

NVGC APPLICATION PROCESS

The application must be completed signed and returned along with the following:

1. **A range safety check form validated by the range safety officer, (Bring your own ammunition, firearm of your choice, and safety equipment). It is your responsibility to contact the Range Safety Officer and arrange a safety check. (The Range Safety Officer's contact information is on the Range Safety Check[next page])**
2. **\$100.00 initiation fee, and**
3. **Annual dues prorated according to the following schedule**

Submit dues as follows:

<u>If you apply:</u>	<u>submit:</u>	<u>Membership will be effective approximately:</u>
May, June, July	\$90.00	July, August, September
August, September, October	\$67.50	October, November, December
November, December, January	\$45.00	January, February, March
February, March, April	\$22.50	April, May, June

The dues year begins on July 1, the prorated schedule allows for one to two months processing time. You are expected to read your membership package (which you will receive after all material is properly submitted and your name is published in the Club newsletter) and ask questions until you understand everything in it.

Mail to the membership secretary at the address on the application or bring to a regularly scheduled club meeting, held on the third Saturday of each month at the club property (March through October.) Applications received prior to the 20th, which is the deadline for publication in the monthly newsletter, should result in a membership package mailed back by the end of the following month.

Your name must be published in our newsletter for ten days in order to allow for members to comment on your application.

Once you have become a member of the Gun Club your name will be sent to the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility treasurer. Beginning in your second year, he will bill you for 4 shares of stock (at \$35.00 per share) once per year (November) until you reach your required 35 shares of stock.

Should you have any questions concerning the status of your application at any time, feel free to contact the membership secretary or have your sponsor contact the membership secretary.

NVGC - Membership Secretary

Darryl Breitenstein

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King George, Va. 22485

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540-775-0210

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET AS A REFERENCE

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB
PROSPECTIVE MEMBER
RANGE SAFETY CHECK**

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

- () I UNDERSTAND AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE RANGE SAFETY RULES AND PROCEDURES.
- () I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RANGE RULES.

Signature _____

I have conducted a Range Safety Check on the above individual.

Range Safety Officer: _____
(Print name)

Signature: _____

To set an appointment, call:
Chief Range Safety Officer: Seth Rinaldi, (540) 775-5781

After completion of your Safety Check, return this form, the completed Application and a check for dues and initiation fee to:

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Northern Virginia Gun Club Application For Membership

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip+4: _____ - _____

E Mail Address _____

Occupation: _____

Employer/Address: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ - _____ - _____ (W) _____ - _____ - _____

(C) _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____ Month/Day/Year

Are you an NRA Member (Please Circle): YES / NO

TYPE?: ANNUAL - LIFE - PATRON NRA Number: _____

Are you a member of VSSA (Virginia Shooting Sports Association)? YES / NO ANNUAL or LIFE?

Would you like information on joining the NRA or VSSA? YES / NO

Are you: An experienced shooter? _____ A beginner? _____

List your shooting interests: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

List any classifications held: Service, NRA, DCM, IHMSA, etc.

a. _____ Date _____

b. _____ Date _____

Have you ever been a member of a gun club, YES / NO (If YES, please list name, date, and location.)

Have you ever been a Range Safety Officer or Instructor, YES / NO
(If YES please list type, date, and location.)

Have you ever been a charged with or convicted of any felonies? YES / NO (If yes, please explain.)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)

List the names, ages, and relationship of members of household:

Do you have any skills or services that you could volunteer to the Club?

If you are not sponsored, where did you get this Membership Form?

I hereby apply for membership in the Northern Virginia Gun Club and enclose payment of my initiation fee. If approved, I agree to abide by the Club's By-Laws, including the financial obligations and work requirements of a minimum of four (4) work days per year, which I understand is also a condition of membership and for the continued successful operation of the Club.

I certify that I am a Citizen of _____ and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States of America or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence and if admitted to membership I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Signed on: ___ / ___ / ___ _____
Signature of Applicant

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- IF APPLICANT IS SPONSORED BY A CLUB MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING -
* Sponsor: please complete this section *

I have known the applicant for _____ years, _____ months and I have shot / hunted with the applicant and have observed the applicant to follow proper safety in handling and shooting firearms.

