

INTRODUCTION TO METACON GUN CLUB, INC. FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Welcome! The outline below provides you with basic information regarding Metacon Gun Club Inc., and the membership application and acceptance process. If you have additional questions, please raise them at a Club meeting or with one of the Club's officers. The Membership Secretary is Lane Cronin, who may be contacted by e-mail at membership@metacongunclub.com or telephone at 860-255-7675.

I .Membership Application and Acceptance:

Membership applications are accepted at the beginning of each regular meeting of the Club. These meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m.

- **Applications must be presented in person.** If work obligations prevent this, submit your application with a letter of explanation to the Board of Governors.

Applicants will be asked at the beginning of the meeting to introduce themselves and give a brief description of their shooting interests and reasons for joining the club.

- Applications require three references and two member sponsors.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Applications must be accompanied by a \$25 application fee.

- All applicants must go through a State of CT felony background check as part of Metacon's application process. At the time of application, the Membership Secretary will supply the applicant with the correct state form. Once the form is completed by the applicant, and the applicant gives the Membership Secretary a check made payable to the State of CT for **\$50** (current fee), the Secretary will forward the applicant's form and check to the state for processing. **NOTE: This payment is in addition to the \$25 application fee you must pay to process your Metacon membership application. In short, you will need 2 checks to complete the initial application process.**

- Upon receipt of a completed application with appropriate fees:
 - The application will be brought forward to the following month's Club meeting for approval.
 - The applicant will begin receiving the monthly Metacon Newsletter, including the calendar of events.

The applicant is permitted and encouraged to participate in the various Club activities (including work parties) and teams.

- Upon approval of the application by the Club:
 - The applicant is placed on the "Approved Waiting List".
 - If the Club is at its 750 maximum membership the applicant must await a membership opening.
 - The applicant will be invited by letter from the Membership Secretary to attend the Chief Range Officers ("CRO") Course (*see below*). Applicants must attend the CRO Course and pass the CRO exam within six months of becoming a Probationary Member.

When a membership opening occurs, the applicant will be required to pay the Capital Contribution and the Annual Dues. At this point the applicant becomes a Probationary Member with full Club rights and responsibilities, except:

- the right to bring guests to the Club.
- the right to vote at Club meetings.
- the right to be a Club Officer.

Following the completion of the six-month probationary period, a Probationary Member's status change to a Regular Member is presented to the Board of Governors and to a Club meeting for approval.

II. Chief Range Officers Course:

All Metacon new members are required to attend the Chief Range Officers Course and to pass the CRO exam within six months of becoming a Probationary Member.

- This ensures that all Metacon members are familiar with safe use of the Metacon range facilities, the proper operation of the ranges and the Club facilities generally. This also ensures that there is a qualified CRO on the range at anytime a range is in use.
- Generally, the CRO Course is given every other month, alternating between a Saturday and a Sunday date. The CRO Course usually starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs three to four hours.
- At the CRO Course each applicant will be provided with copies of the CRO Manual (containing information regarding range operation and safety) and a description of the Metacon facilities.
- Immediately following the CRO Course, the indoor range handgun certifications will be conducted (*see below*).

III. Special Certifications:

Use of Handguns on the Indoor Range:

- Members must be certified to use handguns on the indoor range.
- Certification may be obtained for .22 rimfire only or for centerfire and rimfire.
- Certifications are done in conjunction with each CRO Course.
- Members should bring a suitable handgun and sufficient ammunition.
- No magnums; no velocity in excess of 1100 FPS.
- If a member does not have a suitable handgun the member should contact the CRO Course instructor prior to the day of the CRO Course so that a suitable handgun may be provided. (Center fire is preferred.)
- Coaching is available.
- Use of Club Trap Machine: Contact the Shotgun Director for further information.
- Use of Class III (Automatic) Firearms: Contact the Class III Director for further information

IV. Meetings:

- Board of Governors meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m.
- Club meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Annual Meeting for Adoption of Budget and Election of Officers: March Club meeting.

V. Types of Membership:

1.) REGULAR (Individual)

A Regular member is one who has served a probationary membership and has subsequently been approved by the Board for membership and whose Fees, Dues, and Assessments are paid as prescribed by the BY-laws. A regular member has full voting rights, has access to the Club Facilities to the extent of his/her qualifications, has guest privileges, and may hold elected office and chair committees. A regular member shall receive the monthly newsletter.

2.) SPOUSAL

A Spousal Member is the spouse of a Regular Member who, having served a probationary period and been approved by the Board. A Spousal Member has the right of access to the Club facilities to the extent of his/her qualifications, the right to have as guests only his/her children under the age of 21 who reside with the member. A Spousal Member has the right of access to the exempt portion of the approved waiting list. A Spousal Member shall pay appropriate Fees and 1/2 of the

Regular dues, but does not have voting rights, nor receive the newsletter, and does not pay initiation fees or assessments.

3.) JUNIOR

A Junior member is one under the age of 21 who is participating in the Club's Junior program. A junior member is obligated to pay Junior Dues unless they are the son or daughter of a Regular Member. Dues paying Juniors shall receive the newsletter. Juniors shall have no other rights in the Club except to have access to the exempt portion of the approved waiting list.

CURRENT FEES & DUES

Annual Dues:	
Regular Member	\$95.00 Annual Dues
Spousal Member	\$47.50 Annual Dues (1/2 Regular Member)
Junior	\$35.00 Annual Dues, if not son or daughter of a Regular Member

Dues are payable on or before the April general meeting. New Regular members shall pay prorated dues of \$8.00 per month (or partial month) if accepted for membership during the year.

Other Fees:

Initiation fee \$300.00 payable in full within 30 days from date of acceptance as a probationary member (usually at CRO class)

Key Card deposit \$0.00 (Cost of first card included in application fee.
\$10.00 fee to replace lost card. Damaged card replaced if returned.)
Dues and Fees are subject to change.

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