Arizona Crappie Association (AZCA)

Bylaws for the AZCA

(Revision: 10/24/2026)

ARTICLE 1 – Name/ History and Purpose

Section 1: Name and History

This club shall be called the "Arizona Crappie Association" (AZCA). The AZCA was originally formed as a chapter of the American Crappie Association (ACA) in March of 2007. In April of 2008 the AZCA split from the ACA and became an independent club with no corporate affiliations.

Amendment A: The Club may become a LLC, Non-Profit or other type of corporation if it is deemed necessary by the current President for the growth and protection of the Arizona Crappie Association. The current President or a member appointed by the President may also solicit sponsorship from other corporate or non-corporate sources for raffle prizes and/or gifts for club members and events. However, if the club is to in any way incorporate; it must stand alone as its own entity and not merge with any other business or corporation.

Section 2: Purpose

- Bring public awareness of crappie fishing as a major fishing sport
- Assist state conservation departments with our organization's moral and political support
- Promote to the fullest the adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and help protect those standards by detecting and reporting any polluter and call public and political attention to any crime.
- Improve our skill(s) as crappie anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert crappie-catching techniques and ideas
- Promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.
- Hold two open Crappie Fishing Tournaments a year
- Promote and practice the immediate release of all Crappie caught under 10" in total length.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1: Requirement for Membership

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

- Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership
- Regularly attend meetings either in person or on the internet
- Occasionally volunteer to assist with club functions
- Keep annual dues current

Section 2: Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be $40 for individuals and $25 for spouses, paid annually. Youth members (minor children or grandchildren) are free. Memberships run from April to April. For new members joining after October 1st, dues shall be $25 for individuals and $15 for spouses.

Section 3: Meetings of Members

The club will hold meetings at the Spring Crappie Fest and the Bob Hirsch Crappie Classic events. Ad-hok meetings may also be scheduled throughout the year depending on member availability. All meetings are open to the public and are for members and non-members to attend.

The club president may grant any member who has gone above and beyond to assist the growth of the AZCA with the honor of being a "life member". Life members not required to pay dues. This must be confirmed by membership with a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE III - Officers, Elections, Vacancies, & Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the club shall consist of:

- **President (elected)**: Preside over all meetings and directs all official business, solicit sponsorship and appoint a Secretary/ Treasurer, Membership Director, Tournament Director or any other officers needed to help with club business. All officer appointments by the president must approved by membership by a majority vote.

- **Vice President/ President Elect (elected)**: Assist the president in his duties, preside in the absence of the president and submit an accurate report to the President of meeting minutes and attendance. It is assumed but
  not required that the Vice President will run for President after their term as Vice President is over

- **Secretary/ Treasurer (appointed)**: Manage the club treasury, maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. Any and all expenses paid including but not limited to vendors or club members for supplies must be approved by the club president.

- **Membership Director (appointed)**: Maintain and provide to the President an accurate list of current members and their personal information. Handle new member inquires and assist in new membership drives.

- **Tournament Director (appointed)**: Work with the president on and oversee all club tournaments, including handling and accounting for entry fees paid and winner pay outs. Maintain and provide to the President an accurate record of all tournament entries, pay outs and over all results. Assist the President in soliciting sponsorship.

- **IT Director (appointed):** Provide and maintain our club website. Any costs of domain name or server will be paid with club funds.

- **Special Projects Director (appointed):** Work with the club president, VP and membership on projects such as but not limited to conservation and public appearances at events that are linked to outdoor sports.

It is important to note that appointed offices may change depending on what the club president and VP feel they need as for their cabinet to operate and improve the club.

- **Founder (granted):** The title of "Founder" has been granted to William F. Eveland (Piscolli) for his efforts in organizing and starting the AZCA. The Club Founder represents the club as a liaison with matters such as but not limited to public appearances, efforts with conservation, fund raising and/ or membership drives. The Club Founder is not an administrator or authority figure. Therefore any efforts the Club Founder makes on behave of the AZCA are to be coordinated with the club president and approved by membership.

Section 2: Elections
The election of the president and vice president shall be held annually at the Spring Crappie Fest event meeting. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Confirmation for each appointed officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote
Each full member present at the time of the vote is entitled to one vote. Youth members can not vote and proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office
The term office is for one year, which shall begin at the Spring Crappie Fest event meeting, or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: Vacancies
In the event the President must leave office early, the Vice President would assume the office of the President. In the event of another office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office
To be eligible for any elected office a member must:
- Be a full member (no youth members).
- Have a current membership app on file and all dues must be current.
- Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

To be eligible for any appointed office a member must:
- Be appointed by the club president at any time during the president's term

Section 7: Member assistance

With permission from the president, club officers can solicit club members for help on their duties or special projects.

ARTICLE IV - Removal of Membership

Section 1: Removal of Membership
A member can be dropped from the membership roll for the following:
- Failure to pay dues, unless said dues are waived by a member vote due to special circumstances
- Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the AZCA
- Disqualification for any reason from participating in AZCA sponsored events.

ARTICLE V - Method of Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws
The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership.

ARTICLE VI - Club Meetings and Events

Section 1: How to Attend a Meeting or Event

Meetings are held at the Spring Crappie Fest and Bob Hirsch Crappie Classic events. Because our club is statewide we do not expect all members to physically attend all meetings. Members can also "attend" virtual meeting through our private internet forum or private social media page. After each meeting the subjects discussed will be posted in our forum and social media page. Members will have one week from that time to log on, let it be known that they have logged on and give their input on each subject. However, any voting on officers or amendments must be done by physically attending a meeting.

We, the undersigned club members, do hereby agree to the above bylaws of this club on the 24th day of October, 2026.