



# Frankfort Sportsman's Club

## Membership Handbook

[www.frankfortsportsmanclub.com](http://www.frankfortsportsmanclub.com)

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### **Introduction:**

Thank you for becoming a member 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, and we hope that you will make the most of what this organization has to offer. We value what you bring to the organization.

### **Club Volunteerism:**

Established in 1947, the Frankfort Sportsman Club is a not-for-profit organization and was created for the benefit of its membership. 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 will keep their membership costs down.

### **Membership Identification and Membership Duration:**

A Frankfort Sportsman Club ID will be issued to you every year at the time you pay your membership dues. It is Club policy that you have your ID on your person while on club property. All memberships expire at the end of the calendar year (December 31). The membership renewal period starts two months prior to the membership expiration. You may renew your membership anytime from November 1st of the current membership year to March 1st of the following year.

### **Events:**

The Frankfort Sportsman Club has many events throughout the year. These events include, but are not limited to, Polar Bear Shoot (New Year's Day), St. Patrick's Day Shoot, Club Picnic, Club Championship shoot, and Veterans Day/Thanksgiving Shoot. The club events are scheduled and announced at the beginning of the year and are advertised in the clubhouse, in the newsletter, on Facebook, on our website, and through emails. Some events may be added during the year. If an event is added during the year, the Board of Directors will give the membership as much notice as possible 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 in which to conduct club activities 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. When encountered, members are encouraged to point out safety issues to other members in a tactful, courteous, and friendly manner. If the situation is not corrected, the member is asked to report the issue to the Board member on duty. 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:**

- Proper eye and hearing protection must be worn when within 20 yards of any firing line.
- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Shotguns must be cased while transporting them to and from the parking lot.
- SHOTGUNS ARE THE ONLY FIREARMS ALLOWED to be shot at Frankfort Sportsman Club. NO pistols or rifles are allowed.
- The only shotgun shells that are allowed are shells that have shot sizes of 7.5, 8, 8.5, and 9.
- No shotguns firing slugs are allowed.
- All guns are to be unloaded with the actions open.
- When moving shotguns on the property, the guns must be unloaded with actions open and with the muzzle pointing straight up or down (away from people).
- When on the firing line, the muzzle is to be pointed down range. Load only one round in the gun at a time. Close the action only when it is your turn to shoot. Exceptions: Two rounds may be loaded for Trap Doubles or when participating in game events that require two shells to be loaded. Under no circumstances are more than two shells to be loaded.
- When moving from one shooting position to the next, keep the action open and the gun unloaded.
- Shoot at your target only. Backup shooting is not allowed unless specified as part of a particular game.
- No mounting and/or dry firing is allowed while in the club house. If you must dry fire your shotgun, go outside to a vacant trap field and point muzzle down range. (This includes the use snap caps).



- When someone is in the trap house, the red light, mounted on the front of the trap house, will be on and an orange cone will be displayed on top of the trap house. All shotguns on the firing line must be unloaded with their actions open.
- If a Trap Associate needs to service the target thrower when a squad is on the firing line:
  - The Trap Associate will call a “Cease Fire”.
  - The Trap Associate will instruct the shooters to open and unload their shotguns.
  - The Trap Associate will visually check for compliance.
  - The Trap Associate will then move downrange to service target thrower.

### **Leagues:**

The Frankfort Sportsman Club offers a variety of shooting leagues. The different league offerings include Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand. The club will send email notifications advising when league signup begins. Participating in a league will hone your shooting skills, allow you to get to know your fellow members, and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow shooters. Sign up for a league and join the fun.

### **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. 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 limited experience with, any game to let our staff know and arrangements will be made for an orientation into the exciting world of shooting games.

### **Weather Closings:**

The Frankfort Sportsman Club makes every effort to be open during the posted hours of operation. However, there may be weather conditions that will prevent the club from opening. 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. Notifications will be sent by email and by text messages. To receive email notifications, make sure that the club has your current email address on file. To receive text messages, the club must have your mobile phone number and your mobile phone carrier.



## **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 the 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 being a part of the Frankfort Sportsman Club and keep on breaking those targets.

## **FAQs:**

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

**A:** The hours of operation and pertinent pricing information are posted on our website ([www.frankfortsportsmanclub.com](http://www.frankfortsportsmanclub.com)) and at the cashier's counter at the club. 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 Sportsman and Senior Sportsman memberships provide for guest privileges. Guests of members must be signed in at the cashier's counter and will be issued a colored wrist band that must be worn while on the premises. Guests are the responsibility of the sponsoring member and must accompany the member throughout their stay at the club. See the counter staff or a Board member for any questions you may have. (See the detailed Guest Policy and Registration procedure, which is posted at the club).

**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 number of rounds and costs involved vary based on your level of membership, the discipline for which the card is being purchased, and the number 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 or 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 email, text messages, newsletters, our website, and Facebook. Event announcements and weather closings are some of the types of information that are sent via email and text messages. So that you will receive information in a timely manner, it is recommended that your current email address, mobile phone number, and mobile phone carrier is kept on file at the club.

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

**A:** 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.