

# Joining the Southwest Louisiana Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.

## Step by Step Guide – Revised 9/2025

1. The Club has a limited number of memberships available for recreational shooters of good character. If you would like to apply for membership, your first requirement is to seek the sponsorship of a current member. Your sponsor is responsible for vouching for your good character and giving you a thorough on-site safety orientation at the Range during the application process.
2. Applications are available at the meeting, or you can save time by printing and completing an Application for Membership from the website at [www.swlarifleandpistol.club](http://www.swlarifleandpistol.club) and reading the Range Rules. Bring your completed Application to your first meeting with your sponsor.
3. At your first meeting, you will receive the following: an application to complete a copy of the Range Rules, copy of the Range Safety Orientation Checklist, and turn in the completed application to the Treasurer. You will be asked to address the members of the Club with your reasons for wanting to join.
4. Immediately following the first Meeting, you will meet with a Range Officer who will briefly review the most important safety rules with you. ***Prior to the tour of the range with your sponsor, please read the Range Rules and attempt to answer the questions on the checklist.***
5. Before attending a second meeting to be considered for membership, *you and your sponsor must visit the Range*. Bring your rule book and checklist. Your sponsor must walk the entire range with you, explaining the specific rules on pages 23 through 29, that pertain to each numbered range, reviewing all safety rules and verifying you have correctly answered the questions on the Range Safety Orientation checklist. Your sponsor must sign the Checklist affirming he/she gave you a thorough orientation ***and that you answered all questions correctly.*** Turn in your signed Checklist at your second meeting to the Secretary.
6. At the second meeting, if everything is in order, the members present will vote to approve your membership. At the end of the meeting, you will pay the \$66 Initiation Fee, pay for or verify your NRA membership, and pay a pro-rated portion of the \$132 annual dues. Cash payments will receive a receipt. You will receive your membership card which you must have with you at the Range. We recommend you take photos of the front & back of your card and keep them on your phone. Safeguard the Gate combination. Do not give the combination to anyone. The membership year is from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. ***There is no grace period!***
7. After your first partial year of membership, your annual dues will always be due in May. **PAY IN MAY.** If you have not paid your annual membership amount by June 1<sup>st</sup> each year, you will be dropped from the membership rolls and must re-apply, be sponsored, and be processed as a new member to rejoin. Annual renewal dues for established members are \$132 plus an annual \$20 New Range/Self Insurance Assessment for a total of \$152.
8. You are now a member. Keep your Range Rule Book with you while at the range as reference on how to use each range safely. Refer to the website to check the Range Schedule, rules, by-laws, and other important information. If in doubt about a rule or the safety of any activity, don't proceed. Don't assume anything. Call a Range Officer for help. Unsafe behavior or misconduct will be cause for expulsion from the Club.