



AUSTIN RIFLE CLUB, Inc.

PO BOX 141399; AUSTIN, TX 78714-1399

Email: membership@austinrifleclub.org

Austin Rifle Club Membership Process

Steps 1 - 5 must be completed before this application may be submitted to the Austin Rifle Club.

1. **When applying for membership you first need to attend a Prospect Safety Evaluation.** *The signed "Safety Evaluation" must be presented to the Instructor at **Range Orientations Class** or your application will be disqualified. If you do not have the approved form you may reschedule for a later Range Orientation Class. **No applications for membership at Range Orientation Class will be accepted without an approved Safety Evaluation Form signed and dated by your Prospect Safety Evaluation instructor.***
2. You will need to participate in a range safety evaluation prior to application for membership. This can be done in one of three ways:
 1. If you have successfully participated in two of the many matches hosted by ARC or one of our partners, the RSO for the match can sign off on your demonstration of safely handling a firearm. You can email safetyevaluation@austinrifleclub.org to request the form.
 2. If you are very comfortable with a firearm, we offer a group evaluation from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month; this is immediately prior to the Range Orientation Class. Please do not come early! You do not need to sign up.
 3. If you are somewhat new to firearms or would prefer a one on one evaluation, please email safetyevaluation@austinrifleclub.org to arrange an appointment.

You will be firing your firearm for the evaluation. Please bring a cased and unloaded handgun (preferred, but rifle is okay) w/ 2 magazines if you have them, eye and ear protection, and 20 rounds of ammo. Review the 4 rules of gun safety <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20PqUIO1wZ4>

3. **After successfully completing a Prospect Safety Evaluation** you must attend a Range Orientation Class held by Austin Rifle Club. This is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the A.R.C. Education Building, and usually takes about 2 hours. Check our online calendar for start time. **The Range Orientation Class is where you begin the new member application process.** You do not need to sign up, just come out.

The Education Building has its own gate about 1000 feet (.2 mi) west of the main range gate and up the hill.

4. Applicants must have a background check performed by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Criminal Records



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Service. This may be done in person at 108 Denson, Austin Texas, or online at:

<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DpsWebsite/index.aspx>

Applicants are exempt from the background check if they possess a valid CHL or are currently a sworn Law Enforcement Officer. Show proof to the Range Orientation Class instructor and he/she will endorse the application. You should obtain this before coming to Range Orientation Class as it hastens the process.

5. The applicant completes the ARC Membership application form as well as the waiver agreement.
6. Enclose the background check confirmation from DPS with the application and appropriate dues and leave the package with the Range Orientation Class instructor who will forward the package to the Director of Memberships. If your package is incomplete at the time of the Range Orientation Class, you may mail the completed form and materials to:

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7. The application is reviewed by the Director of Memberships for completeness and accuracy.
8. All new members spend their first 6 months in a probationary period. During this period the new member has full use of the range but no voting rights.

New Member Status

New members will be on a **6-month probation period**. During the probation period, the following conditions apply:

During the probation period, any Probationary Members found to be in violation of ARC rules, damaging ARC property, violating Safety policies, or behaving in an abusive or disrespectful manner, is subject to having his/her membership terminated without appeal. Any initiation fees or dues previously paid will not be refunded.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY

THIS BLOCK FOR ARC USE					
DATE	AMOUNT	CK #	ORIENTATION	RSO EVALUATION	BADGE No.

Last Name _____ First Name & M.I. _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Associate's E-Mail (Family Mbrshp) _____
 Drivers License No. _____ State _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? YES _____ No _____ IF NOT
 attach a copy of your visa.

REQUIRED Vehicle Year _____ Make/Model _____ Color _____ License Plate _____

Are you or have you ever been a member of any group or organization which advocates the overthrow of the government of The State of Texas or of The United States of America? NO _____ YES _____ If YES attach an explanation. Background Check (include verification of one of the following): Background check by Texas DPS (See the TEXAS DPS website for location information)
 TXDPS TEX CHL Other (specify) _____ Verified by : _____ Date _____

Please tell us your:
 Profession/Job Title: _____

Please check this circle to indicate you wish to be added to the volunteer's email list. This does not commit you to anything, but you will receive emails to inform you when help is needed for projects.

Please check any of the following circles to indicate your willingness to assist the club in these areas. Again, this commits you to nothing, but you may receive emails to inform you when specific needs arise.

- Youth (training, mentoring, chaperoning) Work (Carpentry, Welding, General Maint, etc.)
- Training (Course Development, Instructor) Computer Apps (Database, Publishing, bookkeeping)
- Visitor tours (interested potential member tours) Software and Web Site Development
- Community Service (Volunteer booths, Saxet) Marketing/Advertising (Pamphlet design, Distribution)
- Range Safety (Orientation, matches, patrol) Mentoring (have shooting rookie assigned to you)

PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON YOUR BADGES. NICKNAMES PERMITTED **YEAR of Birth**

MEMBER																				
ASSOCIATE																				
JUNIOR #1																				
JUNIOR #2																				
JUNIOR #3																				
JUNIOR #4																				



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Membership Information Privacy Policy: Except as required by State or Federal law only members of the Board of Directors have access to the information contained in the A.R.C. application for membership. The club does not sell or otherwise convey our mailing list or any other membership information to any other individuals or organizations. We do sometimes make mailings for related organizations or individuals. You have the option of not receiving mailings unrelated to membership and renewals.

