



STONEWALL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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GENERAL

The Stonewall Rifle and Pistol Club is a non-profit social club organized to promote the lawful ownership and safe use of all types of firearms. The Stonewall Rifle and Pistol Club is nondiscriminatory and is committed to providing an equal opportunity for all.

Any U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older without criminal record is eligible for membership in the Stonewall Rifle and Pistol Club. Membership in the National Rifle Association is required for Club membership.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Membership is limited to 180 members as set forth in the bylaws. Properly completed membership applications will be accepted, dated, and time stamped by the club secretary only at scheduled board of directors and general membership meetings. Applications will be retained until the prospective member no longer indicates a desire to join the club. The club secretary will provide each prospective member a copy of these requirements for membership and a copy of the calendar of events. Each prospective member will be encouraged to participate in events open to the public and / or to accompany a member as a guest so that club members will have an opportunity to get to know the prospective member and observe first hand their handling of firearms. The names of prospective members with applications on file will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and will be published in the club newsletter in order to solicit input from the current membership. As an opening for a new member becomes available, the prospective member with the earliest application on file will be notified via a letter from the club secretary. This notification will include an invitation to attend a meeting with the board of directors, the prospective member, and the sponsors for an interview.

Candidates for membership must be sponsored by three members of the Club each of whom has been a member in good standing for at least one year. Each sponsor must be able to personally vouch for the character and fitness for membership of the prospective member. Club members must not sponsor a prospective member based on second hand information or simply the lack of any knowledge why a prospective member should not be approved for membership. Sponsors may be contacted by a board member to verify their first hand knowledge of the prospective member. New members will not be admitted until they have become well known to at least their three sponsors.

Each prospective member and sponsors will be interviewed by the Board of Directors in a closed meeting and then excused prior to further discussion and a vote by the Board of Directors. Prospective members will be admitted upon a two thirds vote of approval by a quorum of the Board of Directors. Each prospective member will be notified by mail of the Board of Directors' decision. The prospective member must be accompanied at the interview by at least one of his or her three sponsors who must be able to verify from first hand observations that the prospective member handles firearms safely. Rejected applicants will be given, upon request, an opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors to review the reasons for rejection.

New members must be oriented on Club operations by a member approved by the board of directors prior to issuance of a club membership card. Orientation on the use of the trap machines may be waived by those not wishing access to the trap houses.

Upon approval, a one-time \$250.00 initiation fee will be required along with applicable dues. The initiation fee and dues must be received within 30 days of notification of acceptance. Failure to pay within this time will result in an automatic rescission of the offer of membership. Dues are currently \$225.00 per Club year which starts November 1 and ends October 31. An applicant accepted for membership prior to May 1 is required to pay the full dues for that year; if accepted on or after May 1, dues are discounted as tabulated below. The dues discount for voluntary service as described in the dues

payment section does apply to new members and to those over age 65 at the time of joining the club. The \$250.00 initiation fee must be added to the amounts tabulated below. The dues and initiation fee will not be accepted prior to membership approval.

Month	Under 65	Over 65
November - April	\$225.00	\$125.00
May	\$120.00	\$60.00
June	\$100.00	\$50.00
July	\$80.00	\$40.00
August	\$60.00	\$30.00
September	\$40.00	\$20.00
October	\$20.00	\$10.00

DUES PAYMENT

Bills for annual dues will be mailed in time for delivery by September 1 and are due upon receipt. Dues are payable without penalty not later than November 1. Dues are currently \$225.00 per year and will be discounted by \$100.00 (dues reduced from \$225.00 to \$125.00 per year) for:

1. Members over age 65
2. Officers and members of the Board of Directors
3. Members participating in any one or more workdays
4. Shooting committee chairmen
5. Member making a contribution comparable to participation in a workday
6. Members unable to participate in workdays due to physical limitations
7. Members with special considerations as reviewed and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors

Members qualifying for a dues discount due to either of the last two reasons listed above are required to notify the club secretary who will either approve the discount or review with the board of directors.

Payment after November 1 through December 1 will incur a late payment charge of \$10.00.

