership shall be automatically dropped when due become one (1) month delinquent.

Section 4: Membership shall become due on December 1st and expire on November 30th each year. New members who join during the period from December 1st through June 30th shall pay full membership dues and new members who join during the period from July 1st through November 30th shall pay one-half the full membership dues. New members are defined as persons who have not been members for a twelve-month period.

Members who allow their membership to expire are not eligible for the one-half membership rate.

Section 5: Life membership: The Board may elect a person(s) to be designated as "Life Member". The basis for this membership is not clearly defined criteria or automatic, but is based on factors such as; outstanding performance, length of membership, offices held or committees worked, and/or their contributions to the club. Any club member may submit a written nomination of a person(s) for Board consideration. Once elected as life member, no dues are required and the member may participate in all club activities.

Section 6: Honorary membership: The Board may designate a person for this membership. This category is for persons or businesses that have performed a service for the club over a period of time or are of great value to the club. This membership is also available to the survivor of a deceased member. Any club member may submit a written nomination of a person(s) for Board consideration.

Once designated as an honorary member, no dues are required and the member may participate on all clubs' activities and will receive newsletters.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:

Section 1: Any suggestions for amendment of by-laws must be submitted in writing and read by the President or designee to the membership at two consecutive meetings after which the proposed Amendment may voted upon, any by-law amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE XI: BUDGETS:

Section 1: In the course of official duties, each Board member or committee chairman is allowed a budget not to exceed \$100. When this amount has been spent, said officer must request renewal of his budget at a board meeting.

Section 2: Chairman of all committees must submit, in writing, an estimate of costs of their projects. No funds may be spent for any project until the Board has approved the estimate of cost.

ARTICLE XII: TOURNAMENTS

Section 1: General:

- a. All fish must be caught by rod and reel (except for mullet) and must be in accordance with local fishing methods.
- b. Any fish caught in violation of Federal, State and/or county laws or regulations is ineligible for any tournament sponsored by this Association.

Section 2: Annual Club Members Tournaments:

- a. Will normally begin on December 1st and end on November 30th each year.
- b. Association Members under the age of 8 years will fish as "small -fry" and members 8 to 15 years will fish as "juniors". Members over 16 will be considered "Men" and "Women" for the tournaments. If a junior or small fry angler has a birthday which changes their category, he or she will continue to fish in the category he or she started in for the remainder of the fishing year (thru November 30th).
- c. Awards will normally be presented at the annual membership party.

Section 3: Tournaments Sponsored by the Association:

- a. Rules for sponsored tournaments shall be presented by the tournament committee in written form and approved by the Board.
- b. A copy of the rules should be made available by printed poster or written form to all entrants. Rules should include location(s) of weigh-in, period of fishing and prize structure.