I believe the applicant should be considered for membership in the N.V.G.C. for these reasons:

Sponsored by: _____
Please Print

Signed: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Mail this application with your initiation fee of \$100.00, and prorated dues to:

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BASIC NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB
RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE RULES

1. Keep all firearms pointed down range at all times.
2. Keep firearms unloaded & actions open until the "LOAD" command is given.
3. When a member of the range safety committee is not present and more than one member is shooting, one member must take responsibility as the range safety officer in order to control when the range is clear (safe) and hot. If a clear range is needed, ask for it.
4. Whenever people are forward of the firing line, all firearms will be unloaded & grounded with actions open.
5. When a "**CEASE FIRE**" is called:
 - (1) **STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY**
 - (2) **UNLOAD ALL FIREARMS**
 - (3) **KEEP ACTIONS OPEN**
 - (4) **GROUND ALL FIREARMS**
6. Eye & ear protection must be worn at all times forward of the fence separating the parking lot from the firing area.
7. All shooting must be done at the firing line, not in front or back from the firing line. All firing will be straight on to the target. No cross firing is allowed.
8. No shooting at target frames; do not place targets in front of frames. Paper targets should be centered on the target backers to minimize damage to frames, and should be placed on the front face of the target backer only. Stapling targets on the front and back of the target backer results in staples protruding in both directions, increasing chances for puncture wounds to shooters using that backer in the future. Under no circumstances will target frames, shooting benches or any range equipment be used for targets.
9. Targets placed on range are to be paper targets, authorized metallic silhouette, soda cans, metal gongs, bowling pins, and plastic jugs. No rocks or glass may be used for targets and all targets must be placed to ensure impact of bullets or slugs in a designated backstop. At the conclusion of shooting, shooters will police their target area, and remove their paper targets, authorized metallic silhouette, soda cans, metal gongs, bowling pins, or plastic jugs and store or dispose of them appropriately. If you bring it in, pack it out as well.
10. When a cease-fire is desired the designated range officer will issue the following commands:

"CEASE FIRE--CLEAR AND GROUND ALL FIREARMS"
"ACTIONS OPEN--STEP BACK FROM THE LINE"
"IS THE LINE CLEAR?"

Only when the range officer is satisfied that the line is **CLEAR** will he continue with:

"THE LINE IS CLEAR--YOU MAY GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE".

During the time that people are down range, **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY FIREARM BE HANDLED. (THIS INCLUDES SIGHT ADJUSTMENTS.)** Before firing is resumed, the designated range officer will verify that all persons are again behind the firing line and he will ask in a loud clear voice:

"IS THE DOWN RANGE AREA CLEAR?"

Only when he has an affirmative reply and visually checked that all shooters have returned will he issue the command:

"THE LINE IS HOT"; "NO ONE MAY GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE"; "YOU MAY COMMENCE FIRING".

All range commands should be given in a loud clear voice so that the entire firing line can hear them at the same time. It is recommended that a cease-fire be called at least every half-hour.
11. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up his firing point (includes all brass, paper, and targets placed on the range) and replacing his target backer in the proper storage shed.

BASIC NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB
SHOTGUN RANGE RULES

1. Keep all shotguns pointed in a safe direction, or in the provided storage racks.
2. Keep shotguns unloaded & actions open until the shooter is on the trap or skeet concrete pad and it is his/her turn to shoot. Firearms will be unloaded & actions open before the shooter steps off the pad.
3. Whenever people are forward of the firing pads - all firearms will be **UNLOADED & ACTIONS OPEN, OR UNLOADED & PLACED IN THE PROVIDED SHOTGUN RACKS.**
4. When a **"CEASE FIRE"** is called:
 - (1) **STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY**
 - (2) **UNLOAD ALL FIREARMS**
 - (3) **KEEP ACTIONS OPEN**
5. Eye & ear protection must be worn at all times when forward of a line marked by the field light poles. This includes observers as well as shooters, since broken clay pieces do not make a distinction.
6. For formal practice or matches, all shooting must be done at the designated trap or skeet concrete pads. Only on specific occasions, such as club sponsored sporting clays type events, Annie Oaklies, or informal practice with ground or hand traps described below will firing at other specified locations be allowed.
7. No shot larger than 7½ will be fired on the shotgun ranges. Shooters wishing to shoot larger shot or shotgun slugs must use the rifle & pistol ranges to do so.
8. If no formal skeet or trap practice or matches are underway, members may set up personally owned ground or hand traps for informal shotgun practice using their own clay targets. Such traps should be set approximately between skeet station #4 and skeet station #8 on field one or two, or in a similar position in the unimproved fields left and right of the installed fields, and the clays launched such that their flight path does not cross any of the fixed trap or skeet buildings. Members should take great pains to ensure their shot patterns do not impact these fixed gun club installations, and that their fall of shot is within the normal shotgun range impact area. The limitations on shot size still apply. During informal practice, the shooter will be beside or forward of the trapper and ground or hand trap. If the shooter wishes to be behind the trap, the ground trap must be remotely operated. Formal skeet or trap practice or matches will take precedence over informal shotgun practice.
9. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up the shotgun fields (includes all hulls, boxes, soda cans, lunch wrappers, etc., and refilling the trap and skeet machines. Plastic barrels are provided for unwanted hulls, and a burn barrel is provided for burnable trash. Please separate your trash accordingly.
10. Trap shooters desiring to enter the trap house should place the orange safety cone on top of the house so others know they are there.
11. Shooters, even with their actions open, will be mindful of the direction of their muzzles so as to not sweep across other shooters or spectators.