Payment will be accepted for only one year at a time. Advanced payment for multiple years will not be accepted.

Renewal dues will not be accepted after December 1. Anyone failing to pay by then will be dropped. Terminated members may not use the Club facilities except as the guest of a member subject to guidelines applicable to guests, or when participating in events open to the public.

DATE OF POSTMARK WILL DETERMINE DATE OF PAYMENT. No extension of time will be granted.

After expiration of membership for any reason, rejoining the Club will require a new application in accordance with admission of new members section above.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, dues requirements may be waived and lifetime memberships granted to those members who have been Club members for 10 years or more and have contributed outstanding service to the Club.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, dues requirements may be waived and honorary memberships granted to individuals who have made significant contributions to the club. Unlike lifetime memberships, honorary memberships are granted for a limited period of time as deemed appropriate. The initiation fee shall be waived for non members who are offered an honorary membership.

Lifetime and honorary memberships shall be reserved for exceptional cases only.

EXPULSION

A member may be expelled for cause at any time by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors which must inform the member in writing of the reason for expulsion. Reasons may include, but are not limited to, actions on Club grounds which are dangerous, illegal, immoral, repulsive, destructive, and/or generally unacceptable or in violation of Club rules. Such behavior need not be that of the member alone, but attributable to members of his or her family or guests who may be on the premises. No dues will be refunded to an expelled member, nor may he be permitted on the premises.

USE OF FACILITIES

Use of the club facilities is limited to scheduled events and to informal shooting and social gatherings only by members and their family members or guests as defined in these membership requirements. All other uses require approval by the board of directors. Examples of uses requiring board approval include but are not limited to events open to the public or to groups of nonmembers. If in doubt, members should request approval from the board of directors.

Rejected prospective members and expelled members are barred from the club's property. This includes, but is not limited to, being present as a guest of a member or as a participant in a shooting event.

Families of members may use all facilities at member rates and subject to these guidelines, except that no family member may be on the premises unless accompanied and supervised by the member. The member is responsible and accountable for the actions of his or her family members.

Family is defined as spouse, child under 21, spouse of such child, brother, sister, nephew or niece, under 21 and living in the household of which the member is head. Grandchildren under age 21 qualify regardless of residence as do full time students living in the household of a member who is head of such house. Age limitations are not applicable to qualified students.

All shooting must stop between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. as this is a grandfathered requirement which must be strictly observed by all members and guests. Violation could shut us down. Shooting hours on Sundays only are further restricted to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as a consideration to our neighbors.

Dogs will be permitted on the club property only if kept on a leash or in a vehicle. Dogs shall not be allowed to run loose or to enter the clubhouse.

Use of any of the ranges during a scheduled shooting event will be at the discretion of the director of the scheduled shooting event. It is recommended that members wishing to use the range for informal shooting during a scheduled event contact the shooting director prior to making the trip to the range. Refer to the current list of shooting committees for contacts.

The use of explosive targets and the use of glass objects as targets are prohibited due to the potential hazards associated with these.

Specific rules for the rifle, pistol, and trap ranges are in the attached Standard Operating Procedures and Safety Rules. These rules apply to both scheduled and informal, unscheduled use of the ranges.

FEES

Fees for shooting are included in the Calendar of Events and are subject to change at any time by action of the Board. Guest fees for trap are higher than member fees except that, under reciprocal agreement, members of all local gun clubs that allow Stonewall members to shoot at their member rates may shoot trap at Stonewall member rates. All fees are to be remitted promptly to the Treasurer.

GUESTS

Guests must always be accompanied by a member. A guest is defined as a friend or known acquaintance of the member. The member is responsible and accountable for the actions of his or her guests. Shooting guest visits are limited in number to 8 visits per year. More frequent shooting guests should apply for membership. This does not apply to prospective club members with a membership application on file or to participants in events open to the public or to Shenandale Gun Club members shooting trap, rifles, or pistols as a guest of a Stonewall member as long as the reciprocal agreement between Stonewall and Shenandale is in effect.

