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Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc.
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc. Established in 1894, we are New Hampshire's oldest fish and game club, and have been in continuous operation ever since. "The objective of this club shall be: to support the preservation of fish and game; to support the conservation of our forests and streams in the interests of fish and game; to support and promote the sports of archery, fishing, hunting, shooting, and all related activities; and to disseminate information relating thereto."

Membership application instructions:

1. Fill in **ALL** of the information requested and **sign** and **date** where indicated.
2. **A background check is required.** To meet this requirement, all new members must show a current "NH Pistol / Revolver License" issued by their local town or State Police. This inexpensive requirement demonstrates to the club that new members have a clean record and can legally own, possess and handle firearms. **This is not required for Junior membership requests.**
3. If you are requesting range access, attach a copy of proof of completion of some form of formal firearm safety training (such as an NRA course, a Sig Sauer class, prior military or law enforcement service, etc.).
4. Include your membership fee (check or money order) made out to "Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc."
5. Mail the completed application, required fee, a copy of the "NH Pistol / Revolver License," and proof of firearm safety training (if necessary) to the address listed at the top of this page.

Membership notes:

1. We expect people to join the club because they are interested in promoting the objectives of the club and because they are committed to helping to make the club a fun and interesting place to be. **We do not want members who are only interested in using the club's facilities.**
2. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.
3. All new members must be approved by the club's Executive Board. New members must meet with club officials and club members at a club meeting prior to being accepted. All members must meet the club's legal and organizational requirements. **Submission of a membership application does not guarantee acceptance into the club.**
4. Members are expected to represent the club in a positive light and to deal with other club members in a respectful and courteous manner.
5. **Members who do harm to the club, either in word or deed, will have their membership terminated.**
6. Memberships run from January 1st to December 31st.
7. **All regular members who request range access must give 8 service hours to the club each calendar year in order to retain their range privileges.** New members are assigned pro-rated hours based on the quarter of the year they join, calculated at 2 hours per quarter (i.e., a person joining in the 2nd quarter would be required to give 6 hours to the club for that year).
8. Service hours can be fulfilled by performing maintenance tasks at the range, attending club meetings (2 hrs. per mtg.), running or working at club events, representing the club at local or state meetings or events, mentoring children, or performing other club authorized activities.
9. Membership fees are not pro-rated. Full membership fees are required regardless of when the membership application is submitted.

Our club has members who are very friendly and very willing to share their knowledge of the many sports we promote. We are committed to being a positive force in the community and to help the youth in our area become skilled in outdoor activities and become good sportsmen and good citizens.

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Elkin Fish and Game Club New Membership Application

- New Membership Fees: **Regular** Membership (includes one-time initiation fee.) - **\$120**
 Regular Membership (Active NH Law Enforcement Officer) - **\$60**
 Supporting Membership - **\$25**
 Junior Membership (ages 8 to 17) - **\$0 (Free)**

Please Print clearly. All items must be completed. Incomplete forms will be returned.

Name _____ DOB _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ +4 _____

Home Phone # (____) _____ Cell Phone # (____) _____

Interests: Archery _____ Fishing _____ Hunting _____ Shooting _____ Other _____

Are you a certified instructor? Yes _____ No _____

If so, what certifications? _____

Have you ever completed a firearm or hunter safety course? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a current member of NH Law Enforcement? Yes _____ No _____

If so, where and what position? _____

Do you know a current member of this club? Yes _____ No _____

If so, who? _____

Are you a member of another club or organization? Yes _____ No _____

If so, what club(s) or organization(s)? _____

Have you been convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No _____

Have you been convicted of a domestic violence offense? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a fugitive from justice? Yes _____ No _____

Are you presently legally restricted from coming in contact with firearms? Yes _____ No _____

Are you presently under legal formal accusation for a felony offense? Yes _____ No _____

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REPRESENTATIONS BY APPLICANT

As a condition for applying for membership in the Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc:

1. I certify, under the penalty of perjury, that all my answers to the questions found on this membership application are true and correct.
2. I agree to be bound by the bylaws of the Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc. along with any directives approved by the membership of the Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc.
3. I understand that if I do harm to the club, through word or deed, that my membership will be terminated.
4. I certify that I am a person of good repute, living within the United States of America, and I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force the government of the United States of America or any of its political subdivisions.
5. I certify I will fulfill the obligations and purposes of the Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc. of good sportsmanship and good membership, and will not willingly do anything to harm the club's existence, the club's range or the club's resources.
6. I understand that I will not be granted membership until the Board of Directors has reviewed and approved my membership application and until I have met all club requirements.
7. I acknowledge that I am signing this membership application and release and waiver of liability voluntarily as my own free act and deed, and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from this written agreement have been made.
8. I agree to be responsible for the actions of all guests I bring to club facilities, and will verify that all guests brought to the shooting range are not legally prevented from handling firearms and will act in full accordance with club and range rules.

