



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 lose 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.



www.columbusrifleclub.com

P.O. Box 541

Columbus, NE 68602

Membership Application

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Birthdate: _____ Email: _____

NRA #: _____ Expires: _____

(Attach a photocopy of your NRA membership card or mailing label from your NRA magazine as proof of current membership in the NRA.)

Recommended by: _____

(current CRC member in good standing)

Affirmation

I hereby apply for membership in The Columbus Rifle Club. I certify that I am a citizen of The United States, have attained the age 18, am a member in good standing of the National Rifle Association, and am legally permitted to own and possess firearms under the laws of The United States and The State of Nebraska. I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and abide by the rules and regulations of The Columbus Rifle Club. I will assist the endeavors of The Columbus Rifle Club such as gun shows, Hunter Sight-in Day, scheduled shooting matches, Range work parties, etc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Initiation Fee \$125.00

Yearly Dues \$125.00

Total \$250.00

Dues Received: _____ Check # (if cash indicate): _____

Approved By Executive Committee (Date) _____

Range & Safety Orientation Completed: _____

Range & Safety Orientation Presented By: _____

COLUMBUS RIFLE CLUB, INC.

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN.

I (please print your full name) _____

hereby certify and warrant that I am proficient in the use, safe handling and operation of any firearm that I intend to shoot upon the premises of the Columbus Rifle Club, that there is no prohibition of law which would prevent me from using such firearm(s) and that such firearm(s) is (are) in a safe condition and without defects. I further warrant and certify that I am fully familiar with the rules of the safe use of firearms and fully abide and adhere to such rules.

I recognize that the Columbus Rifle Club is under no obligation to grant to me the use of its premises and that it will rely upon the truth and accuracy of my above statements. I further acknowledge that I am at liberty to use the premises of any number of other firearms shooting facilities other than the Columbus Rifle Club, and that I freely and without reservation agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement and release.

In consideration of the use of the Columbus Rifle Club premises by me for the purpose of shooting a firearm(s) or otherwise, I for myself, my heirs, representatives, successors, and all other persons who might or may claim through, by or for me, for any and all loss, injuries, damage and any and all claims resulting there from on account of injury or death to me, and any injury or damage to my property or any property within my possess on or control while I am upon or use the premises or facilities of the Columbus Rifle Club and resulting from any negligent act or omission the Columbus Rifle Club, its officers, members, owners, and employees.

I acknowledge that my use of the facilities of the Columbus Rifle Club is a license only, and not a right. I shall abide by all rules, regulations, and directions of the Columbus Rifle Club and its range officer(s). I further acknowledge that any infraction by me of such rules, regulations and directions may result in my immediate expulsion from the premises of the Columbus Rifle Club and the forfeiture of any fees or dues I have paid.

It is my intention that this release and agreement shall be as broad and inclusive as provided by Nebraska Law. In the event that any part hereof is held to be invalid by any court, it is my intention and direction that the remainder of all other provisions hereof be fully enforced for the benefit of the Columbus Rifle Club.

I further execute this release as legal guardian and parent of my minor child(ren) under the age of 18, named.

I have read and fully understand the foregoing release and agreement and freely agree to the terms and conditions thereof.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

CRC Range Rules *adopted by the Executive Committee April 2017, Revised 2020*

Range Safety on the 200-Yard Firing Line

1. Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always treat every gun as if it is loaded.
3. Eye and ear protection should be used at all times during live fire.
4. All guns should have an ECI (empty chamber indicator) in the chamber unless actually firing.
5. In the event of a misfire or malfunction call a "Cease Fire", everyone is to put down their firearm and step away until the nature of the problem is clear to all. Keep all guns pointed down range until issue is cleared and safe.
6. The red flashing safety lights should be turned on during a "Cease Fire".
7. During mowing operations, the "Range Closed" chains will be erected at the entrances to the 200-yard firing line. DO NOT enter the firing line during this time.