Under no circumstances may a member divulge the combination of the lock on the gate or to the Clubhouse to a non-member.

MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

With the exception of scheduled events open to the public and the limited use by family members and guests as defined in these requirements for membership, Stonewall is a club for members only. Due to the size and changing makeup of the club's membership, members will frequently encounter unknown individuals on the club's premises. Each member has the right, and is encouraged, to discreetly and tactfully inquire regarding an unknown person's use of the club facilities.

Unauthorized individuals using the club's facilities must have the private nature of the club explained to them and be requested to leave.

Each member must carry his or her membership card while on the premises and show the card on request. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or expulsion from the club by the board of directors.

RANGE SPECIFIC RULES

Attached to and made a part of these requirements for membership are Standard Operating Procedure & Safety Rules for the trap, pistol, and rifle ranges. Current dates for each are:

Rifle Range	October 2, 2017
Pistol Range	October 2, 2017
Trap Range	October 2, 2017

EXPENDITURES

As set forth in the bylaws, all expenditures require prior approval of the board of directors. At the discretion of the board of directors, members of the board of directors and committee chairpersons may be preauthorized to spend a maximum amount in the performance of their duties. Currently recommended preauthorization limits are \$500.00 each for the secretary and maintenance committee chairperson, an amount comparable to previous expenditures for the treasurer for payment of routine recurring expenses, and \$200.00 each for all other members of the board of directors and for each of the shoot committee chairpersons.

All expenditures of \$10.00 or more will require a receipt prior to reimbursement. Receipts will be preferred but not required for expenditures less than \$10.00. Expenditures less than \$10.00 without a receipt will require a written explanation prior to reimbursement.

LOST AND FOUND

Personal items found left on club property shall be taken home by the member finding the item who will also post a found notice on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse with only a general description of the item and the name and telephone number of the contact.

The person who lost the item will have it returned only after providing a detailed description.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLUB DOCUMENTS

General club documents shall be distributed by the secretary as follows:

1. Paper membership cards and dues invoices shall be mailed to all members via USPS.
2. All other documents shall be emailed to those members who have provided email addresses.
3. Paper copies of all other documents shall be mailed via USPS by request only to those members who do not have email accounts.

CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

These membership requirements may be revised at any time by a two thirds approval of a quorum of the Board of Directors. The current date of these membership requirements is December 4, 2017. They supersede membership requirements dated October 2, 2017.

By Order of Board of Directors,

Frank G. Pitchford, President

STONEWALL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.
RIFLE RANGE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE & SAFETY RULES

