



GATLINBURG SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

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YEAR 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ First name for Name Tag _____
 Address _____ Spouse First Name _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 I receive mail at the above address Email Address _____
 Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Occupation _____ Employed By _____

I have read, and I understand and agree to abide by, GSC's Range Safety Rules. _____ (initials)

I agree to submit to a background check and understand that my acceptance is dependent on the results. _____ (initials)

I certify that I am not prohibited from purchasing firearms by Title I of the Gun Control Act of 1968. _____ (initials)

(If you are not sure, ask. A copy of the relevant parts of the Gun Control Act will be provided to you. If you cannot truthfully sign the affidavit above, you must present this application in person at a regularly scheduled monthly Club meeting. False statements on this form are grounds for immediate expulsion from the Club.)

Enter the validation code from the Orientation Program: _____

DUES FOR 2024	<u> \$150 </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INITIATION FEE / BACKGROUND CHECK	<u> \$110 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
POSTAGE FEE IF NO VALID EMAIL ADDRESS	<u> \$ 20 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER _____	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	<u> \$ </u>	

Membership Year: November 1 through October 31

All new members must complete the Orientation Program prior to his use of the range.

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING
ASSIGNMENT OF RISK AGREEMENT**

I hereby release the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club and its Officers, Agents, and Range Masters from any liability for damage to any persons or property resulting from the use of equipment, rented or borrowed, and from liabilities surrounding the use of the target facilities of the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club. I agree to reimburse the Club for damage and loss of any Club owned property resulting from actions by me or my guests. I understand that shooting is a hazardous sport and agree to follow all Club rules to the letter. I assume all risk myself and hold harmless all others regardless of the existence of an assumed risk law in the state of Tennessee. Submission of this application and payment of your dues constitutes your acceptance of all agreements, conditions and waivers listed above.

 Signature: _____ Date: _____

-----For use by club officer accepting dues-----

Paid \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Check # _____ Bank _____ Received by _____ ID Badge # _____

BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Authorization: By signing below, you authorize: (a) backgroundchecks.com ("BGC") to request information about you from any public or private information source; (b) anyone to provide information about you to BGC; (c) BGC to provide us, Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club ("GSC"), one or more reports based on that information; and (d) us to share those reports with others for legitimate business purposes related to your membership in GSC. BGC may investigate your education, work history, professional licenses and credentials, references, address history, social security number validity, right to work, criminal record, lawsuits, driving record, credit history, and any other information with public or private information sources. You acknowledge that a fax, image, or copy of this authorization is as valid as the original. You make this authorization to be valid for as long as you are an applicant or a member in GSC.

Personal Information: Please print the information requested below to identify yourself for BGC.

Printed name:

 First Full Middle (□ if none) Last

Other names used: _____

Current address and former addresses (if you have lived at the current address for less than 5 years):

 From current To Street City State Zip

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Some government agencies and other information sources require the following information when checking for records. BGC will not use it for any other purposes.

 Date of Birth Social Security # Drivers License # State Name on License (if different from above)

X

 Membership Applicant

Date: _____

PAYMENT

1. USPS:

Print out your completed application, enclose your personal check payable to "[Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club](#)"
 Then mail both to: PO Box 5195
 Sevierville, TN 37864-5195

Rule 1: Above all other rules: THE RANGE OFFICER IS ALWAYS RIGHT, be polite: if you disagree your only recourse is to appeal in person at the next club meeting. If it is determined that you intentionally endangered yourself or others while using this range or intentionally damaged the targets, props, buildings or any other club property:

Penalty for willfully breaking the rules :

1A) You will lose your rights to use ALL RANGES until the next scheduled club meeting.

1B) Your access to the club will be restricted (not allowed) until the board of directors reviews the incident. If determined that you intentionally damaged the equipment or knowingly disobeyed any of the rules listed below you will be assessed a fine for damages and possibly have your club membership revoked with no refund. You may state your case to the board: **membership is at the sole discretion of the board of directors**, there are no appeals after the directors meeting.

Rule 2: the following guidelines must be followed unless a GSC Range Officer is present to allow variations. This range was constructed as a competition / training range and variations will only be allowed in the presence of a range officer.