Range Safety Behind the 200-Yard Firing Line

8. No loaded guns are permitted behind the firing line. Conceal Carry Weapons are permitted, this means they should remain concealed unless "needed".
9. Adjustments and maintenance should be done on the firing line with the gun pointed downrange and never during a 'Cease Fire'.

Range Safety Down Range of the 200-Yard

10. Do not go down range unless a 'Cease Fire' has been called, and all shooters on the line have unloaded, inserted an ECI and put down their firearms. During a "Cease Fire", absolutely no one is to handle any firearm for any reason. **The rotating red lights must be turned on prior to anyone going down range for any reason.** Before turning off the safety lights and resuming any firing (making the line "Hot"), check twice that everyone is back and safe.
11. Do not shoot at metal targets at the 200-yard target line when the 'Target Pit' is in use.
12. "Cease Fire" if the red flag is raised at the 'Target Pit'.
13. Shoot into the backstop area only. Align yourself, your target and the backstop so your bullets hit squarely into the backstop.
14. Take special care with height of targets at 100 yards so the bullets do not bounce before reaching the backstop. The center of your target should be 6' above ground level to be safe. **Only shoot at target frames at the 50-yard target line from on top of a bench. Shooting from a prone position at targets placed at the 50-yard target line could result in bullets going over the 200-yard berm.**
15. Do not walk out onto the 200-yard range from the shed without making sure the firing line is safe, the red lights are on and a "Cease Fire" has been declared. Open the gate all the way to the post.

Rules for 25 and 50 Yard Berms and Gongs

16. Any range allowed firearms may be used to shoot at paper targets in front of the 25 and 50-yard berms **but not any of the metal plates at the 25 and 50-yard berms.** The metal plates may be shot with .22 rimfire firearms or non-deer hunting legal handguns only.

17. Shoot at the targets in front of the 25-yard berm from the 25-yard bench. Shoot at the targets in front of the 50-yard berm from the 50-yard bench or shooting points #11 or #12 only.

Use of Full-Auto Weapons or Devices that Mimic Fully Automatic Fire

18. Full-auto and simulated full-auto fire is not allowed anywhere at the Columbus Rifle Club range. If it sounds like full-auto it is considered to be full-auto.

Targets

19. Hang paper targets from the proper target frames with staples or tape. **Clean off frames and dispose of used targets after shooting is complete for the day.**
20. Do not shoot glass or any object that fragments, shatters or explodes.

Holster Rules

21. If others are present on the range, only "Strong Side" hip holsters may be used.
22. Holster rules for scheduled competition or training events may vary.

Junior and Guest Rules

23. **CRC members will ensure that all guests fill out a Liability Waiver Form prior to using the range.** Every guest is required to complete, sign, date and return a Columbus Rifle Club Guest Waiver Form each time they visit the range. Place the completed forms in the red box located at the Range Safety Board.
24. Persons under the age of 18, or guests, shall not be allowed to use the range unless accompanied by an adult member.
25. Young children must be under close supervision at all times on the range.
26. It is the members' responsibility to explain and enforce the range safety rules for your guests. You are held responsible for the safety and conduct of anyone you bring to the range. A member must be in the immediate area of a guest or youth shooting at the range. A member must have special permission from an officer to have more than four (4) guests at any one time.

Prohibited

27. Consuming alcohol or illegal drugs at the range.
28. Bringing a pet to the range.
29. Shooting a 50 BMG at the range.
30. Hunting or harassing wildlife on range property.
31. Shooting before sunrise or after sunset.

Range Security

32. Membership cards must be in your possession and shown upon request.
33. Make sure the target shed door and gate are locked and the red safety lights are turned off when you leave.
34. Report any unsafe activity to a club officer.

Multipurpose Bays

35. Targets must be placed as close to the berm as possible and below shoulder height.
36. All shooting must be done from completely inside the bay.
37. High power rifles may be shot in the bays.

* Range rules for matches and training events on the calendar may vary from the above rules.