REVISED OCTOBER 2, 2017

1. Firing at targets on the west (right) side of the range into the bank is generally always safe. When firing toward the targets on the west (right) side of the rifle range, do **not** place targets directly on the ground. Bullets can ricochet off the hard ground / rocks endangering persons on the adjoining property.
2. Firing at the 200 yard target on the west (right) side of the range into the bank is restricted throughout the year, not just during the hunting seasons, to the 15 benches on the east end of the rifle range. These benches are identified with orange paint on the rear supports.
3. Firing directly downrange (south) shall not be done during hunting season (October 1 through January 31, except on Sundays) because the National Forest area directly behind our range is accessible to hunters and campers from other directions. Never fire above the berms at any time.
4. For the same reason, firing directly downrange is also prohibited during the spring turkey season. This season generally runs from mid April through mid May and the ending time of day varies. There may also be a separate day set aside for youth only. Shooting downrange on the rifle range during spring turkey season is prohibited only during those hours that hunters are allowed in the woods. The dates and hours vary each year. It shall be each member's responsibility to check with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to obtain this information for the current year.
5. Normally, all shooting is done from the concrete pad. In order for a shooter to fire from a position in front of the concrete pad, all shooting from positions back of the shooter who is furthest forward must stop and all guns to the rear must be unloaded. This applies to the entire length of the rifle range.
6. The rifle range alarm system shall be used whenever a person is downrange. The alarm system consists of an initial audible alarm and a number of flashing lights placed at strategic locations spread over the entire range. The flashing lights remain on until all individuals have returned from downrange and the switch has been turned off. The switch for the alarm system is mounted on a post at the rifle range scorekeeper's box. It shall be the responsibility of each individual going downrange to make sure that all individuals on the rifle range firing line have been informed that someone is going downrange and that the alarm system has been turned on. Do not simply turn on the alarm system and assume others will notice and that it will be safe to go downrange. Conversely, it will be the responsibility of each shooter to make sure that no one is downrange prior to shooting.
7. During informal unscheduled use of both the rifle range and trap fields, trips downrange on the rifle range must not interrupt a round of trap shooting. As a courtesy to the trap shooters, trips downrange shall be made between rounds of trap or when there is a pause in trap shooting.
8. All guns shall be open, unloaded, and in racks or on benches when targets are being tended or when anyone is downrange for any reason.
9. Never shoot at or near stanchions, support pipes, or other equipment downrange or toward benches, building, or road.
10. Place targets in such a way that you do not shoot the target frames. Place no objects on top of frames to shoot at as this will almost always result in damaged frames. If you damage a target frame, please repair it in consideration for the next person.
11. Cans, plastic jugs, etc. used as targets shall be cleaned up after each use. In addition to trashing the range, these can damage mowing equipment.
12. Steel targets must be placed no closer than 25 yards from the shooter or others present. This is because bullets impacting steel targets fragment. Most fragments fly out radially from the point of impact but some pieces fly forward and others come back toward the shooter.
13. All targets fastened to the target boards and loose pieces of the target boards shall be removed and placed in the provided trash receptacles upon completion of shooting.
14. Above all, **NEVER SHOOT AT BOTTLES OR GLASS CONTAINERS!!** Doing so is about the quickest way to lose your membership if you are seen engaging in this dangerous practice.

15. The use of clay targets is prohibited on the rifle range.
16. Use of the rifle range must be coordinated with use of the pistol and trap ranges such that all shooting on all ranges has stopped when targets are tended downrange on the rifle range. It is the responsibility of any individual needing to go downrange to make sure that shooters on both the trap and pistol ranges have been properly notified.
17. Eye and ear protection is recommended on the firing lines when in use. Since it is not feasible for the club's officers, directors, or shooting committee members to enforce this recommendation, this must be an individual responsibility. Each person shall indemnify from liability the club and any and all members for any eye or ear damage resulting from the failure to use the proper personal protective equipment. THIS IS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF THE RANGE.
18. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited and is grounds for expulsion.
19. During sight in day, only one live round of ammunition shall be loaded at a time.
20. When moving any firearm from or to the firing line, the action must be open and the firearm unloaded. The muzzle must be pointed in a safe direction. A "safe direction" is defined as: down range or, in the event that direction is not clear, the muzzle must be pointed up. NO EXCEPTIONS.
21. Keep the firearm unloaded until given the command to "load", "commence firing" or other appropriate range command.
22. When the firing line is "hot", firing has begun or is about to begin. No one is allowed on the cement pad except the participants of that relay. The only exceptions are for an adult to help a junior shooter or new shooter and the range safety officers. These safety officers are there to help in an unsafe or emergency situation.
23. There will be no horseplay at or on the firing line at any time.
24. There shall be no alcoholic beverage consumed on the range grounds nor will anyone found to be drinking prior to arriving be allowed to participate in any shoot. Alcohol and guns don't mix.
25. If anyone has a mis-fire, hang fire, or squib load, these rules must be followed:
 - a) Raise your hand to get the attention of a range safety officer or the range control officer and remain at your bench until someone assists you. Do not open the action.
 - b) When a safety officer arrives, there will be a 30 second countdown before opening the action. This rule must be followed for the safety of all shooters on the line and behind it.
 - c) If anyone has a squib load, the barrel must be checked for any obstruction. This, again, is a must for everyone's safety.
26. If you finish shooting before the time is called, remain seated and quiet, as to not distract any other shooters. After all firing is ceased or time is exhausted, then you are free to remove your firearm and equipment from the firing line.
27. If the command "cease firing" is given by anyone, stop firing immediately, remove magazine, and make your gun safe (action open and pointed down range), and step back from the firing line, so the problem or emergency can be taken care of.
28. When people are down range, do not handle your firearm.
29. In the event of an emergency, the telephone is located inside the clubhouse beside the refrigerator.
30. A first aid kit is located in the clubhouse by the bathroom door.
31. Please be safe and show courtesy while other shooters are on the line. Remember, we are all here to compete and have a good time. Let's do it safely.
32. Never forget the 3 NRA basic safety rules:
 - a) Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.

