

# **Prince George Rod & Gun Club Membership Policy on Privileges & Obligations**

## **AIMS AND PURPOSE OF THE CLUB**

- A. To provide Prince George Rod & Gun Club members a safe, clean and enjoyable place to spend recreational time, while pursuing various shooting sports.
- B. To promote a true spirit of sportsmanship among its members.
- C. To cultivate and promote a friendly relationship among its members and the general public.
- D. To encourage and promote organized shooting sports, firearms training, and the safe and efficient handling of firearms among its members and the citizens of our community.
- E. To oppose diligently any law which would restrict the legal ownership of firearms or one's right to self defense.

## **MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

- A. Shall have reasonable use of the Prince George Rod & Gun Club facility during the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM (or dusk) seven days of the week.
- B. All privileges granted to a member in good standing, including those of voting and holding office.
- C. May occasionally bring guests to the range. Members are responsible for the conduct and safety of their guests. Members must be at the range with their guest. Guests may not go to the range alone.
- D. May vote at the annual election of the Directors.
- E. May be elected to the Board of Directors. Directors' terms are one (1) year.
- F. May nominate candidates for the Board of Directors at the annual general meeting.
- G. May bring before the Board of Directors any matter pertaining to the Prince George Rod & Gun Club.
- H. May participate in all Prince George Rod & Gun Club activities.
- I. Is expected to be aware of the club bylaws and may peruse them at the club website.

J. A member may make a complaint against another member. The complaint is to be in writing and must be presented to the club Secretary with all supporting materials and evidence. If the complaint is against a member of the executive, then the complaint must be submitted to the President.

K. A member who has been complained about is entitled to a full hearing before the general membership in accordance with the bylaws. The member is entitled to know the accuser, know the complaint, and have a true copy of the complaint, supporting materials, and evidence.

L. Members may appeal to the membership disciplinary actions imposed by the Directors.

M. Any member or Director may nominate another member, non-member, or Director for an award. The Board of Directors will consider the nomination and decide if an award is deserved and what the appropriate award shall be. Awards can range from a formal recognition, a letter, a plaque, or a gift of appreciation and so forth. These lower cost awards need only be approved by the Directors. High cost awards may also be given if justified and approved first by the Board of Directors and then by the general membership. A high cost award could be an annual regular membership or other membership as determined by the directors.

## **MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

A. All members are responsible for keeping their dues current, and to pay in a timely manner all fees assessed to them.

Each year, at renewal time, the Club will mail your membership renewal form. This is a bill for payment, not a piece of scrap paper to be discarded. Read it and follow the instructions.

The renewal form, with all the requested information completed, shall be returned with your payment of dues and other fines and fees assessed to you.

Your membership renewal will not be processed unless you have provided all of the requested information.

Members whose dues are in arrears (not paid within the allotted time), must re-apply for membership. **Membership in the Prince George Rod and Gun Club is a privilege, not a right.** All membership applications are subject to approval by the Directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The process of renewing your membership can be painless, if you read and follow the instructions on the renewal form and act in a timely manner. If you find an error in your renewal form contact the Director-Memberships as soon as

possible to have a corrected form furnished. Please do not revise the renewal form yourself or send a partial payment.

B. All members are to treat each other with Respect and Dignity at **ALL** times, in **ALL** situations. If a situation of conflict arises the expectation of members are as follows:

- ❖ Voice your concerns to the other party while remaining calm and polite. If the situation is one where the safety of other persons is not in jeopardy please call the Club President, Vice president, or any other director immediately. In cases involving a threat or act of violence please call the RCMP immediately, and then call the Club President, Vice president, or any other director immediately thereafter.
- ❖ If resolution of an issue becomes unlikely please walk away from the situation and inform the Club President, Vice president, or any other director so that the issue can be brought forward. Please record details such as the person's name, description, and vehicle license numbers etc.
- ❖ **DO NOT get into a heated confrontation; if the situation gets to this level BOTH parties may face discipline. Remember, you may not be able to control everything that happens around you, but you have the responsibility of controlling how you behave.**

C. All members are to abide by the bylaws, policies and rules of the Club. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Club. A copy of the bylaws is posted on the club web site and in the club house. This document is intended to give a new member a simplified understanding of the rules that are necessary to get started in club activities. **Members are expected to read the bylaws as ignorance of the bylaws is no excuse.**

D. All members are expected to do at least one workday for the club each year, this may include participation at our annual family heritage event, range clean-up or other work parties. Those exempted are disabled members and members who are at least sixty years old. Official work days will be announced on the club website and other opportunities may be available.

E. All members are to protect, preserve and use wisely the property and resources of the Club. Theft and vandalism of club property or another member's property will not be tolerated. Lost and found property should be reported to the Club Secretary.

F. All members of the Club shall conduct themselves in a cordial and business-like manner, and practice good sportsmanship at all times when conducting the business of the Club or while using the range facilities.

G. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs or being under the influence of such a mind-altering substance while at the range, shall be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the Club.

The moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages on site after the ranges are closed, while representing the Club or when conducting official business is acceptable, provided the place and time is appropriate, and provided it is not disruptive to the purpose of the event. Being in a drunken state is not acceptable conduct.

H. All members will practice firearms safety at all times. They will abide by the safety rules established by the Club Directors and report wilful violators to the Board of Directors.

Additionally, they will follow the instructions of the designated Range Officer while using the range facility and the Match Director and Range Officers while participating in organized shooting events.

I. Member are not permitted to loan out their key to the lock on the range gate, except to those persons authorized to use the facility or as authorized by a Director.

J. All members are to abide by all Federal, Provincial and other relevant laws while using the range facility.

K. The Club president is authorized to appoint any member of the Club to a special committee for the purpose of conducting Club business. The term of such an appointment shall not exceed a one year period, except by voluntary acceptance.

L. All members are required to demonstrate their knowledge of the Prince George Rod & Gun Club rules and safe gun handling procedures to a Club Range Officer, if so requested by a Range Officer or a Director.

Note that members who will not or cannot successfully demonstrate such knowledge and ability may be restricted from using the range until the member receives adequate training and can demonstrate their ability to safely use the range.

I have read and understand all of the above policy document on "Privileges and Obligations" and the Club bylaws and agree to follow all policies, rules and bylaws of the PGRGC.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This page must be signed, dated and accompany your membership form, new member or renewal, before your card and key will be issued.

Please keep pages 1 – 4 for future reference.