



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 restriction in our deed 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	September 12, 2011
Pistol Range	August 1, 2011
Trap Range	July 11, 2011

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.

CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

These membership requirements may be revised at any time by the Board of Directors. The current date of these membership requirements is September 5, 2016. They supersede membership requirements dated June 6, 2016.

By Order of Board of Directors,

Frank G. Pitchford, President