

Membership Application Packet for the Sheboygan Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

Membership Requirements

Dues:

Dues for new members are \$95, with a one-time joining fee of \$45. Current dues for existing members are \$430. The \$410 is broken down: \$95 dues, a \$285 (three times dues) work hour assessment, and a \$50 meeting assessment. However, completing Board approved work hours and attending meetings reduce dues by a significant amount. Most Club members pay \$95 renewal dues because they provide 5 valuable work hours at club sponsored events and attend club meetings to decrease their dues. Dues for the coming year are determined by the Club's members at the November meeting. Memberships are on a calendar year basis; partial year memberships are not available.

Work Hours:

Members who complete 5 authorized work hours reduce their assessment by \$285 (three times membership dues) on the next year's dues. Members over the age of 65 are exempt from work hour requirements, but many still complete work hours. It is the member's responsibility to make sure that they report all work hours to the chairperson running an activity.

Meetings:

Members who attend 2 of the 6 meetings per year reduce their club dues by \$50 (\$25 for the first two meetings attended). The Board of Directors allow exemptions for work, care of family members, or other Board of Director approved reasons. It is the member's responsibility to make sure that they sign in at meetings

NRA Membership:

Membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA) is a mandatory requirement for all Club members. You must provide us with your NRA membership number and present your card at the orientation before you can become a member of the club.

Active Duty Service Personnel:

Any service person on active duty, who is a member in good standing, will be exempt from dues, work hours, and meetings for the full term of their active duty. It is the responsibility of the service person to inform the Secretary of their service.

Safety Orientation:

All Members are required to attend and successfully complete a club sponsored range safety orientation during their first year of membership. A wireless FOB to our outdoor range will be provided to each member only upon successful completion of the safety orientation. Failure to complete the safety orientation requirement will result in denial of membership for the next calendar year.

Other Requirements:

If you become a member, you will be expected to become active in helping us protect our range, our sport, and our right to keep and bear arms. A club newsletter is sent to members before each meeting (via email or upload to our website and for mail for those without emails), detailing meeting dates and other activities. Please volunteer for existing committee projects, or submit new ideas of your own for club action. To raise money for club projects, we sponsor sight-ins, shooting events, and raffles. We will be asking for your help in these and other efforts.

Range:

Our outdoor range is located about 5 miles north of Sheboygan, just east of Hwy. LS on Rowe Rd. It is open year-round for our members. Safety rules must be observed by everyone using the range, both for the user's personal safety and as a responsibility to neighboring property owners. The Wisconsin Range Protection Act protects us from complaints about noise, but not from unsafe acts. Each member has a responsibility to keep our sport safe and insure the future of our club.

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By-Laws Article III. (Membership):

An individual who may legally purchase, possess, and own firearms in the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin is eligible for membership provided that the individual: 1. is at least 18 years of age; 2. submits for approval, a current club application, fully filled out, signed and dated; 3. attends and successfully completes a club sponsored safety orientation course, covering safe gun handling and the club range safety rules; 4. submits a signed copy of the current club safety rules to the Range Safety Officer conducting the club safety orientation; and 5. is a National Rifle Association member in good standing.

Please answer the following questions by writing "yes" or "no" in the boxes to the right of the questions.

Are you under indictment in any court for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year?	
Have you ever been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year?	
Are you a fugitive from justice?	
Are you an unlawful user of or addicted to marijuana, or a depressant, stimulant or narcotic drug?	
Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective or have you ever been committed to a mental institution?	
Have you ever been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions?	
Are you an alien illegally in the United States?	
Have you ever renounced your citizenship in the United States?	

I hereby apply for membership in the Sheboygan Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. I certify that I am an individual who may legally purchase, possess, and own firearms in the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin. That I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence. That I have never been convicted of a crime of violence. And if admitted to membership, I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name	Date of Birth
Address	Phone Number
City, State Zip	Occupation
Email	NRA Number (Must be provided with application)

Send this application to:
Sheboygan Rifle & Pistol Club
3972 South 18th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

RULES OF CONDUCT AND SAFETY

Members are always required to know all range and club rules and exercise them. Ignorance of a rule is no excuse and members are encouraged to revisit these rules frequently to keep informed should there be any changes. Membership in good standing implies that each individual member knows and exhibits the rules and behaviors expected of them. Members are also responsible for any guests brought to the range and should be aware that any behavior that is detrimental to safety or protection of club property is grounds for immediate expulsion.

