

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- 1. CHARTER CLUBS** - The following clubs shall be known as Charter Clubs so long as they continue membership in the Association:
  - Chicago Angling & Casting Club (Formerly Chicago Fly Casting Club)
  - Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club (Formerly San Francisco Fly Casting Club)
  - Cincinnati Casting Club
- 2. MEMBER CLUBS** - Any organized angling or casting club or any organization promoting angling and casting as a recreational activity in the geographical areas listed in Article II, Section 1 may, upon application, and meeting all requirements and obligations, be admitted to membership as a Member Club in this Association. Member Clubs of the Association shall have voting rights at the Annual Meeting.
- 3. CLUB MEMBERS** - Members in good standing of Member Clubs in good standing with the Association shall be known as Club Members and shall be eligible to serve on committees and hold office in the Association.
- 4. STATE ASSOCIATIONS** - Member Clubs in good standing within a state may organize a State Association and affiliate with the ACA. There shall be no more than one State Association from each state. A State Association shall adopt rules for its government and it shall be known as the "(name of state) Casting Association."
- 5. DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS** - Member Clubs in good standing in adjoining states may organize a District Association and affiliate with the ACA. There shall be no more than one District Association from each group of states. A District Association shall adopt rules for its government and shall be known as the "(name of district) Casting Association."
- 6. ASSOCIATE MEMBER** - A corporation or other business organization may, upon application, and meeting all requirements and obligations be admitted to membership as an Associate Member. An Associate Member shall be listed in the program of the Annual Tournament and Meeting as a donor, shall be entitled to one product ad each year in the official publication of the Association, and shall have no voting rights at the Annual Meeting.
- 7. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER** - An individual may upon application and meeting all requirements and obligations be admitted to membership in the Association as an Individual Member. Such members are eligible to serve on committees or to hold office, but shall have no voting rights at the Annual Meeting unless otherwise qualified.
- 8. LIFE MEMBER** - An Individual Member may become a Life Member at any time after a continuous period of membership as an Annual Member of five (5) years and the payment of an amount as set forth in Article IV. An individual may upon application and meeting all requirements and obligations be admitted to membership in the Association as a Life Member, upon submittal of the one time dues payment as specified in Article IV. A Life Member shall be eligible to serve on committees and to hold office in the Association and shall be a delegate - at - large at the Annual Meeting.
- 9. HONORARY MEMBER** - To be eligible for Honorary Membership, one must have attained a significant achievement in at least one of the following categories:
  - A) The propagation of game fish
  - B) Angling or casting literature
  - C) An authority on angling or piscatorial subjects
  - D) The maintenance of a high standard of sportsmanship
  - E) Otherwise contributed to the welfare of the angling and casting fraternity. Honorary Membership is bestowed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Executive Committee, after an individual has been nominated in writing, by a Club Member, Member Club, Individual Member, or Life Member. Honorary Members shall be excluded from the payment of dues, but shall not be eligible to serve on committees or hold office, and shall have no voting rights at the Annual Meeting unless otherwise qualified.
- 10. CASTING HALL OF FAME AND ACA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** - To be eligible for the Casting Hall of Fame one must have attained outstanding achievement in or outstanding service to the sport of tournament casting on a National level. To be eligible for the ACA Distinguished Service Award one must have provided outstanding service to the sport of tournament casting on a local or

regional level. Only present or former members of the Association shall be eligible for either award. To achieve an award a candidate must be nominated in writing by a Club Member, Member Club, Individual Member or Life Member to the Executive Secretary no less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall decide which, if either, award is appropriate for the candidate. If a majority of the Executive Committee approves an award, the nomination will be placed before the delegates at an Annual Meeting. Membership in the Casting Hall of Fame or the achievement of an ACA Distinguished Service Award is bestowed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at an Annual Meeting.

- 11. AUTHORITY AND DISCIPLINE** - As a condition of membership, all individuals and organization shall conform with the provisions of the Constitution, By Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Association. A membership may be suspended or revoked by the Executive Committee if a member fails to conform. If a membership is suspended or revoked for any reason other than nonpayment of dues, that member shall have the right of appeal to the delegates at the next Annual Meeting. The action of the delegates at such an appeal shall be binding.

## ARTICLE IV DUES

- 1. MEMBER CLUB DUES** - The annual dues for each Member Club shall be \$50.00.
- 2. STATE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DUES** - The annual dues for each State and District Association shall be \$10.00.
- 3. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DUES** - The annual dues for an Individual Member shall be \$25.00.
- 4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES** - The annual dues for an Associate Member shall be \$100.00.
- 5. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES** - An individual may become a Life Member by a one-time dues payment of \$250.00.
- 6. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND** - The Life Membership Fund shall be used only as directed by the Executive Committee. At the time of the final dissolution of the Association, the Life Membership Fund shall be divided equally among the Life Members.
- 7. PAYMENT DATE** - All dues are payable in January of each year. New members in any grade admitted to membership before October 1st shall pay dues or fees for that calendar year. If admitted to membership after that date, the dues or fees shall apply to the following calendar year.
- 8. MEMBERSHIP FEE** - One year's dues shall constitute the membership fee and must accompany an application for membership.
- 9. ARREARS** - Any member who is two months in arrears in the payment of dues shall be considered to be not in good standing. Any member not in good standing shall not be entitled to representation or to vote at the Annual Meeting and may have their membership suspended or revoked by the Executive Committee at any Annual Meeting.
- 10. VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL** - Any member in good standing may withdraw from the Association upon written notice to the Executive Secretary. No dues or fees shall be refunded upon a voluntary withdrawal.
- 11. FORFEITURE OF INTEREST** - Any member that voluntarily withdraws or whose membership is revoked shall forfeit all interest in the Association. If membership is suspended all interest in the Association shall be forfeited for the period of suspension.
- 12. DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY AND ASSETS** - At the time of final dissolution of the Association its property and assets, except for the Life Membership Fund, shall be distributed among the member clubs in good standing at the time of dissolution. This distribution shall be on a pro-rated basis determined by the number of clubs and the consecutive years of membership that each club has maintained in the Association.
- 13. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS** - The Executive Committee may levy special assessments upon member clubs. However, in any one calendar year special assessments shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the annual dues. The Executive Committee shall be the sole judge of what constitutes good cause.
- 14. REVISION OF DUES** - Dues may be revised by the Executive Committee not more than once in a calendar year. Any such revision must be ratified by the delegates at the next Annual Meeting before becoming permanent.

**15. FILING OF ROSTERS** - Each Member Club, currently with the payment of annual dues, shall provide the Executive Secretary with an up to date roster containing the name and address of each individual member. Such list shall not be released or otherwise made public except by the special authorization of the Executive Committee.