

# Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club

## Membership Information and Checklist

Anyone interested in joining the Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club is required to meet the following criteria and to complete the steps listed below in order to be considered for membership.

Applicant must be a Citizen of the United States of America, have no criminal record or subversive record, and have no history of mental illness.

Anyone accepted as a regular member will be required to perform 12 work-hours at the club annually. The work may be helping at events, maintenance at the club ranges, or other club related activities away from the range, as approved by the board of directors. All hours not worked will be billed at \$10 per hour.

### Steps to be Considered for Membership

1. Acquire an application packet. These are available through any club member, or may be obtained from the club Membership Secretary. Contents include the following:
  - a. One Club application
  - b. One copy of the Club By-Laws
  - c. Two copies of the Club/Range Rules
  - d. Club information sheet
  - e. Various handouts describing shooting disciplines and events available at the Club.
2. First Reading of Application – This is done at any Regular Membership meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month, at 7:30 PM). Your sponsor or potential sponsor (if available) should be prepared to introduce you to the membership. This reading must take place with the applicant present and at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the meeting at which the membership vote will take place. The application must be filled out and turned in to the Membership Secretary prior to the meeting. A \$10 non-refundable Application Fee must be paid to the Membership Secretary at this time. Until this reading, the applicant may only visit the Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club Facility during events which are designated as open to the public, or one time as a guest. Once this reading takes place, he/she may continue to attend events open to the public, and may visit the range as a guest of any member in good standing for a period of 6 (six) months from that meeting date. (This is a one time per applicant lifetime opportunity). This will allow the applicant to get acquainted with club members. It is also designed to allow applicants to participate in club sponsored events as well as visiting the range with a variety of members so that he/she may acquire the required two (2) sponsors (see item #9) and to get the required three (3) participation affidavit signatures. (see item #8). It also allows the applicant to meet enough people to acquire the “no less than fifteen (15) votes” (see item 10) at the time of the Membership Vote.
3. Show Proof of NRA Membership – The Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Association is a 100% NRA Club. Proof of membership must be shown to the Membership Secretary and he/she will enter that information into the club records.
4. Provide Positive Picture ID – Drivers License, etc. is required.
5. Background Check – A current Indiana Handgun Permit (Concealed or Target), Firearm Purchase Receipt dated within one year of application, or a Background Check completed at applicant’s expense, is required of all applicants.
6. Have Recent Photo Posted in Club House (optional) – This photo will allow club members to recognize applicants and should help everyone involved get to know one another.
7. Attend a Range Orientation – The Range Orientations are scheduled for 5:30 PM on the night of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month). Eye and Hearing protection are required. The Orientation

Officer will sign your application indicating that you have successfully completed this step. You will also be required to review, sign, and turn in one copy of the Club/Range Rules along with your application. It is suggested that an appointment with a Range Orientation Officer be made ahead of time.

8. Affidavits of Participation – Applicants must participate in no less than three (3) events (match, workday, buddy-shoot with a club member, etc.) and have a club member (non-sponsor) sign an affidavit on the back of the application, stating that the applicant took part in that event.
9. Sponsorship – Each applicant must have two (2) current members in good standing as sponsors. These sponsors must have been a member for more than one year. These sponsors may be a club member that the applicant has known prior to applying, or may be acquired by his/her participation in matches or other club events. The primary sponsor should be prepared to introduce the applicant to the membership and give his/her opinion as to why the applicant would make a good club member.
10. Membership Voting – The actual vote on acceptance as a member takes place quarterly (January, April, July, and October) at the Club's Regular Monthly Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month at 7:30 PM). The applicant must be present at the meeting that his/her application will be brought up for a vote.

**Fees Due at the meeting when you join:**

\$100	Annual Club Dues
\$100	One time Membership Fee
<u>\$ 5</u>	Key Deposit
\$205	Total Due

**(Check or Money Order only, no Cash)**

In order for the application to be accepted and the applicant to become a member, all items on this checklist must be completed and verified by the Membership Secretary prior to the vote. In addition, no less than fifteen (15) of those members present must take part in the voting process. If 15 members fail to take part in the vote, the application may be re-submitted at the next quarterly meeting. If an applicant receives three (3) or more black ball votes, their membership fees shall be returned (except for the \$10 application fee), they cannot become a member, and they may not re-submit their application.

If you have any questions regarding the Club or Membership process, please feel free to contact the Club President, Membership Secretary, or Orientation Chairman.