

RUMFORD HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____
Name (Full) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number (including area code) _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____
Place of birth _____ US Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No
Occupation _____ Employer _____
Business Address _____ Email address: _____
Reason for Application _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___ Yes ___ No
Are you presently under indictment? ___ Yes ___ No
Are you presently being investigated for a crime or felony? ___ Yes ___ No
Are you willing to submit to a police check? ___ Yes ___ No
Will you be able to attend club meetings and functions? ___ Yes ___ No
Are you a member of the NRA? ___ Yes ___ No
If not, would you be willing to join the NRA? ___ Yes ___ No

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES. I UNDERSTAND I MUST SERVE 6 MONTHS PROBATION AND 18 MONTHS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER BEFORE I AM ELIGIBLE FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP. I HAVE SIGNED PAGES TWO AND THREE OF THIS APPLICATION AND WILL ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THIS APPLICATION.

Knowing these facts as outlined on pages two and three of this application, do you still wish to apply for membership? (Please initial) ___ Yes ___ No

Applicant's Signature _____

I have explained the application procedures and the required probationary period as outlined on pages two and three of this application to my applicant. I understand it is my responsibility as a sponsor to introduce the sponsored applicant to the members of the club. It is also my responsibility as a sponsor to monitor the sponsored member's progress during the application process through their election to full membership including, but not limited to, keeping the sponsored member informed of club events, work parties, interviews and dates of any votes to be taken on the sponsored member's application. I understand that if I do not fulfill my obligations as a sponsor, the applicant may be rejected for membership. By signing this application as sponsor I acknowledge that I understand my responsibilities as a sponsor.

Sponsor 1 Signature _____ Sponsor 1 Printed Name _____

Sponsor 2 Signature _____ Sponsor 2 Printed Name _____

*** Under the Freedom of Information Act, providing the Social Security Number is voluntary. It may be used to conduct a background check of the applicant. Failure to provide the Social Security Number may result in rejection of the application.**

RUMFORD HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

I will subscribe to a standard of outdoor travel and low-impact environmental usage. I will acquire a useful knowledge of local natural history, and the ability and willingness to impart this knowledge to the next generation. I will respect the environment at all times.

I will fully cooperate with all wildlife officials, law enforcement officers, private landowners, and public land management agencies. I will abide by all applicable conservation and game laws, statues, and regulations and will not condone their violation. I will collaborate at all times with governmental authorities to ensure the respect and observation of laws and regulations that relate to hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation.

I fully pledge my personal responsibility. I am accountable for the possible consequences of my actions on the life, health or property of all people.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RUMFORD HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The Rumford Hunting and Fishing Club is an organization of Sportsmen organized for the sole purpose of sponsoring activities in the field of Target Shooting, Hunting and Fishing and Wildlife Conservation.

We will accomplish this by:

1. Following the spirit, not just the letter of the law.
2. We will pass on this vision to the next generation through our children and grandchildren.
3. We will not accept for membership anyone who does not practice the principles of sportsmanship in spirit and in fact.
4. We will sponsor Junior Members participation in activities with in and with out the club that teaches the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
5. We will tolerate no deviation from the law or spirit of the law.
6. We will provide for future generations by:
 - Providing hands-on and financial support for conservation of game and non-game species and their habitats.
 - Learning more about wildlife and habitat issues, and urge policymakers to support strong conservation initiatives.
 - Becoming involved in wildlife conservation organizations and their programs.

It is our goal to preserve the privilege of all Americans to hunt and fish and enjoy the sports of hunting and fishing.

We acknowledge that sportsmanship is following the principles of fair chase and accepting the spirit of the law that goes beyond the letter of the law.

RUMFORD HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB
PROBATIONARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Upon initial acceptance to the Rumford Hunting and Fishing Club, all new members must serve a mandatory six months probation and an eighteen month associate membership period. Any member who was dropped (or resigned) and is re-applying, or any Junior Member applying for full membership must also serve a six month probation and eighteen month associate period. During this probationary and associate period, the member **does not** have full rights in the club. Full rights and privileges are granted only upon election to full membership. A probationary member will not be given a key to the club until his probationary period is complete and his application is accepted for associate membership. A full member must be present when the probationary member is using the range. A probationary member does not have voting rights in the club and cannot hold office.

A \$50.00 initiation fee is due when application is made to the club. If the application is rejected, the initiation fee is refunded. Once the **application is accepted for probationary membership, the initiation fee is no longer refundable.** The Application Procedures attached to the application outline in detail the process for applying for membership in the Rumford Hunting and Fishing Club.

