

Steel Hearts WRC



Road to Membership – What to Expect

Steel Hearts WRC is a Womens Riding Club and not a Motorcycle Club.

A Prospective Member/Probates main point of contact will be their sponsor. Being a Probate requires the understanding of the value of sisterhood and caring to one's community that is required to move into full patch status. Hazing, humiliating, or belittling of Probates will not be tolerated and is counter-productive to building a sisterhood. Probates are expected to meet the following expectations throughout their waiting period:

1. Prospective Members/Probates
 - a) Prospective Member Requirements:
 - I. Minimum of 21 years old and a law-abiding citizen.
 - II. Have a valid motorcycle license, own, and operate her own motorcycle, Motorcycles cannot be under the classification of sport, scooter, dual-purpose or off-highway.
 - III. Act in accordance with Bylaws and Operating Procedures.
 - IV. Not be a former 1% club or support club supporter.
 - V. Support SHWRC events.
 - b) Probate qualifications:
 - I. Probates are required to pay for Criminal only background check and be cleared to be eligible to become a prospective member.
 - II. Probates will undergo a minimum 3-month waiting period with their chapter. before being considered a full patch member and must complete the following.
 - i. Be sponsored by a full patch member in good standing.
 - ii. Comply with RC by laws and chapter operating policy.
 - iii. Not vote.
 - iv. Be responsible for lawful assignments from a patched member.
 - v. Complete a Probate/member questionnaire.
 - vi. Complete an interview with a Chapter or Regional Director.
 - III. Moving into Membership:
 - i. After completion of their waiting period and understanding "sisterhood" the Probate MAY be brought into the chapter as a fully patched member of the SHWRC, extend the waiting time (due to lack of participation, suspect character issues, etc.).
 - IV. Chapter/Regional Director positions: Director positions will be available to new members after one year of full patched status, this does not apply until a full Chapter officer roster is obtained.
2. Prospective Member/Probate Fees
 - a) Probates will be charged for a criminal only background check to be considered for membership.
 - b) Probates will be assessed the \$50.00 membership fee at the time of application. This will include.
 - i. Welcome letter.
 - ii. Their 1st year of membership dues.
 - iii. The Infinity patch and Road Name patch
 - iv. SHWRC Decal

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- v. Access to National/Chapter member website and social media pages
- c) If a Probate applies for membership in the 4th quarter of a calendar year the \$50.00 membership paid at the time of application will be applied to the next calendar year.
- d) If a Probate decides that membership is not for them before the end of the 3-month waiting period upon notification to the National Secretary, the Probate will be reimbursed the difference between the \$50.00 membership fee and the cost of the Infinity and Road Name patches.
- e) The fee for the center back patch is \$97.00 – that can be ordered and obtained within the 3rd month of the waiting period, through their Chapter Director working with the National Chapter.

National Dues for All Members:

- a) National Dues will be assessed yearly to every member January 15th in the amount of \$50.00. Payable to: SHWRC thru the National Treasurer.
 - i. Any member whose dues are (1) year in arrears shall be dropped at the January executive board meeting, Thereafter the member is recognized as a past member.
- b) Membership fees will not be refunded should you leave the group or if membership is terminated.
- c) Chapters will have the option of voting on the collection of chapter dues and a dues schedule. If a chapter votes to collect dues the funds will be maintained by the Chapter Director and Co-Director.