

Membership Application

In order to join Piedmont Handgunners Association you must attend a monthly meeting of the club. The meetings are held at Skippers Seafood Restaurant, US 64 and NC Hwy 109, Thomasville, NC 27360, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except December. When you arrive, let the membership secretary know you're there as a new member.

As you enjoy your dinner, talk to the members around you. PHA is an organization of shooters with widely varied interests and you might find folks with similar interests. Observe the meeting, and watch how PHA business is conducted. PHA is comprised of people with similar interests to yours and by getting involved you'll make new friends and get more out of your membership.

- Fill out the application.
- Read over the range rules portion of this package **carefully**, sign and include with application.
- After the meeting is a good time for questions, but feel free to ask during the meeting.
- Arrange your range walk-through appointment at the end of the meeting. Bring a gun and 25 rounds of ammunition. Bring your application with you to the walk through. Once you've completed the walk through, you'll write your check and receive a temporary card and gate code.

There are qualifications for membership in Piedmont Handgunners Association, please read and initial each:

_____ I am at least 18 years old and a US Citizen

_____ I understand Range rules of PHA

_____ I am not be a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and or violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions.

_____ **I meet all legal requirements for firearms ownership/possession at national, state, and local levels**

_____ **I have carefully read and will abide by the range rules of the club, always practice safe gun handling, and report any violations of club policy or destruction of club property I witness.**

_____ **I realize that the future of the club depends on firearms safety and that anything otherwise jeopardizes the future of the club and range.**

_____ I agree to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

_____ I will not bring as a guest anyone who does not **meet all legal requirements for firearms ownership/possession at national, state, and local levels**

I CERTIFY that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the over throw by force and or violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; **and that** If admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship. **I've read, understood, have signed [spouse's (if applicable) signature required], and included with this application, PHA's Range Rules. I understand I'm on a one year probationary period.**

Please sign and return with your application

Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature of Spouse _____ Date: _____

Member information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

NRA Member? _____ NCRPA member? _____ CCH Number? _____

Vehicle(s) Make/Year _____ Vehicle Tag number(s) _____

Spouses Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse may receive full range privileges after reading and signing the Range Rules and completing a walkthrough with a board member. Children of members may come to the range with the member at any time (and are not counted as guests) but **must remain in the presence of the member at all times**. Children of members are eligible to join and have full range privileges after age 17 upon completion of all requirements for membership in PHA as set forth in this application.

Board member who performed the walkthrough sign and date, indicate if spouse attended (yes/no):

NAME _____ DATE _____ Spouse: _____

NAME OF MEMBER WHO KNOWS APPLICANT (Not Required)

NAME _____ DATE _____

Checklist : Applicants must complete the following:

- Be eligible under the requirements of the organization
- Agree to abide by our rules for membership (signed copy of "Range Rules" by member and spouse (if applicable))
- Complete a walk through (range safety/orientation) with a board member

The one time initiation fee is \$300 plus annual dues for the first year which is \$125. Submit an application with fees-- \$425.00 for the first year and \$125.00 thereafter.

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- Remember that with ALMOST 1000 members, there are wide and varied shooting interests, so be considerate of others under all circumstances.
- Spouses and immediate family have range privileges when accompanied by member, but must remain in the presence of the member.
- Memberships are allowed only one vote.
- Members may bring as many as two guests.
- All applicants will be on a one year probationary period.
- If applicant cannot attend a PHA meeting due to work schedules, arrangements can be made to meet with an officer of the club for an interview.
- Applicant must present one of the following: a valid "CCH permit", NC issued "Permit to Purchase a Handgun", or signed release for background check. (full membership will be processed at completion of a negative check)

PIEDMONT HANDGUNNERS ASSOCIATION RANGE RULES

1. Safe firearms handling is a prerequisite for use of our range.
2. All firearms will be kept unloaded (except when on the firing line) and muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
3. No firearms may be handled for any reason when anyone is forward of the firing line (COLD RANGE).
4. Any time the range is called cold, all firearms will be unloaded and benched, with magazines removed or bolts, slides, and cylinders open. Use of **Empty chamber Indicators** (ECI) is highly recommended.
5. Every member is a Safety Officer and has the responsibility to politely remind someone about our rules should they observe an unsafe act or a safety violation. Do not act confrontational, but make a Board Member aware of the situation if the situation cannot be corrected in a professional manner.
6. PHA Range facilities are for PHA members and their guests (2 per member).
7. Range shooting hours are from 8:00 am until legal sundown, although a member may come and go outside these hours.
8. Targets must be placed directly in front of the berms. **Do not place targets between firing point and the leading edge of berms since this can cause dangerous ricochets.**
9. No shooting at rocks, bottles, or other trash type objects.
10. Shooters under 16 years of age must be under direct adult supervision. Guests must stay in the company of the member they are accompanying but may be firing at the same time as the member.
11. Members and guests are required to observe common courtesy and allow others to post and check targets within reasonable limits. Likewise, shooters should not be unreasonable in their requests for posting or checking their targets.
12. Fire only at targets directly in front of your firing point. Angled shots may not hit or be stopped by the berms.
13. **HUNTING ON PHA PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
14. Members must display their membership badges on their person or their range equipment if it is on the line.
15. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON PHA PROPERTY AT ANY TIME.**
16. Use of exploding targets of any description or manufacture is not allowed at any time.
17. No full auto or slide fire weapons are allowed on PHA ranges.
18. Eye and ear protection is required on or directly behind the firing line by all shooters and observers during any firing phase.
19. Members and guests are required to clean up their area of any trash or debris. Please try to leave the range better than you found it.
20. Entrance gate should be opened and relocked, **(by members only)** upon entering PHA range and also upon leaving the range. (Sharing the combination with a non member is cause for loss of membership!)
21. Any acts of vandalism observed should be reported to a board member immediately or as soon as possible to allow for a review of the cameras to identify the responsible party. If possible, (without confrontation) an attempt should be made to identify the person committing the vandalism by name, description, or license plate number and description of vehicle.
22. Commands from Range Officers, Match Directors, and Board Members must be obeyed at all times as relates to safety and operation of PHA Range Facilities.

Violation of the above rules is or may be cause for expulsion from PHA without a refund of dues.

By my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand PHA "Range Rules" and agree to abide by them. If a spouse is included in the membership, he/she is required to sign this document also.

Printed Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Signature(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PHA's insurance and corporate requirements mandate this information be kept on file. It will not be shared in any way and is required for you to receive your new membership badge and gate combination upon renewing your membership.