

## How to Become a Candidate for Membership in the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Inc.

### **Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Inc. (WSC) has membership openings and invites interested candidates to apply.**

This document is intended to provide you with a comprehensive overview on how to obtain a sponsor and become a member of the club. Most candidates fall into one of the three following categories:

1. The candidate has a friend who is an active member who will act as their sponsor;
2. The candidate is an experienced marksman or archer and competes in one or more of the public events at the club and gets to know active members who will act as their sponsor; or,
3. The candidate is interested in becoming a club member, but is unable to compete in any of the public events and does not know any of the active members of the club.

Regardless of status, anyone desiring candidacy has numerous opportunities to begin a mutually beneficial relationship with WSC and its members. In order to develop relationships necessary to obtain a sponsor, you can attend a multitude of events that are open to the public <http://www.washtenawsportsmansclub.org/events/>. You may also attend WSC's General Membership Meetings and/or Board Meetings held the first and third Thursday of the month respectively.

**Come out and get involved so that we can get to know each other!!**

All candidates must be sponsored by an active member of WSC and be at least eighteen years of age. An active member of WSC can sponsor no more than three people each year. The number of openings for membership each year is divided equally between the following six major committees: Archery, Black Powder, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Membership. The Membership committee represents all of the minor committees within the club: Personal Protection Training, Junior Rifle, Wild Women of Washtenaw, Hunter Safety, Building and Grounds, etc. All candidates must enroll in the committee that most closely matches their interests.

Your sponsor will be responsible for assisting you in selecting the appropriate committee and endorsing you to that committee. Your sponsor will add your name and contact information to the committee's list and sign that list as your sponsor. They will guide you through the balance of the selection process. Your responsibilities include exchanging contact information and keeping in touch with your sponsor. Requests for candidacy can be submitted to the appropriate committee's chairman any time between January 1<sup>st</sup> and the July Board Meeting (third Thursday of the month)

The chairman of your committee will maintain the list of all candidates and track their activities. It is recommended that you participate in as many of that committee's activities as possible. In early August the candidates will be selected, reviewed for compliance, and the WSC Board of Directors will approve admission.

You will be notified if approved as a candidate for probationary membership. You and your sponsor should be present at the September General Membership Meeting (first Thursday of the month). Please plan on arriving early because you will verify your application for probationary membership. Most importantly, you will receive a Probationary Requirements form that you must complete during your year long probationary period to become an active member.

At the October General Membership Meeting (first Thursday of the month), you will pay the annual membership dues (\$130.00 or (\$80.00 Seniors 65 & up) plus a \$50.00 initiation fee. You will then be inducted into the club and presented with a probationary membership card. After orientation you will have full access to all WSC ranges and facilities.

Your attendance at the above two meetings is important; however, extenuating circumstances will arise for some. If you are unable to attend these meetings, you or your sponsor must notify the Membership Secretary in writing and indicate the reason for your absence. Either of the above meetings can be made up by attending any of the following future meetings through the month of December: **General Membership Meetings, 8:00 p.m. (FIRST Thursday of the month) and Board of Director's Meetings 8:00 p.m. (THIRD Thursday of the month)**. Please arrive a little early.

### **Washtenaw Sportsman's Club – Objectives**

The objectives of the club shall be:

- To provide the grounds and facilities necessary for education, training, practice and competition in the several firearm and archery sports and disciplines;
- To educate and support efforts to educate Club members and others in the safe, legal maintenance and use of firearms;
- To maintain and preserve Club grounds and facilities for these purposes and as a means of conserving and preserving such natural resources and to otherwise practice and support the conservation and preservation of our country's natural resources; and
- To maintain and develop, by precept and example, the principles of ethical and civil conduct, sportsmanship and fair play at the Club and beyond, and to support efforts to educate Club members and others in these principles of conduct, and in the conservation and preservation of our country's natural resources.

Washtenaw Sportsman's Club does not discriminate against applicants based on race, sex, age, weight, lifestyle preference, religious or political affiliation.

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