## Southwest Louisiana Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. P.O. Box 5655 Lake Charles, LA 70605

## **Procedures for Joining the Club**

- 1. Our Club is an NRA Affiliated Club. All members of the Club must also be members of the National Rifle Association.
- 2. 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.
- Applications are available at the meetings, or you may print an Application for Membership from the website at <u>www.swlarifleandpistol.club</u> and read the Range Rules. Bring your completed application, signed by you and your sponsor, to your first meeting.
- 4. At your first meeting, you will turn in your application, address the members of the Club with your reasons for wanting to join, receive a copy of the Range Rules, receive a copy of the Range Safety Orientation Checklist, and verify your NRA membership with the Treasurer. Do not pay at this time.
- 5. Immediately following the first Meeting, you will meet with a Range Officer who will review the most important safety rules with you.
- 6. After the first meeting at which you applied and before attending a second meeting to be considered for membership, you and your sponsor must visit and tour the entire Range, reviewing all safety rules and completing the safety items on the Range Safety Orientation checklist. You and your sponsor must sign the Range Safety Orientation checklist. Bring this important Checklist with you to your second meeting and turn it in to the Secretary.
- 7. At the second meeting, if everything is in order, the members present will vote to approve your membership.
  - a. At that time, 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. All cash transactions will receive a receipt.
  - b. You will also receive a membership card which you must have with you at the Range. Safeguard the Gate combination. Do not give the combination to anyone.
  - c. The membership year runs from June 1st through May 31st. Your first year of membership will pro-rated amount of the \$11 per month remaining in the Membership Year, plus an initiation fee of \$66. This will get you paid up until next May 31st.

- d. Annual dues for established members is \$132 plus an annual \$20 New Range Assessment for a total of \$152.After your first partial year of membership, your annual dues will always be due in May. Remember **PAY IN MAY or CRY IN** JULY!
- e. If you have not paid your annual membership amount by June 1st each year, you will be dropped from the membership rolls and must apply, be sponsored, and be processed as a new member to rejoin.

Jim Ely President 337-855-1297

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- 8. You are now a member of a private club. Your membership is an Individual membership; we do not offer Family Memberships.
  - a. Always keep your membership on your person when on range property and be prepared to present it to any member requesting to see it.
  - b. Guard the gate combination carefully! Do not give it to a non-member, including family members, to open the gate. *Giving the gate combination to a non-member is grounds for expulsion from the Club.*
  - c. Unsafe behavior or misconduct will be grounds for expulsion from the Club.
  - d. Consult the website range schedule, rules, by-laws, and other important information.
  - e. Contact information of all Club Officers is on your membership card. If in doubt about a rule or the safety of any activity, don't. Don't assume anything. Call a Range Officer for help.