

Exeter Sportsmans Club, Inc.

Membership and Dues Policy

ESC-004

Effective Date: 1 Aug 2022

Member Definition

- 18 years old and older
- Can be on the range unattended
- Can bring guests
- Can vote in Exeter Sportsman's Club elections
- Must satisfy membership requirements

Common Requirements for all adult (age 18 and older) members:

- Exeter Sportsman's Club (ESC) Membership Application
- New Hampshire background check or Conceal/Carry License (CCL). Exceptions to this are carry permits from other states, active military members, active law enforcement and grandfathered members.
- Valid right to possess firearms. (see item 8)
- ESC Release and Indemnity Agreement.
- Attend a facility & firearms range orientation and be certified range safe.
- The membership year is the same as the fiscal year, from 1 April to 31 March. For example, membership year 2018 is the year ending 31 Mar 2018.
- Payment of applicable dues for the membership year

1. **Dues** for the following fiscal/membership year shall be determined in November of each year by a vote of the Board of Directors (BoD).

2. Membership types:

- **Individual** memberships shall be for one adult.
- **Senior** memberships (65 years old or older) will be ten dollars (\$10.00) less than Individual memberships.
- **Family** memberships shall be for one adult and their spouse/partner. Children age 18 thru 22, if a full-time student, may be part of family membership. Each family member must provide documentation as indicated in the Common Requirements section. The sole advantage of family membership is the reduced dues. All Family memberships require that both spouses/partners reside at the same address.
- **Senior Family** memberships (primary member 65 years old or older) will be \$10.00 less than family memberships.

- **Active-Duty Military Personnel** will be granted membership at no charge. Individuals must submit documents indicating that the individual is on Active Duty and the enlistment end date. Documents may be Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, a Leave and Earning Statement (LES) or other official documentation. These documents will not be retained by ESC and individuals may black out information of personal nature other than the service status information required. Active duty members must submit this proof of active military duty annually.
- **Active-Duty Military Personnel Family** members will have the benefit of not paying dues but are subject to all other membership requirements.
- **Exeter and Stratham Police Department Officers** will be granted free individual membership after confirmation of active employment by their respective Police Department.
- **Life Membership** shall be granted to members with ten (10) consecutive years of membership who attain the age of 65 years and older. The spouse of a life member shall be automatically granted life membership with the submission of an Application/Indemnity form, the Application Fee, and a Background Check or CCL. Attending a membership meeting and range orientation are not required if the life member verifies that they will mentor the spouse in the safe operation on the range. When the primary life member dies, the spouse life membership ceases.
- **Hardship Membership** and the associated special annual dues amount may be granted with the approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Member Dues for the full membership year are:

- Individual Membership: \$125
- Family Membership: \$175
- Senior Individual Membership: \$115
- Senior Family Membership: \$165
- Active Military Individual and Family: No dues
- Exeter and Stratham Police Dept. Officers: No dues

4. New Member Dues shall include a \$50 initiation fee added to each type of membership and shall be prorated based upon the month in which they are voted in.

- New member prorated dues, including the initiation fee, for the membership year are shown in the table on the following page:

Month Joining ESC	Single	Family	Senior Single	Senior Family
April	\$175	\$225	\$165	\$215
May	\$175	\$225	\$165	\$215
June	\$175	\$225	\$165	\$215
July	\$144	\$181	\$136	\$174
August	\$144	\$181	\$136	\$174
September	\$144	\$181	\$136	\$174
October	\$113	\$138	\$108	\$133
November	\$113	\$138	\$108	\$133
December	\$113	\$138	\$108	\$133
January	\$81	\$94	\$79	\$91
February	\$81	\$94	\$79	\$91
March*	\$175	\$225	\$165	\$215

* Dues for individuals accepted in Mar are applied to the next membership year

5. Renewing Membership

- Renewing membership dues payments are due on or before 1 Apr, the beginning of the fiscal/membership year.
 - Renewal payments made prior to 1 Apr for the next membership year shall be at the dues rates in effect at the time the payment is made, e.g. renewal payments for membership year 2019 that are made prior to 1 Apr 2018 shall be at the appropriate membership year 2018 dues amount.
 - Renewal payments made after 1 Apr for that membership year shall be at the dues rates in effect for that membership year, e.g. renewal payments for membership year 2019 that are made on or after 1 Apr 2018 shall be at the appropriate membership year 2019 dues amount.
- Members not making their dues payments prior to 1 May of the membership year will have their gate proximity badge(s) de-activated and range privileges revoked, until they have made the appropriate dues payment.
- Memberships renewed at any time during the renewing year will not be prorated.
- If 1 full membership year passes and a member renews in the following year, that member will have to make payment of the yearly dues plus the new member application fee. No other membership actions or documentation are required.
- If 2 full membership years pass without a member renewing, that member will have to reapply for membership as brand new and satisfy all current membership requirements.

6. Application for Membership

- All applicants must comply with the Common Requirements listed on page 1. All required new member documents, including payment of dues, must be submitted prior to completing membership.

- The Membership Chairman and/or his designate(s) will review all submitted documents, including required new member dues, and make a recommendation as to the acceptability of the individual(s) for membership.
 - All applicants must attend a Membership meeting for the purpose of having their application voted on. At that meeting, prior to the vote, each new applicant will be required to present a brief verbal resume of their experience with firearms or archery in the instance of an archery only membership, and why they are applying for membership.
 - Vouching for an applicant can be done by a board member when the applicant is unable to attend a meeting to be voted in. The vouching board member will give the membership a brief bio on behalf of the applicant.
 - All applicants must attend a facility & firearms range orientation and be certified range safe prior to the issuance of a membership card, gate proximity card and subsequent commencement of range privileges. Individuals intending to use the archery range shall attend a separate archery orientation, which may be a video offering if available.
- 7. Proximity Gate Cards** will be issued to each individual member. In the event a replacement card is issued, the card replaced will be disabled. There will be a charge of \$10 for each replacement proximity card.
- 8. Loss of Right to Possess Firearms** (Applicable to firearms range members)
- If at any time during the membership year a member's right to possess firearms is revoked, his/her ESC membership will be temporarily suspended.
 - A member is obligated to immediately notify the ESC Membership Secretary or a member of the BoD by phone or email of the revocation as soon as possible.
 - Restoration of rights must be documented before restoration of ESC membership.
 - Failure to promptly notify ESC of your revocation will result in suspension or revocation of membership for a period to be determined by the board of directors.