

Effingham County Sportsman's Club
(A private Club)

Application for Membership 2026

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 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)367-6487 Cowboy: Craig Copper (618)839-0669
Archery: Kevin Gouchenouer (217)821-7131 Skeet: Zack Pals (217)663-2790 Trap: Josh Fulk (217)663-7272
Mowing: Wyatt Newburn (217)821-7182

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.**

I, (Please Print) _____ agree to release the Effingham County Sportsman's Club (ECSC), its members, committee chairpersons, and directors from any liability or claim that may arise from any injury or other incident that might occur during my participation in an organized event or during my presence on or use of the Club property or equipment. I further agree to hold the ECSC, its members, committee chairpersons, and directors harmless from any action of any third party, resulting from the act, negligent or otherwise, of my guest(s), my family members or myself. I further agree that all actions of my guest(s), my family members or myself are my responsibility, and must keep my guest(s) and family members under supervision at all times when on the Club property.

By applying for membership in the ECSC, I agree to abide by its rules and the decisions of the Board of Directors. I certify that I am a citizen of the United States; that I am not a member of any organization which has any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; that if admitted to membership I will fulfill the obligation of a good sportsmanship and good citizenship. I further agree that the club may investigate my background to determine my eligibility. I also am aware that false statements will result in my membership privileges being rejected. I also grant the ECSC permission to use my likeness in photographs, videos, or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I have read and will follow the Club Rules listed on Page 1.

Signed on this ____ day of _____, 20____: _____
Your Signature is Required!

PRINT CLEARLY! ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THAT ARE **ILLEGIBLE OR NOT SIGNED** WILL NOT BE PROCESSED! ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE!

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ e-mail: _____

If applicable, specify: Law Enforcement: _____ High School Trap Team: _____

Please Check Appropriate Line: Renewing Member ____ New Member ____
***Checking the appropriate line helps us in either finding you in our system or lets us know if we need to add you.**

MEMBERSHIP: \$90.00 ____
HS TRAP/SKEET MEMBERSHIP: \$75.00 ____

***Club Memberships now include single memberships and family memberships together.**
***Please check the membership you are applying for, HS TRAP/SKEET Membership is only available to Effingham and Altamont student athletes and families.**

I desire the following family members (spouse and children under 18 years) to be included.

Spouse: _____ Minor Child: _____

Minor Child: _____ Minor Child: _____

Total Enclosed \$_____

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year.

Mail this entire form along with payment to:

**ECSC Membership
P.O. 444**

Effingham, IL 62401

Please allow two weeks for processing and return of membership card.

Payment Method Cash/Check # _____ Gate Code _____