

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. The Club permits use of .22 caliber rimfire rifles and pistols chambered from .22 caliber to .45 caliber with some specific cartridge limitations. 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. The Club is accessible to the membership via an access card system on a 24/7 schedule with limited black-out times for pistol team matches/practices and the Junior Rifle Program.

Hopedale PRC requires all new members to be a member of the NRA and be in possession of a valid LTC or FID card from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You must keep both 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 access card. You may complete and pay a NRA recruitment application at the club to meet the NRA requirement. The recruitment application will offer a discount in the way of a waiver of the commission. This amount will vary based on the membership term. All applications must be accompanied by an application fee of \$125.00 (you may email the club your complete application but you must complete your application before it can be considered for a vote); a copy of your driver's license or passport; a copy of your LTC or FID card and a copy of your NRA card. 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. Certain conditions apply to family memberships which are covered in a Club policy. A separate application must be submitted for each party filing an application for family memberships. Your application must be received a minimum of 15 days before any meeting in which is to be considered. Once you are notified to appear for election you must complete the election process within 2 regular meetings of the Club or your application fee will be forfeited and your application voided.

Each new member will be required to attend a safety briefing 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. You will be required to acknowledge receipt and compliance of these during the briefing.

As of October of 2015 the annual dues is \$60.00 per member and \$90.00 for a family membership. As of 2015 there is also an assessment plan for each member that is designed to cover the costs of recent major capital projects and future enhancements. This is a requirement for every current and future member. The assessment per member is estimated at \$345.00 and is spread over 3 years or \$115.00 per year. All applicants will be required to pay an installment during the fiscal year into which they are admitted.

Applications are considered at Regular Meetings of the Club which are held on the last Thursday of the months of January, March, May, September and October.

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

Membership Application

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.

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:

Membership Application Checklist

- Complete Membership Application signed by (2) eligible sponsors of Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club. A member cannot be sponsor or co-sponsor until he or she has been a member in good standing for six months and is current with all fees, dues and assessments.
- At least one of your sponsors must be present when your application is proposed
- Application Fee
- Copy of a current NRA Membership Card or paid completion of a NRA Recruitment Application
- 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
- Safety Briefing – To be scheduled after your election

The Process.

The club will acknowledge via email that your application has been received. You and your sponsor(s) will be reminded approximately one week before the Regular Meeting in which your application will be read. Before the meeting is open for business you may see the Membership Secretary to complete and submit any missing documentation or payments. At least one of your sponsors must be in attendance with you. 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.