After completing the six month probation, the applicant may be accepted for associate membership. An associate member has the right to vote and the right to full use of the clubhouse and grounds. The dues for an associate member are same as for full membership. After serving 18 months as an associate member, the applicant is eligible for full membership with all rights and privileges in the club. No additional fees are assessed a member elected to full membership. An associate member who is not voted to full membership loses all rights and privileges in the club.

The purpose of the probationary and associate membership period is to allow the members to get to know the new member. It also gives the applicant the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the club. It is, in short, an evaluation period of the new member. During the new member's probationary and associate membership, they are expected to take an active part in the club and its functions. New members are encouraged to use the facilities and to get to know the members of the club. A probationary member will be interviewed at least every three months. An associate member will be interviewed at least every six months. The result of the interview will be presented to the body when the application comes before the body to be voted on for associate or full membership.

If you have any questions regarding your probationary or associate period, or the application procedures, please ask your sponsor.

I have read and understand that I must serve a six month probation and an 18 month associate membership. I understand what is required of me during that time. I also understand I do not have full rights and privileges in the club during my probationary and associate membership. I have read the mission statement and code of ethics and understand they will guide my actions while I am a member of the Rumford Hunting and Fishing Club.

Printed name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Step 1. Attend a club meeting with your sponsor (a club member in good standing), and complete an application. Pay the \$50.00 initiation fee. If there is a waiting list, your name will be placed on the list in the order in which your application was received by the club. No initiation fee will be accepted until your application is ready for voting as a probationary member. Your sponsor will notify you when your application is due to be voted on. At that time, the initiation fee must be paid. When the initiation fee is paid, three members of the club will interview you.
- Step 2. At a subsequent meeting, the club members will vote on your application. If approved, the applicant becomes a probationary member. Once the applicant is accepted for probationary membership, the initiation fee is no longer refundable. If the application is refused, the initiation fee is returned. The Board of Governors will interview the probationary member during the probationary period.
- Step 3. Upon initiation, a full years dues are due and payable within six months. At the end of six months probation, the member is eligible for associate membership. The probationary member cannot be voted on for associate membership if his annual dues are not paid in full. When the probationary member will be voted on for associate membership, they may not attend the meeting when the vote is taken. If the application is refused, the annual dues are returned, but the initiation fee is not returned. The Board of Governors will interview the associate member at least every six months.
- Step 4. After eighteen months as an associate member, the member is eligible for full membership. All dues must be paid in full before a member can be voted on for full membership. The member cannot attend the meeting when the vote is taken.
- Step 5. Rumford Hunting and Fishing Club is a NRA affiliated club and must have at least 50% of our members in the NRA to receive range liability insurance. Prospective members are encouraged to join the NRA.

I have read and understand the application procedures.

Printed name

Signature

Date

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Application submitted _____
 \$50.00 Dollar initiation fee (due with application) _____
 Date voted on as probationary member _____
 Date of interview with Board of Governors _____
 Date voted on as permanent member _____

RUMFORD HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB INTERVIEW WORKSHEET

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INTERVIEW COMMITTEE, NOT THE APPLICANT

Why do you want to join this club? _____

Have you ever been dropped from another club? _____

If so, why? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____

Are you active in any club? If so, which one? _____

Will you accept committee work in this club? _____

Would you be willing to do your share of the manual labor involved in the club such as working with the building committee, or giving some time on weekends? _____

Will support and attend club activities? _____

Will your family participate when invited? _____

What are your special skills or crafts? _____

Will you support anti-firearm legislation? _____

Have you ever been taught safe firearm handling? _____

If not would you be willing to take instruction? _____

Are you a hunter? If so, for how long? _____

Do you hunt or fish with your sponsor? _____ How long? _____

Are you interested in rifle, pistol, and skeet trap shooting? _____

Are you interested in salt or fresh water fishing? _____

Are you interested in archery? _____

Could you, if called on, give advice on shooting, hunting, fishing, archery, safe gun handling, dog training etc?

If you work nights, could you attend day functions? _____

Would you accept an officer's position in the club? _____

How does your family feel about you joining this club? _____

Would they resent the time spent here? _____

IMPRESSION

- 1 = Excellent
- 2 = Good
- 3 = Fair
- 4 = Poor
- 5 = Disapproved

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Each member of the interviewing committee will rate the applicant and put the appropriate number in the above box.

Comments: _____

Interviewed By _____

Signature 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Printed Name 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____