- b) Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
- c) Never load your firearm until you are ready to use.

STONEWALL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.
PISTOL RANGE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE & SAFETY RULES

REVISED OCTOBER 2, 2017

1. The pistol range is open year around and is not closed during the various hunting seasons. The 50 yard berm is the primary backstop and targets shall be placed accordingly. Targets and portable target frames must be placed such that bullets impact inside the berm down from the very top where the berm is thin.
2. Use of the pistol range is limited to handguns, shotgun patterning, and to plain lead bullets, either cast or swaged, with or without gas checks, in rifles. This includes both smokeless and black powder propellants and both muzzle and breech loaded firearms. Jacketed bullets in conventional handgun cases fired in handguns are also allowed. Jacketed bullets in rifles (both smokeless and blackpowder) and jacketed bullets in bottleneck rifle cases fired in handguns are not allowed on the pistol range. These must be fired only on the rifle range. The patterning board must be used for shotgun patterning. The wooden target frames are too easily damaged if used for shotgun patterning.
3. All guns shall be holstered or open, unloaded, and on benches when targets are being tended.
4. Never shoot at or near stanchions, support pipes, or other equipment downrange or toward benches, building, or road. Targets shall not be placed directly on the target frame bases or directly on the target frames.
5. Place targets in such a way that you do not shoot the target frames. Place no objects on top of frames to shoot at as this will almost always result in damaged frames. If you damage a target frame, please repair it in consideration for the next person.
6. Targets of any type including the portable target frames shall not be placed closer than 25 yards from the benches on the firing line. Shooting at closer ranges must be done by moving closer to the targets, not by moving the targets closer to the existing pistol firing line. This is necessary in order to prevent ricocheting bullets from endangering shooters on the trap fields or the rifle range.
7. The use of clay targets on the pistol range is restricted to the area inside the horseshoe berm. Shooters must provide their own clay targets and not gather these from the area in front of the trap houses as being in this area can be hazardous. Clay targets used on the pistol range must not be placed on the target frames in such a way that the target frames may be damaged.
8. The use of steel targets on the pistol range is restricted to the area inside the horseshoe berm. Steel targets must be placed no closer than 25 yards from the shooter or others present. This is because bullets impacting steel targets fragment. Most fragments fly out radially from the point of impact but some pieces fly forward and others come back toward the shooter.
9. All speed shooting including action shooting, drawing and shooting from holsters, etc. must be done from areas in front of the concrete pad. All shooting of this type must also be done in such a manner that bullets impact inside the berm down from the very top where the berm is thin. Only slow, deliberate shooting is allowed from shooting positions on the concrete pad and under the roof. This is required to prevent damage to the concrete pad and building structure.
10. Do **not** place targets directly on the ground when using the pistol range. Bullets can ricochet off the hard ground / rocks endangering persons on the adjoining property or elsewhere on the range.
11. Cans, plastic jugs, etc. used as targets shall be cleaned up after each use. In addition to trashing the range, these can damage mowing equipment.
12. All targets fastened to the target boards and loose pieces of the target boards shall be removed and placed in the provided trash receptacles upon completion of shooting.
13. All target frames and bases shall be returned to their designated storage area upon completion of shooting. The current storage area is adjacent to the east side (toward the creek) of the trap target storage building. The shooting area from the front edge of the concrete pad to the 50 yard berm shall remain clear of all targets, trash, etc. except during the times the pistol range is in use.
14. Above all, **NEVER SHOOT AT BOTTLES OR GLASS CONTAINERS!!** Doing so is about the quickest way to lose your membership if you are seen engaging in this dangerous practice.