SHEBOYGAN RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB OUTDOOR RANGE RULES OF CONDUCT

1. General Rules

- 1.1. Firearms must be brought to the firing line unloaded and, in a case, or holster.
- 1.2. Always keep a benched or holstered firearm pointed in a safe direction. Firearm actions must always be open on the firing line, except while shooting. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction where a discharge would allow the projectile to escape the range boundaries.
- 1.3. Firing will be down-range directly into a berm or backstop. Ensure that targets are placed at the proper level/height where all projectiles will pass through the target and enter the backstop, berm, or bullet trap. Thrown targets and targets made of metal are prohibited.
- 1.4. It is the responsibility of every shooter to select the correct benches, shooting rests, and or shooting stances that ensure that ALL firearm (handgun or rifle) muzzles are forward of the RED safety line when firing.
- 1.5. Before proceeding down range, ensure that everyone observes and obeys the cease fire. Ascertain that firearms are clear and safe (action open, magazine removed, and the firearm pointed in a safe direction). Upon verbal agreement, activate the light system and horn.
- 1.6. While others are down range DO NOT handle any firearm and do not stand at the firing line where firearms are present.
- 1.7. When it has been ascertained that all parties down range have returned to the firing line, the range may be returned to active status.
- 1.8. No person impaired to any degree by alcohol or drugs shall be permitted to handle or discharge a firearm on Club property. No open containers of alcohol or consumption of alcohol is permitted on Club grounds.
- 1.9. All shooting must take place between the hours of 7:30 am and the time that available light is enough for safe shooting. State law prohibits shooting on any range after 11:00 pm.
- 1.10. Federal, State and Local laws as they relate to firearms and ranges must be obeyed.

2. Special Considerations

2.1. Use of Holsters

- 2.1.a. Firearms must not be removed from the holster except when on the firing line.
- 2.1.b. Only strong side hip holsters are allowed when presenting a firearm on the firing line.
- 2.1.c. When drawing from a holster, the trigger finger must remain outside of the trigger guard until the firearm is pointed down range and aligned on the target.
- 2.1.d. The area between the shooter and the target must be free of obstacles (e. g. shooting benches and rests) and shooting lane restrictions must be observed.
- 2.1.e. No one is allowed to carry a loaded firearm in a holster anywhere but at the firing line with exception of law enforcement personnel who must display their badge while armed on Club property and Concealed

Carry permit holders. Law enforcement personnel will observe the same rules as the general membership (officers wearing ankle holsters, for example, are not permitted to fire from the prone position since their holstered firearm would point in an unsafe direction).

2.2. Informal Target Shooting (Plinking)

2.2.a. All informal target shooting at the range will be done using the trap.

2.2.b. Shooters firing into the trap must observe the shooting lanes and must ensure that all projectiles are contained within the trap.

2.3. Moving the Firing Line

2.3.a. Moving the firing line is permissible upon consensus of all shooters on the line if safety rules are observed at the new firing line.

2.3.b. "No Shooting" signs must be placed at the permanent firing line and the cease fire light system must be activated and remain activated while the firing line remains down range.

2.3.c. When the activities requiring the relocation of the firing line are completed, the firing line will be returned to the permanent firing line and any equipment (e.g. sandbags, signs, and benches) will be returned to the appropriate location.

2.4. Special Shooting Disciplines

2.4.a. Club approved Shooting Disciplines that require modified range safety rules such as Practical Pistol and Cowboy Action can only be performed on a controlled range and must follow their own modified rules. These modified rules will be made available to participants. Though some of these modified rules may not be consistent with all the General Rules, the General Rules that apply must be observed.

2.4.b. Non-participants are not permitted on the firing line.

3. Range Administrative Rules

3.1. Only members and their guests may use range facilities. The Club may designate certain days and hours when the range is open to the public. Public events will be supervised by Club safety personnel.

3.2. Members are required to carry Club membership cards. They must present them when requested by another member.

3.3. Range keys and fobs are to be used by members only.

3.4. Club members have priority over non-member guests for the use of the range.

3.5. Minors are not permitted on the range without a parent, parent designated adult, (i.e. Scoutmaster) or a Club instructor.

3.6. Hunting or shooting of any wildlife on Club property is strictly prohibited.

3.7. Wear eye and hearing protection, as appropriate, always.

3.8. Individual or group use of the range must not interfere with scheduled Club activities.

3.9. Members are liable for damage to the range or range equipment caused by members or their guests.

3.10. Return range equipment to its proper place (e.g. sandbags, signs, and targets).

3.11. Police range of shells, boxes and other trash before leaving.

3.12. Ensure that the buildings and gate are locked when leaving the range.

All members are required to police the range. This includes sweeping up of empty cartridge casings, putting away targets to proper place in target shack, picking up all debris and leaving range in good status for the next shooter. Should any incidental damage occur notify the Executive Officer immediately so that it can be accounted of without penalty.

Other "Rules of Conduct" Violations will be reported to the Club president within 48 hours.