

PHA Club Membership Application FY 2020

To join Piedmont Handgunners Association, you must attend at least one monthly meeting of the club. The meetings are held at Ocean View Seafood, 1803 Cotton Grove Rd, Lexington NC 27292, 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 with the members around you. PHA is an organization of shooters with widely varied interests and you may find folks with similar interests to yours. By getting involved you'll make new friends and get more out of your membership.

Please observe the meeting and watch how PHA business is conducted.

Fill out this application.

- Read over the Range Rules portion of this package **carefully, then 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 your completed Application, signed Range Rules, and a gun with 25 rounds of ammunition with you to the walk-through. After completing the walk-through, you can then write your check and you will receive a temporary card and gate code.

These are the 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 all the Range rules of PHA.

_____ I am not 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 will 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.**

_____ **Membership fees are not prorated between September 1 and August 31.**

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 overthrow 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 have read, understood, signed [spouse's (if applicable) signature required] and have 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: _____

Spouse Signature _____

Date: _____

PHA New Member Information (Please Print)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ **Email (Mandatory)** _____

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

Spouses Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Your 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 at age 18 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:** _____

Checklist: Applicants must comply with 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. You must submit an application along with fees--\$425.00 for the first year. The renewal fee is \$125.00 per year thereafter.

Make all checks payable to: Piedmont Handgunners Association: Send to: PHA, PO Box 913, Thomasville NC 27360

- Remember that with ALMOST 1300 members, there are wide and varied shooting interests, so please be considerate of others under all circumstances.
- Spouses and immediate family have full range privileges when accompanied by a member, but they must always remain in the presence of the member.
- Memberships are allowed only one vote.
- PHA Range facilities are for PHA members and their guests (2 per member).
- 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.

PIEDMONT HANDGUNNERS ASSOCIATION RANGE RULES FY 2020

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 condition).
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. All 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, cans, 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. Full auto, slide-fire weapons, or any weapon with a binary trigger or any burst trigger system is **NOT** allowed on PHA ranges.
18. Eye and ear protection are 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 leave the range better than you found it.
20. Entrance gate should be opened and relocked **by members only** upon entering or leaving PHA 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 always be obeyed as it relates to safety and operation of PHA Range Facilities.
23. All pets must remain inside your vehicle while you're on PHA Range property.

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, they are required to sign this document also.

YOU MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM!!

Printed Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____

Signature(s): _____ **Spouse:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

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