



Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in joining the Columbus Rifle Club. Let us start by saying that we are a non-profit club that maintains a range for the benefit of its members. Members are allowed to use the range any time of the day, every day of the year, unless there happens to be a scheduled event taking place on part or all of the range.

Our yearly dues are \$125, and we have a onetime initiation fee of \$125 for new members, for a total cost of \$250. **(Do not send any money with this application.)** Additionally, we require that all members maintain an active membership in the NRA, which is \$25-\$35 per year

There is a participation requirement for all members to meet each year. Each member is required to participate in club activities/events for at least 5 hours per year. Shooting in a match counts for one hour, helping at a range work party counts for as many hours as you work, assisting at a gun show also earns you clock hours. In addition, the Executive Committee may from time to time, arrange special projects for members to earn their hours.

In order to maintain a quality experience for all club members, our club has a membership cap of 200. We are currently at 200 members, which means we cannot accept new members at this time; however, we can add you to the waiting list. We typically loose a few members at the end of each year when renewal time comes. We would not expect any new openings until January. If you get on the waiting list now, there should be a spot for you then.

In the meantime, feel free to stop by and introduce yourself in person at our monthly meeting, held each month on the first Monday at 7:00 pm at the Loup Power Building in Columbus, NE (back door by the parking lot). You can also check out the event calendar on our website, most of these events are open to the public and we encourage you to participate.

If you are interested being placed on our waiting list and applying for membership, **please complete the attached application**, returning it to PO Box 541, Columbus, NE 68601. You will be placed on the waiting list as soon as we receive the application back from you. Once we have a position open, we will review the club rules and bylaws with you, and get you out to the range for an orientation.

Executive Committee  
Columbus Rifle Club

## **How do I become a member of the Columbus Rifle Club?**

1. Print off the application form and fill it out.
2. Bring your completed application form to a club meeting and introduce yourself to the club.
3. Your application will be acted upon based on open membership spots.

## **Where are CRC meetings held?**

Loup Public Power Building. Enter through north doors by parking lot. The meetings start at 7:00 pm.

## **Is NRA (National Rifle Association) membership required to join the Columbus Rifle Club?**

At the time of application, NRA membership isn't required. However, you will be required to show proof of current NRA membership prior to being officially accepted as a CRC member. The NRA provides our club insurance and they require 100% membership with the NRA.

## **How much does it cost to belong to CRC?**

Annual membership dues for 2020 is \$125 plus a one-time initiation fee of \$125 for new members and returning members.

## **Are there any required obligations once I become a member of CRC?**

Yes, all members are required to earn at least 5 participation hours each calendar year. This can be accomplished by helping at various club functions such as the spring and fall gun shows, hunter sight in day, mowing crew at the range, participating in scheduled club matches, helping set up for a scheduled match, and assisting with range improvement projects or other approved activities.

## **What if I am unable to earn my 5 participation hours?**

Some members choose not to earn their 5 participation hours. In that case, that member will be required to pay 2x the annual membership dues for the next calendar year in order to continue being a club member.

## **Are there any restrictions at the range?**

The short answer is yes. A complete list of restrictions is contained in our Range Rules. Safety is our primary focus and concern at the range. Each member who goes to the range is responsible for making sure everyone is safe at all times while at the range. Second to safety is maintaining the range facility. Engaging in activities that damage club property is a quick way to lose your membership.