

Frankfort Sportsman's Club Membership Handbook



Welcome:

Thank you for becoming a member of the Frankfort Sportsman Club and opening the door to a multitude of opportunities. As a member of the Frankfort Sportsman Club family you have entitled yourself to participate in the events, competitions, and games presented by this organization, based on your level of membership. This handbook is your guide to what awaits, it is your club; we hope that you will make the most of what this organization has to offer and we value what you bring to the organization.

Club Volunteerism:

The Frankfort Sportsman Club is a not-for-profit organization and was created for the benefit of its membership, established in 1947. It has always been a tradition for the membership to donate time and or materials to the club to help minimize costs. This tradition of volunteerism is alive and well today and is being passed down to future generations that will eventually take the helm of the Frankfort Sportsman Club. Our membership understands that this is their club and their generosity not only keeps their costs down, but also their fellow member's costs. Members are encouraged to serve on the Board, join a committee and help with work parties if possible.

Membership identification:

The Frankfort Sportsman's Club ID will be issued to you every year after your membership dues have been paid or shortly after. It is Club policy that you must wear your ID visibly while on the property. If you do not have your ID with you a Temporary ID can be obtained at the manager's desk. Guests of members must be signed in at the manager's desk and will be issued a Colored Wrist Band that they must wear. Guests are the responsibility of the member and must accompany the member throughout their stay at



the club. All Memberships expire at the end of the calendar year when dues will be collected for the next year.

Events:

The Frankfort Sportsman Club has many events throughout the year. These events include, but are not limited to, an Easter shoot, Christmas shoot and party, St. Patrick's shoot and party, Club picnic, Club championship shoot, and Memorial shoots. The club events are scheduled and announced at the beginning of the year and advertised in the club house, newsletters and e-mails, however some events may be added during the year. If an event is added during the year the board of directors tries to give the membership as much notice as possible. This is done to allow the membership ample time to make plans to attend.

Safety:

Since the inception of the Frankfort Sportsman Club, in 1947, safety has always been a primary focus of this organization. The impeccable safety record compiled over the years is second to none and this organization demands that this record remain intact. The club makes every effort to provide a safe environment to conduct club activities in and makes sure that safety rules and procedures are posted. The board of directors also monitors current trends and conditions and modifies current safety rules and procedures and implements new rules and procedures as required. The club also realizes that the membership has a participative role in club safety. Members are encouraged to point out safety issues in a tactful, courteous, and friendly manner when encountered; if the situation is not corrected then a member is asked to report the issue to the staff or a board member. Safety rules and procedures are implemented to benefit the membership as a whole and are not designed to single out individuals or groups.



Safety Rules:

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Shotguns must be cased in the parking lot.
- Shotguns are the **ONLY** firearms shot at FSC, No pistols or rifles are Allowed.
- Shotgun shells size 7 ½, 8 or 9 are the only sizes to be used, Target Loads only.
- No shotguns firing slugs are allowed.
- Once on the property, ALL gun actions are open and empty.
- Movement of the guns on the property; actions are open and empty, muzzle pointing up or down (away from people).
- When on the firing line, the muzzle is pointed down range, only load one round in the gun at a time and close the action only when it is your turn to shoot. Exceptions: Two rounds may be loaded for Trap doubles or full use of gun events.
- When moving from one shooting position to the next, keep the action open and the gun empty.
- No mounting and/or dry firing while in the club house. Go outside and point muzzle down range. (This includes snap caps)
- When someone is in the trap house, the red light will be on and the Orange Cone will be displayed.
- If trap help needs to service the throwers when a squad is on the firing line:
 1. Employee will instruct the shooters to open and empty their firearms.
 2. Employee will visually check for compliance.
 3. Employee will only then move downrange to service thrower.



Weather closings:

The Frankfort Sportsman Club makes every effort to be open during the posted hours of operation. However, there will be weather condition that will prevent the club from opening from time to time. This is done in the interest of safety, for the benefit of the membership and staff. In the event that the club will be closed due to weather related issues, the club will make every effort to notify the membership as soon as possible. Notices are generally posted on the club website, and Facebook. E-mail notifications are sent out when possible and a message will be on the club phone system.