15. Use of the #2 trap field and the pistol range at the same time is prohibited. Use of the #2 trap field and the pistol range may be coordinated so that they may be used alternately by members agreeing to do so. If no agreement can be reached, the first user has priority.
16. The pistol range from the wall to the berm shall not be accessed when the #2 trap field is being used.
17. Use of the pistol range must be stopped when the rifle range warning system is activated.
18. Eye and ear protection is recommended on the firing lines when in use. Since it is not feasible for the club's officers, directors, or shooting committee members to enforce this recommendation, this must be an individual responsibility. Each person shall indemnify from liability the club and any and all members for any eye or ear damage resulting from the failure to use the proper personal protective equipment. *THIS IS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF THE RANGE.*
19. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited and is grounds for expulsion.
20. The chain between the barrier wall and the storage building shall be fastened when the pistol range is not in use and shall be unfastened and let down when the pistol range is in use. This serves as an indicator that someone is using the pistol range.

STONEWALL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.
TRAP RANGE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE & SAFETY RULES

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1. The trap ranges shall be used as follows:
 - a. The #1 trap field can be used anytime except when the rifle range warning system is activated.
 - b. Use of the #2 trap field and the pistol range at the same time is prohibited. Use of the #2 trap field and the pistol range may be coordinated so that they may be used alternately by members agreeing to do so. If no agreement can be reached, the first user has priority.
 - c. The #2 trap house shall not be accessed when the pistol range is in use.
 - d. The #2 trap field shall not be used when the rifle range warning system is activated.
2. No one is to operate the trap unless properly instructed and approved to do so by the Board of Directors. Improper use of the trap can result in expensive damage to the trap and serious personal injury. After using the trap, the machine shall be restocked with targets, the throwing arm released, and the power turned off. The light inside the trap house shall be turned off and the door locked. The power switch on the voice call shall be turned off to avoid running the battery down.
3. The lock combination for the trap houses will be changed every two years in even numbered years in January when the gate and club house lock combinations are changed. Refresher training will be required in order to receive the new combination. At the discretion of the trap committee, the refresher training requirement may be waived for specific members having a demonstrated knowledge of the trap machines. The trap committee chairperson or his / her designee will provide the training. It is the responsibility of each member wishing access to the trap houses to schedule their training. Only the trainers shall be allowed to give others the combination to the trap house locks. Members who have received the refresher training shall not give the combination to other members.
4. No one other than those with authorized access to the trap houses shall be allowed inside of the houses or in front of the houses with the trap machines running unless under the direct in person supervision of someone with authorized access to the trap houses.
5. Shotguns shall be open at all times unless in a gun rack or standing on the shooting post / position.
6. Do not change shooting post / position with a live round in the chamber.
7. Always walk behind the other shooters when going from post / position five to post / position one.
8. When shooting singles or handicap, only one live round is permitted at a time.
9. When shooting doubles, no more than two live rounds are permitted at a time.
10. When anyone needs to attend to the trap house during a round, all shooters must unload their shotguns prior to anyone walking in front of the shooters.
11. The red flag must be up on the trap house while the trap house is being tended and at all others times when no shooting is in progress.
12. Eye and ear protection is recommended on the firing lines when in use. Since it is not feasible for the club's officers, directors, or shooting committee members to enforce this recommendation, this must be an individual responsibility. Each person shall indemnify from liability the club and any and all members for any eye or ear damage resulting from the failure to use the proper personal protective equipment. *THIS IS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF THE RANGE.*
13. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited and is grounds for expulsion.
14. The trap shooting fee for practice shooting by guests is currently \$3.00 per round (25 targets) vs. \$2.50 for members. Youth (less than 18 years old) rates are one half adult rates. (When rates change for members, the guest rate will carry a \$0.50 premium and you should be guided accordingly.) Members of all local gun clubs that allow Stonewall members to shoot at their member rates may shoot trap at Stonewall member rates.