I _____ complete and sign this membership application to Elkins Fish and Game Club, Inc. knowing that my signature constitutes my knowledge and understanding of, acceptance of, and agreement with ALL of the above statements.

Signature _____ Date _____

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LIABILITY RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION, & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration for being allowed on the premises or to participate in activities at or sponsored by ELKINS FISH and GAME CLUB, INC. ("EFG"), a nonprofit corporation:

- I hereby voluntarily agree to assume any and all risks associated with shooting at EFG. I further acknowledge that the use of firearms, archery equipment, and/or axe/knife equipment is an inherently dangerous activity with the risk of potentially life threatening injuries and potential exposure to lead and airborne lead particles and assume the risks of using and being in close proximity to said items on the property of EFG or at any other venue where the club is conducting activities or events. I assume the risk of any and all injuries I may suffer due to the physical condition of EFG, the negligence of EFG, equipment failures, defective equipment, acts of God, and the acts or omissions of participants, members, shooters, instructors or others who may be at, on, or near EFG, whether with or without permission of EFG. I agree to indemnify and hold EFG harmless for any injuries.** I hereby consent to receive medical treatment and be responsible for the payment of same, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the activities at **EFG**.
- I understand there will be other persons shooting, and/or carrying firearms at **EFG** and I agree to act prudently and carefully to avoid causing them any injury. I certify that I am or will be familiar with the safe use and operation of any firearms I may use while at **EFG**. I have read and I am familiar with the rules of shooting and firearm safety, as well as the specific range rules of **EFG** (copy available at the range and on request).
- On behalf of myself, my estate, my heirs, and assigns, I hereby release **EFG**, its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, assigns, members, instructors and volunteers from any and all liability resulting from any and all manner of action and actions, claims, suits, damages, judgments and demands of any kind whatsoever, whether now or in the future, at law or in equity, that results or may result from any and all activities and/or events conducted by **EFG** at its property or at any other venue, regardless of cause, including injuries due to negligence, up to and including death, or property damage or theft I may suffer because of my presence and participation in activities at **EFG**, which may be caused by my own or others' negligence. I specifically release **EFG** for myself, my estate, my heirs, and assigns from liability for any personal injury, death, disability, and acts and/or omissions of whatsoever kind and nature including, but not limited to, those caused by negligence including, *but not limited to, those acts and/or omissions of other participants, members, shooters, instructors or others who may be at, on, or near, EFG's shooting range(s), whether with or without permission of EFG, or any other venue where EFG is sponsoring an event.*
- I understand that both commercial and noncommercial still, audio/video and/or motion picture photography may occur during my presence on **EFG** property or during an **EFG** sponsored event and, as long as I am in the general area, I may be incidentally included in such photography. Should I wish to be excluded from such photography, I understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of photographic activity and remove myself from the area or event being photographed or recorded. Absent such action on my part, I hereby grant **EFG**, its agents, volunteers, sponsors, beneficiaries, heirs and assigns the right to use my photographic image and/or video recording(s) in the promotion of the shooting sports or **EFG** in general as it chooses in its sole discretion without compensation.
- If any portion of this release is found to be invalid, the offending portion shall be stricken and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.
- I hereby agree that jurisdiction for any action pertaining to this RELEASE or any action I may bring now or in the future against **EFG** shall lie exclusively in the Merrimack County Superior Court, State of New Hampshire and shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of New Hampshire without reference to its conflict of laws provisions. By signing this RELEASE, I voluntarily agree to waive my right to trial by jury and agree to pay **EFG's** legal costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) in any matter I bring against **EFG** where **EFG** is determined to be the prevailing party.

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7. I hereby certify that I am not prohibited from possessing, selling, owning or transferring firearms under State or federal law and that the following statements are true and accurate:
- (A) I have not been convicted of a felony that has not been annulled or expunged;
 - (B) I have not been convicted of a violation of 18 USC § 922 (part of the Gun Control Act of 1968) that has not been annulled or expunged; and
 - (C) I am not a member of an organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government and that I am not barred by any law from the possession, use, or control of firearms.

I Have Read the Above LIABILITY RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION, & ASSUMPTION OF RISK and Understand and Agree to its Contents

Name (please print)

Signature

[Note: Minors (under 18) **must** have a parent or legal guardian **sign below.**]

Name of Parent / Guardian (please print)

Parent / Guardian Signature ***

***I hereby swear or affirm that I have lawful authority, as the legal parent or guardian, to sign this document.

Date