

LIVINGSTON GUN CLUB MEMBERSHIP POLICY

REVISIONS

DATE	DESCRIPTION

1 Purpose and scope

Define policies and procedures governing membership at Livingston Gun Club.

2 Authority

LGC Constitution of 2010 and Executive Committee.

3 Categories

LGC Constitution, Article IV, Section 1:

"There shall be two membership categories, Annual and Life. Annual membership is valid for one calendar year. Life membership is valid for the life of the member."

4 Costs

LGC Constitution, Article IV, Section 2:

"The cost of annual membership shall be set by majority vote at annual meetings. The cost of life membership shall be exactly ten times the cost of annual membership."

4.1 Infrastructure assessment

New members shall pay a one time, non-refundable, \$100 infrastructure assessment.

4.2 Processing fee

New and lapsed returning members shall pay a non-refundable \$10 processing fee.

4.3 Annual membership dues

Annual members shall pay dues in the amount of \$125 per calendar year.

4.4 Prorating, discounts, and exemptions

Dues for annual members age 65 and older shall be discounted 20%.

Annual members who are married to another annual or life member are eligible for a 20% discount on dues. If both are annual members, only one is eligible for this discount.

First time memberships approved in July, August, or September are discounted 50%.

First time memberships approved in October, November, or December are not discounted but are valid for the following year.

Exemption from work hour requirements may be purchased for an amount equal to the member's annual membership dues.

5 Availability

LGC Constitution, Article IV, Section 3:

"There shall be a limit on the number of members. This limit shall be determined at annual meetings by a simple majority of members present and voting.

New memberships may be made available only when this would not cause the total number of members to exceed the limit currently in force.

Life memberships may be made available when this would not cause the number of life members to exceed 15% of total members."

6 General membership eligibility and requirements

LGC Constitution, Article IV, Section 5:

"Membership is open to all persons regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, or handicap provided they:

- *are a member in good standing of the National Rifle Association and;*
- *are a legal resident of the United States of America or Canada and;*

- *are eighteen years of age or older and;*
- *do not endorse or support any illegal group or activity and;*
- *have never been convicted of a crime and;*
- *are of good moral character and;*
- *have never been dishonorably discharged from US military service and;*
- *have never voluntarily surrendered US citizenship and;*
- *have no legal disability regarding firearm ownership or possession and;*
- *demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to use firearms safely and;*
- *sign a statement certifying their eligibility for membership."*

7 Life membership eligibility

LGC Constitution, Article IV, Section 6:

"LGC members wishing to be considered for life membership shall:

- *meet all requirements for annual membership and;*
- *have a minimum of ten years annual membership and;*
- *have maintained continuous annual membership for the five years immediately preceding application."*

8 Election / approval

LGC Constitution, Article IV, Section 6:

"New annual membership may be considered at regular and annual meetings. Granting of new annual membership shall be by secret ballot at any regular or annual meeting. Life membership may only be considered at annual meetings. Granting of life membership shall be by paper ballot at any annual meeting."

9 Obligations

Members are expected to comport themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon Livingston Gun Club and the shooting sports in general.

Member are encouraged to participate in club activities and meetings whenever possible.

Annual members are required to help with club work projects for a minimum of 18 hours per calendar year.

Up to four hours may be spent on unsupervised, individual activities. In order to receive credit for hours spent on individual activities members must provide evidence of the work performed.

The remaining 14 hours may only be credited for time spent on official club activities and special projects assigned by the executive committee.

Officers, life members, annual members age 65 and older, and members with physical disabilities are exempt from work hour requirements but are expected to support the club to the best of their ability.

All members are encouraged to help with special projects, especially when they have relevant skills or expertise.

10 Credentials

LGC members shall be provided with credentials bearing the member's likeness and indicating membership category or, in the case of officers and managers, their title or office.

Members are required to have their LGC ID card available for inspection whenever they are on LGC property.

11 New member process

To be considered for membership a prospective member must be invited by a current member who will introduce them and personally vouch for their eligibility. Invitations may not be extended by members with less than one year at LGC. An individual may not be invited more than once in a twelve month period.

The steps for induction of new members, in order, are:

1. A member in good standing (the sponsor) submits a membership application to the Membership Officer on behalf of someone they wish to sponsor for membership (the applicant).
2. The President reserves time at the next general membership meeting for introduction of the applicant.
3. At the designated date and time the sponsor introduces the applicant and members in attendance are given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and sponsor. When all questions have been answered to the satisfaction of the presiding officer the applicant receives a membership packet with relevant documents in printed and/or electronic form.
4. The applicant successfully completes new member orientation.
5. The Executive Committee reviews the application. If everything is found to be in order the President reserves time at the next general membership meeting for consideration of the application.
6. At the designated date and time the sponsor introduces the applicant a second time and members in attendance are given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and sponsor. When all questions have been answered to the satisfaction of the presiding officer everyone except voting members in good standing are excused and the meeting moves to closed session.
7. During the closed session the presiding officer opens the floor for discussion. Discussion is limited to ten minutes per applicant.
8. When discussion has ended or time has expired the members are given an opportunity to make a motion to approve each application. If a motion to approve is made and seconded the motion is put to a vote. An application is approved if not more than one vote is negative.
9. When voting is done the sponsor informs the applicant of the members' decision.
10. If the application is approved the applicant submits payment of infrastructure assessment, dues, and receives member credentials.