



**Namibia Bass Angling Association Code of Ethics Form**

Since **SPORT ANGLING** is my chosen sport / hobby / pastime, certain responsibilities and standards are encumbered upon me as a member of the Namibian Bass Angling Association. To this end, I agree to abide by the following standards:

**ENVIRONMENT**

Angling is, of necessity, an **ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SPORT**. I therefore have a responsibility to ensure the future of the sport by maintaining a high standard of environmental ethics. These ethics include:

1. Agreement to keep waters used in pursuit of the sport, as well as associated riparian areas, pollution-free, and to report polluters to the proper authorities.
2. Agreement to control my harvest of fish in such a way as to sustain and improve the resource for future generations, and to encourage other resource-users to do likewise.
3. Agreement to respect all associated flora and fauna.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

Angling is in essence a **SPORT**, and therefore I have a responsibility to ensure that certain sporting ethics are maintained. These include:

1. Fishing in a way that is consistent with nationally and internationally accepted methods and ethics associated with the chosen discipline.
2. The return to the water any fish that are surplus to my immediate needs.
3. Showing respect and consideration to other anglers and water users.
4. In competition, to fish in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the competition, and to fish in such a way as to be exemplary to other anglers, especially juniors.
5. In view of fairness and good sportsmanship it is not deemed appropriate to share information on the day of the competition with other anglers in terms of fishing conditions, fishing areas, successful baits or other information that might be of advantage in terms of fishing on the day of the competition.

**PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS THE NBAA AND FELLOW MEMBERS**

1. I will abide to the Constitution and all other associated Rules and Regulations of the NBAA
2. I will respect all rules, motions and decisions taken legitimately by the Executive Management Committee and / Executive Committee or determined by majority vote on AGM or any other special Meeting, abide and adhere to these. Thus, I will NOT challenge any decision taken by the NBAA **in public** but will approach my Chapter Leader to dissolve any matter which grieves me or causes unhappiness.
3. I will NOT bring the NBAA into disgrace by acting in such a way, which can harm the wellbeing or unity of the Association or hamper its activities. Instead, I will promote and contribute in a positive way.
4. I will respect and consider my fellow anglers and act responsibly, with integrity and in good Sportsman ship at all times.
5. I have a responsibility to promote Bass angling wherever possible to ensure the future thereof.

I understand that failure to comply with the above standards and **CODE OF ETHICS** may result in my membership being terminated, and that this will terminate my affiliation to the NBAA & NFFA.

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**Name**

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**Signature**

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**Region (Full Name of Region)**

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**Date**