1. Approved firearms for the reactive range:

a) **Handguns** (straight wall cartridges with a power factor of 200 or less). No magnum cartridges allowed on the steel targets. Magnum handguns using non magnum loads are allowed. No bottle neck cartridges allowed!

b) The use of rifles on the reactive range is allowed as follows: the use of the allowed straight wall revolver/pistol cartridges in a bolt, lever, break open, or AR 15 style platform is acceptable. An example is the AR15 chambered in 9MM or the Marlin 1895 lever action using .38 Special ammunition. Center fire rifle cartridges are specifically NOT ALLOWED in any use/platform. The use of armor piercing ammunition is specifically NOT ALLOWED.

c) **Shotguns** (#6 shot or smaller size only, no slugs or buckshot are permitted on the range).

No guns or ammo exceeding these guidelines should be present on the range. Steel core and armor piercing ammo is strictly prohibited. If you have these cartridges on the range you will be subject to rule 1. All empty shotgun shells must be picked up after shooting. Brass may be left on range, the brass will magically disappear.

2. The range is for the exclusive use by the club members, their guests, and other authorized organizations. Members are responsible for the behavior of guests and must remain with them at all times while on the range. **Hearing and eye protection are required by all shooters and spectators or guests.**

3. Firing at tin cans, bottles, rocks, birds, animals, range structures including railroad ties, shed roofs, supports or any other object other than steel targets, or other authorized targets is strictly forbidden. Under no circumstances should the falling plates or steel targets be shot with anything other than approved firearms. Range improvements, props, or barricades are not to be used as target frames. Items marked with an X are props and should not be shot. Railroad ties, barrels, and vision barriers are props and should not be shot or used to hold targets. **See Rule 1.a**

4. NRA, USPSA, and IDPA safety rules will be observed at all times. No dangerous gun handling will be allowed. Holsters may be used. Barrels (55gallon drums) may be used as platforms to draw from.

5. When shooting the steel plates or the pepper popper targets, make sure you are standing behind the firing line while loading and firing. The two red stakes indicate the firing line you may not fire from a position past the stakes (or line) without the approval of a GSC Range Officer present at the range.

6. Plate racks are not to be moved without a range officer present.

7. No target may be moved closer that the green target line stakes on each side of the range.

8. Damaged or broken targets should be left on one of the tables at the range, some breakage is normal and will not be penalized. If you want, you can leave damaged targets at the skeet range.

Organized competitive shooting and scheduled events shall take precedence over all other activities. During such times, the range shall be under management and control of the event director. The range will be closed during all scheduled events. Exceptions may be made only with the consent of the event director.

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Further information

“Well I thought” or “In my experience” is only an acceptable explanation for being more cautious than required. Personal experience or estimation does not exempt anyone from the rules listed above or below.

List of cartridges known to damage steel.

.17 HMR (pointed and hp)	41 Magnum
5.56 (.223)	44 Magnum
5.7 x 28 FN	450 Ruger
7.62x25 Russian/Tokarev	460 S&W
30 Mauser (bottleneck?)	454 Casull
357 Sig	50 AE
357 Magnum	50 Beowulf
400 Corbon	500 S&W
10mm	All shotgun slugs

Shotgun ammo *****

All shot larger than #6 is subject to ricochet (it comes back at close to the same speed it went down range)

No bullets in any caliber should be allowed if speed is faster than 1400 FPS (lead begins to smoke heavily over 1000 fps) or the power factor is more than 200.

Power factor (PF) = (bullet weight gr * velocity fps) / 1000. Example, a 200 grain bullet fired at 900 feet per second makes a power factor of 180. The same bullet at 1100 fps makes a PF of 220 and bends or fatigues steel. Around a 190 power factor, hollow points begin to leave donuts on the steel while round nose bullets do no damage.

If you are not sure about a load, fire at the test plate. If the shot damages the test plate, do not shoot any other steel.

Range markings

- 1) Firing line stakes (red)
- 2) Target line stakes (green) @ 35' past red stakes
- 3) Post with test plate. (zebra striped)

Paint: black or white spray paint only. If you use a color other than black or white to designate a start plate (green) or stop plate (red) they should be repainted black or white when you are through. The plate rack structure and front plate or “rail” should always be painted black.

Print Name: _____

Sign _____ Date _____