



## Introduction for Membership Application

Hello:

Thank you for your interest in the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club. The Hopedale PRC has been in operation since 1947. It was originally constructed by the Draper Corporation for its employees who competed in smallbore rifle in what was called originally called the Worcester Industrial League. The Club was later privatized and ownership of the facility transferred to the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club, Inc. The Club features an 8 position indoor shooting range. Target distance is 50 feet or 25 feet depending on firearm. The Club permits use of rifles at fifty feet chambered in .22 rimfire and most pistol cartridges. Allowable pistol cartridges are from .22 caliber to .500 SW caliber, including magnum and jacketed cartridges. Other features are a meeting room, reloading room, and men's and lady's restrooms. The Club has undergone major improvements and has a state-of-the-art ventilating system and AR-500 backstop. The ventilating system is to help ensure shooter safety and exceeds the rigorous requirements from National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for Small Arms Range Ventilation Systems. Our system is believed to be the only certified and most modern system in the state operated by a private club.

- The Club is accessible to the membership via an access card system on a 24/7/365 schedule with limited black-out times for pistol team matches/practices, Junior Rifle Program and for special use which is conducted during business hours during the week.
- Hopedale PRC encourages all new members to be a member of the NRA and can facilitate membership for as little as \$10.00 per year.
- The applicant must be in possession of a valid LTC or FID card from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You must keep your LTC current to continue your membership eligibility.
- We will accept applications for those individuals who have their LTC/FID in process but you will remain probationary until a license is issued and a copy is provided to the Club. You can retain your probationary status for 1 year after which your status and application will be vacated and your application fee forfeited. Probationary members have no voting privileges nor will they be issued an active access card.
- **All applications must be accompanied by an application fee of \$125.00, a copy of your driver's license or passport; a copy of your LTC or FID card and a copy of your NRA card (if applicable).**
- Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club does offer a family membership which provides for a 50% reduction in the annual dues and applicable assessments for a spouse/civil union. **A separate application must be submitted for each party filing an application for family memberships.** The application fee for a family membership is \$187.50
- The annual dues is \$75.00 per member and \$112.50 for a family membership. Dues is payable on October 1 of each year. All applicants are required to pay the current years' dues with their application in addition to the application fee.
- All applications require 2 sponsors. Applications may be sponsored by the Board of Directors if the candidate requires one or more sponsors. Sponsorship by the Board requires an in-person meeting either by appointment or during an Open House. Candidates are required to be elected. You are required to attend the meeting at which your application is considered.
- Each new member will be required to attend a New Member Orientation before being granted access to the Club. During the briefing the range rules, policies procedures and By-Laws will be reviewed. You will be provided these documents in advance to read. The Orientation takes about an hour. Access cards will be issued at that time to all who have completed all the requirements.
- HPRC does not mandate worker hours for new or existing members.
- HPRC is affiliated with the NRA, USA Shooting, and the Civilian Marksmanship Program.
- HPRC is Wi-Fi enabled.
- Regular Meetings of the Club which are held on the last Thursday of the months of January, March, May, September and October at 7:00 P.M.

Please feel free to contact myself or member of the Board of Directors if you have any further questions.

With regards,

Todd E. Smith  
President



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## Membership Application – 2023

I hereby make application for membership to the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club, Inc. and agree, if elected, to abide by the rules, policies and by-laws of the organization. I remit \$125 as my non-refundable application fee (\$187.50 for family).

Full Name:

Address:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

Other Sporting Clubs or Organizations:

Have you ever applied or held membership in Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club?

If so when?

NRA Number:

NRA Expires:

LTC/FID Number:

LTC Expires:

Are you a member of GOAL?

If yes what is your GOAL Number:

GOAL Membership Expires:

Is this a family membership?

If yes please list name of associated member:

First Sponsor:

(Print) Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Sponsor:

(Print) Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant by signing this form makes the following pledge:

*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. I certify that I am not a member of any organization or group pledged to, or working for, a program aimed at the destruction of our present system of government established by the Constitution of the United States I affirm that, if admitted to membership I shall abide by the Club rules (policies, procedures, regulations and By-Laws) and avoid any contact that might endanger others and/or bring discredit to the Club. I further affirm that the application I have signed is to a true statement under penalty of dismissal."*

The applicant further acknowledges and understands that the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club relies solely on electronic communication and takes full responsibility for ensuring that the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club has a current and accurate email address. The Club may send members email notification of Club meetings (including renewal forms, dues notices, minutes, newsletters and links to club documents). The applicant releases the Club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the Club's control and demonstrates acceptance by affixing their signature to this application.

Dated:

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [hopedaleprc@gmail.com](mailto:hopedaleprc@gmail.com)



## Membership Application Checklist

- Complete Membership Application signed by (2) eligible sponsors of Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club or by two members of the Board at the open house.
- Application Fee
- Copy of a valid driver's license or passport
- Copy of a current LTC/FID  
(or entry as a probationary member – please provide proof of LTC/FID application)
- Read Club policies, procedures, rules, regulations and By-Laws as provided
- NRA/GOAL; Copy of membership cards or membership numbers – Optional
- New Member Orientation – To be scheduled after your election

### The Process.

All complete applications will be balloted upon during the course of the meeting. Typically at least one date will be announced for the conduct of the safety briefing at that meeting. You will be sent an email which will provide access or copies of all pertinent policies, procedures, rules, regulations and By-Laws. At the safety briefing these documents will be reviewed and you will be given an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. You will then need to complete an acknowledgement form for them and a liability affidavit. You will then be issued your access card and you are now a member of the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club! Please be aware that there are posted blackout times for league matches, team practices and the Junior Rifle Team. The Club currently has no work requirement but does encourage participation in the meetings, leagues and other activities that are held including the occasional work party.

