

Effingham County Sportsman's Club
(A private Club)
Application for Membership 2025

If accepted for membership in the Effingham County Sportsman's Club, I agree to abide by the following rules:

Note: The Board of Directors may alter these rules at any time – check bulletin boards, website and newsletters.
www.effinghamsportsmansclub.com & [@EffinghamSportsmansClub](https://www.facebook.com/EffinghamSportsmansClub) on Facebook

General Club Rules:

1. All pertinent Federal, State and Local laws and Ordinances shall be obeyed while on Club property.
2. Two guests may accompany a member per visit. A guest is only allowed two visits per year. Members are personally responsible for their family and guests while on Club property.
3. Club sanctioned events and maintenance activities take precedence over casual shooting.
4. Membership cards will be displayed on your person while on Club property. Members shall demand proof of membership of anyone not displaying membership card.
5. No one under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be allowed on Club property unless under the auspices of the Board of Directors (BOD).
6. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult Club member, while on Club grounds.
7. Club rules are subject to change at any time, check bulletin boards, website and newsletters for updates.
8. Willful damage of any Club property will result in revocation of membership and criminal prosecution.
9. Members shall immediately stop any unsafe actions by others and report any person to the BOD who violates these rules.
10. Acknowledge that each Club discipline, i.e. pistol, rifle, shotgun, archery, has its own set of customary rules and regulations. Ignorance of these rules is not an excuse for unsafe acts. If there are any questions contact:
Silhouette: Brad Smith (217)821-2266 Rifle: Dave Miller (618)483-6043 Cowboy: Craig Copper (618)839-0669
Archery: Kevin Gouchenouer (217)821-7131 Shotgun: Zack Pals (217)663-2790

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules:

1. Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times, especially when closing the action. Downrange, pointing level or down is generally the only safe direction.
2. Firearms will be unloaded, actions open and magazines out at all times, until line is safe to commence fire.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger, and firearm pointed at your target, until ready to fire.
4. All range users and guests must sign in and out.
5. Cease fires will be called at a mutually acceptable interval to allow setting and changing targets. Firearms will not be handled while anyone is downrange. All shooters must be accounted for and agree range is safe to fire again.
6. Eye and ear protection shall be worn at all times during live fire.
7. Only handguns and rimfire rifles will be allowed on the pistol range. No slug guns.
8. Only paper and "soft" targets will be allowed on ranges, with the exception of metal spinner targets designed for rimfires. Glass, metal, rock or any other "hard" targets with the potential for bullet ricochet will not be allowed unless under the auspices of the BOD.
9. Targets shall be placed immediately in front of berms. Holders shall be constructed of material that will not cause a ricochet if struck by an errant bullet. **DO NOT place targets on baffles, support posts or wires.**
10. It is each shooters responsibility to police their brass, trash, cleaning patches, spent primers and target material and dispose of them properly.
11. For long range shooting at the main rifle range (100 to 500 yards) shooters must know the ballistics of their firearm/ammunition to insure bullet will impact the berm behind your target. Consult a ballistic calculator or program for each situation. You must also know the scope or sights adjustments on your firearm to properly adjust elevation and windage. **DO NOT** guess the trajectory of your round and undershoot or overshoot the intended target and berm.
12. Be aware bullets that leave the property may impact in the residential or recreational areas of Lake Sara. The berms and baffles on the ranges are only part of the prevention. **YOUR** actions are the most important variable of the safety equation.
13. Fully automatic firearms, .50BMG firearms or explosives are not allowed on the range.
14. All Ranges Open at 8AM, Rifle/Pistol Ranges close at sunset, Trap/Skeet close at 10pm
15. **Safety first, last and always.**