GENERAL RANGE SAFETY RULES AND COMMANDS
– APPLICABLE TO ALL RANGES –

1. Ranges may be closed during the Deer Gun Season, so check the monthly newsletter. Dates generally run from the beginning of the week of Thanksgiving to the first Saturday in January. The ranges are open for general shooting on Sundays during this season, and may be open on other designated days.
2. Combination for the club gate is changed at the August work party.
3. Make sure you read your newsletter to keep informed about club functions and activities.
4. All club members are allowed to bring guests and are expected to act in a safe and responsible manner. However, no guest will be allowed on any range unless accompanied and supervised by a club member.
5. No member of the family (Associate Member) of a Club member is allowed on any range unless accompanied and supervised by a Club member.
6. Serious violations of range safety and club rules constitute grounds for permanent expulsion from the club per the by-laws.
7. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the firing ranges and any person under the influence of alcohol is barred from the ranges.
8. Discharge of firearms (of any type) or archery equipment is restricted to the range facility designated for such use. Shotguns firing larger than 7½ shot or slugs will utilize the rifle and pistol ranges because of their more substantial backstop.
9. No full automatic weapons of any type are to be fired on the club property.
10. Tracer or incendiary ammunition will not be fired at any time on the club property.
11. Firearms must be unloaded when brought onto the club property and will be loaded only when ready to fire on the firing line.
12. Actions of un-cased firearms will be open (slides back, cylinders open, bolts back, magazines out) at all times except when on the firing line ready to fire.
13. Muzzles of all benched or grounded firearms will be pointed downrange or placed in racks, if provided. No loaded firearm may be left unattended.
14. When loading, sighting, firing, resting, or dry firing, the firearm must be pointed down range.
15. Firearms .50 Caliber and over are prohibited except for Shotguns, Pistols, and Black Powder firearms.

VIOLATION OF RANGE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING PERMANENT DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB. THERE ARE TO BE NO EXCEPTIONS FROM THE ABOVE RANGE RULES.

BASIC NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB
ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. Only Field Points and Target Points are to be used on the Excelsior bales and 3-D targets. Broadheads, crossbows and bolts are prohibited. Broadheads are only authorized for use on special designated Styrofoam, Eythofoam or similar targets that are specifically designed for Broadhead use. This type of target is not provided by the club or allowed to be set up on the Walk-Through Range.
2. Notify all archers at your station, before moving forward to pull arrows. Arrows are not to be nocked while anyone is forward of the shooting line.
3. Archers must be 18 years of age or supervised by a qualified adult.
4. Place practice targets in various spots on bale faces to equalize wear and avoid shooting at one area for all practice shots.
5. Paper testing may be done on target # 1 only.
6. Check your equipment. Make any necessary repairs and adjustments behind the shooting line. Mark any location of broken arrows or points that remain in the targets.
7. Do not handle another archer's equipment without their permission.
8. No shooting at target frames; do not place targets in front of frames.
9. Conduct that may endanger range safety is strictly prohibited.
10. Leave the range in better condition than you found it. Police your garbage.
11. Report all violations to the Archery Chairman or a club officer.