Games:

Aside from the established disciplines of trap, skeet, and 5-stand, there are various games that you will have an opportunity to participate in at the club. Games are primarily shot at club events and the types of games being presented are announced prior to these events. Most of these games have their origins in the established disciplines and are played for fun, competition, and to improve one's shooting skills. The Frankfort Sportsman Club encourages its members to participate in the various games presented by the club, with the intent being, to maximize the member's shooting experience. The board of directors would like to extend an invitation to any member unfamiliar with or who has limited experience with any game or games to let our staff know and arrangements will be made for an orientation into the exciting world of shooting games. The club will also have periodic game nights to allow our membership to participate and hone their game shooting skills in a relaxed atmosphere.



Shooting Promotions:

Currently the club has several promotions in effect that encourage and reward member's shooting. Stop by the Trap Manager's desk or see a Board member to ask about information about the current promotions.

Conclusion:

This handbook is designed to assist you in navigating through the multitude of opportunities available at the Frankfort Sportsman Club; however, as times, trends, and conditions change, situations may arise that may not have been covered in this document. If you should encounter a situation or have a question that is not covered in this handbook or in other documents received from this club, please feel free to ask a member of our staff or member of the board of directors and we will do our very best to provide accurate answers. Thank you for joining the Frankfort Sportsman Club and keep on breaking targets.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What are the hours of operation and the cost to shoot?

A: The hours of operation are posted on our website and at the Trap counter of the club. Currently we are open on Wednesday and Friday nights from 6 pm until 10 pm and on Sundays from 9 am until 4 pm. There are also special shoot days during the week for League and open shooting. Hours are subject to change due to the weather and time of year. The cost of shooting varies depending on your level of membership and the type of discipline you wish to shoot. Our counter staff will be more than happy to explain and clarify the options available to you.



Q: As a member, am I allowed to bring guests?

A: Only a Sportsman or Sr. Sportsman Membership provides for guest privileges. See the counter staff or a board member for guest policies and procedures.

Q: If I have an idea, suggestion, and or information regarding the club, whom do I contact?

A: Members of the board of directors are more than happy to hear items or issues regarding the club. If you would like to make a presentation to the entire board, just attend a regularly scheduled board meeting and ask to be placed on the agenda prior to the start of the meeting. You may also relay your idea or concern to a member of the board of directors and he or she will present it to the board for you.

Q: Can I post announcements on the bulletin board at the club?

A: Yes, members may post items on the bulletin board. The procedure requires that your item be time stamped. This can be done by any of our staff. Posted items will remain on the board for no more than 30 days and items that are not time stamped will be removed immediately. Items may stay longer than 30 days only with permission from the board of directors.

Q: What are shoot cards?

A: Shoot cards were created to allow members to purchase a predetermined number of rounds in advance. The amount of rounds and costs involved vary based on your level of membership, the discipline for which the card is being purchased, and the amount of rounds on that card. The cards are designed as a convenience to our membership and to allow for participation in events such as leagues and morning shoots, when our counter staff is not present. The card is punched by a staff member when a round is going to be shot during regular business hours and by the person in charge of



the league or other events that are outside of regular business hours. Shoot cards may be purchased during regular business hours and our staff will be more than happy to answer any questions regarding shoot cards.

Q: How do I receive information and notifications from the club?

A: The club currently communicates through e-mail; newsletters, event announcements and weather closings are some of the types of information that is sent via e-mail. Therefore, it is highly recommended that a current e-mail address is kept on file, so that you will receive information in a timely manner. It is the member's responsibility to keep an active up to date e-mail address on file for the club's use. You can also visit the club's website – www.frankfortsportsmanclub.com – or look at our Facebook page for current info.

Q: Can I use handguns and or rifles at the Frankfort Sportsman Club?

A: At this time the Frankfort Sportsman Club is not equipped to support the handgun and rifle shooting disciplines. Because of safety issues discharging a handgun or a rifle on club premises is prohibited and doing so will result in disciplinary action and may lead to expulsion from the club.

Q: How can I get more involved in the club?

A: Frankfort Sportsman Club encourages its members to become involved. There are numerous positions on the Board of Directors that are available as well as positions on any number of committees that work, help set policies and run the club. Any of the current Board of Directors will be more than happy to explain and clarify the options available to you.



Q: When are elections for the Board of Directors and how can I participate in choosing our next governing body?

A: The election of the Board of Directors is held at the General Meeting that is held on the fourth Tuesday of October. To be put on the ballot you must let a member of the slating committee know that you are interested and in what position you are interested in before the September General meeting held on the fourth Tuesday in September. You can also be put on the ballot if you are nominated from the floor and that nomination seconded during the nomination process in the September General meeting. To check out the requirements see any current Director or look in the Constitutions and By-laws of the Frankfort Sportsman Club.