

Androscoggin County Fish and Game Association

Prospective Member FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q. What is the process for joining the ACF&GA?

A. While the process is not complicated, there are a few things that prospective new members will need to do before membership to the association will be granted:

1. **Obtain Membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA).** You can sign up on-line through <http://membership.nrahq.org>. You **must** have your membership card available to join the ACF&GA. This membership is separate from your ACF&GA membership and it is your responsibility to keep it current.
2. **Get a sponsor.** The ACF&GA is a private association and accepts only new members whose good character has been established by an existing member. If you don't already know a member of the association, you may meet existing members and introduce yourself at one of a number of public events held weekly. See the ACF&GA Event Calendar at <http://calendar.acfga.net> for information on publicly-available events.
3. **Complete and sign an application form.** The form is downloadable from our web site at <http://www.acfga.net>, in the "Documents and Downloads" section (the same area as this document). If you are unable to print the form, you may pick up a paper copy at one of our public events.
4. **Bring your completed application form, your sponsor, and a check made out to "ACF&GA" for the total of the membership options desired to a Member Meeting.** At the meeting, you will introduce yourself to the members and say a few words about your interest in the association. In the event your sponsor is not available to attend the meeting, an affidavit attesting to your good character signed by your sponsor will be acceptable. You will also be expected to pay your first year membership dues at that time. Member meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of each month, from 7pm to 8:30pm. Check the ACF&GA events calendar to be certain, however; on occasion, meetings are moved to accommodate holidays and other events. **Do NOT submit your Membership Application at any ACF&GA event other than the standing Member Meeting. If you do, there is a very good chance that it will never be processed.**
5. **Attend the Safety Walkthrough.** The walkthrough is normally held the Saturday following the member meeting, starting at 8am. On occasion it is rescheduled, but you will be informed of the date and time of the walkthrough at the member meeting you attended to join.
6. **Receive your membership card.** Your card will be provided at completion of the walkthrough, and will include the combination to the main gate and clubhouse.

Q. How much does membership cost?

A. Starting with the 2012/2013 membership year, new memberships are \$100. Subsequent renewals are \$80. Indoor range access is \$60 per year, and qualification by a board-authorized RSO is required. Junior memberships are available at a cost of \$10 per year for children from 10 to 17 years old.

Q. When does the new membership year start?

A. The membership year runs from April 1 of the current year to March 31 of the following year. Combinations to the gate and buildings are changed at that time, and current membership must be obtained to use the facility.

Q. How many individuals may use a membership?

A. Memberships are assigned to a single person and are not shared among family members or other individuals. Only the individual holding the membership may use the club facilities. The one exception is for Guests; individuals that sign the appropriate waiver may use the facilities on an infrequent basis but only when accompanied by a member. It is very strongly suggested that any guest that is expected to use the facility more than 3 times per year become a member.

Q. Is my membership information shared with external organizations?

A. No, we do not release member information to any organization; it is used exclusively for contact information by the Board of Directors and verification of membership in the NRA.

Q. What are some of the benefits of membership in the ACF&GA?

A. Aside from having access to the trap range, rifle range, short berm and club house facilities, members are able to purchase Cabela's gift cards at a 10% discount through our board liaison, and obtain a 5% discount from Missouri Bullets using a club-specific discount code. Members also participate in group buys for bullets, shotgun shells, reloading equipment and other items.

Q. I was a member previously, but it was awhile ago. Will I be able to re-join at the renewal rate?

A. If you were a member in good standing in any of the 3 membership years prior to the current membership year, you may re-join the ACF&GA at the current renewal rate. If proof of your membership is not present in our membership rolls, you may be asked to provide proof in the form of your last active membership card.

Q. If I'm eligible for renewal, will I be required to attend a range safety briefing after I renew?

A. Unless there have been significant changes to the Range Safety rules during the time you were not a member, no, it will not be necessary for you to attend a Range Safety briefing.

Q. If too much time has passed for me to be able to take advantage of membership renewal, will I need to obtain a sponsor?

A. Generally speaking, no. If, however, your reason for leaving the club was involuntary (i.e. because of disciplinary action by the Board of Directors), both a sponsor and Board review will be required.