Please check this circle to be on the 'Membership Only' email list. This limits ARC contact with you to membership-related mail only. You will not be notified of newsletters, matches, or special events.

DUES:

Annual Members: \$150.00 per year plus \$25.00 for each Associate and \$10.00 for each Junior member.

Family Membership: Both Parents are Full Members plus all Juniors included \$200.00

All new memberships are prorated in the first year.

A one-time new member initiation fee of \$200.00 is added to the prorated dues.

Payment must be submitted with application, but please do not fill out your check ahead of time because the prorated dues can be for odd amounts.

If you wish to contribute funds in addition to your annual dues please indicate the amount here: \$ _____

I hereby certify that I have read, fully understand, and agree to observe the Rules of the Austin Rifle Club. I assume full responsibility for each Associate Member, Junior Member, and/or guest, and certify that each meets Club and legal requirements. I also understand that any violation of the rules may result in suspension or termination of membership. I understand that I will be considered a probationary member for the first six months.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Signature of Associate: _____ Date _____

(Associate signature required for Family Membership)



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ARC PRIMARY MEMBER INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, DEFENSE, WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FOR MEMBER'S GUESTS

Membership in AUSTIN RIFLE CLUB, INC. ("ARC") provides that members may bring guests onto ARC property and are responsible for their guests. In consideration of being permitted to bring a guest onto **ARC's** range, buildings, facilities, and land (together comprising "**Premises**") **MEMBER** agrees that it is **MEMBER's** responsibility to have any and all guests **MEMBER** brings onto **ARC premises** to sign the Waiver of Liability/Assumption of Risk (Adult and/or Minor) agreement and secure a guest badge. If for any reason, **MEMBER's** guest does not sign a Waiver of Liability/Assumption of Risk agreement, **MEMBER** agrees to the following:

MEMBER agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend **ARC** from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands, and/or lawsuits arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with, any and all actual or alleged acts or omissions of **MEMBER's** guest in the course of **MEMBER's** guest's presence on **ARC Premises** including, but not limited to, **MEMBER's** guest's use of firearms and/or other weapons.

MEMBER further expressly assumes all liability and agrees to indemnify and defend **ARC** from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands, and/or lawsuits arising out of **MEMBER's** guest and his/her heirs, next of kin, assignees, personal representatives, administrators, and executors any and all rights and claims for damages, loss, costs, demands, and any other actions or claims whatsoever, which he/she may have or which may arise against **ARC** (including, but not limited to, damage to **MEMBER's** guest's property and/or any and all illnesses, injuries, including mental or emotional distress or anguish, and other damages, including death, suffered by **MEMBER's** guest which may in any way whatsoever arise out of, be related to, or be connected with use of firearms and/or other weapons on **ARC Premises** by **MEMBER's** guest and/or another.

ARC shall not be liable for, and **MEMBER**, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of his/her heirs, next of kin, assignees, personal representatives, administrators, and executors, expressly releases **ARC** and **ARC's** members, employees, and/or agents from any and all such claims and liabilities including, but not limited to, claims of actual or alleged negligence on the part of **ARC**, its members, employees, and/or agents.

MEMBER acknowledges and agrees that use of firearms and/or other weapons is an inherently dangerous activity. **MEMBER** expressly assumes the risk of **MEMBER's** guest being on **ARC Premises** where firearms and/or other weapons are used; and **MEMBER** further expressly assumes the risk of **MEMBER's** guest discharging firearms and/or use of any weapons by whomever and the firing of live ammunition and/or use of any weapons by himself/herself and/or another.

MEMBER expressly agrees that this agreement by him/her is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any provision of this agreement is held invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired. No remedy conferred by any of the specific provisions of this agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or more remedy hereunder by **ARC** shall not constitute any waiver of **ARC's** right to pursue other available remedies. This agreement binds **MEMBER** and his/her heirs, next of kin, assignees, personal representatives, administrators, and executors.

MEMBER acknowledges and agrees that **MEMBER** has read this agreement and he/she understands its terms and is executing this agreement voluntarily. **MEMBER** also acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands, and will at all times abide by all range rules and procedures and any other rules and procedures stated by **ARC**.

MEMBER: _____
Signature

Associate Family Member _____
Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Date: _____



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Membership Types

Full Member

This is our standard membership. Upon successful completion of the 6-month probation period, Full Members have unlimited, independent access to our range, voting privileges at the Annual Meeting, login credentials to the ARC website, which includes access to our newsletter and other informational aspects about the club.

Dues are prorated in the first year for Full Members.

Annual Dues: \$150.00

(Plus an additional \$200.00 one-time Initiation fee the year the Full Member joins the club)

Associate Member

Associate Members are the spouse/partner of a Full Member and living in the same household.

Associate Members are not required to attend a Range Orientation Class or to meet any of the requirements of a Full Member. Associate Members do not have independent access to the range.

Associate Members must be with a Full Member when they attend the range.

Annual Dues: \$25.00

Junior Member

Junior Members are the children or dependents of the Full Member and/or Associate Member and live in the same household. Juniors may not attend the range without a Full Member. A member may remain a Junior through the year he turns 21 years of age. The following year they must become a Full Member to continue to attend the range.

Annual Dues: \$10.00

Unattached Junior

A Junior Member whose parents are not ARC members. This membership type may be used for grandparents, whose children are not club members. It is also used for 4-H Juniors or BSA Scouts whose parents are not ARC Members.

Annual Dues: \$10.00

Family Membership

The Full Member and spouse/partner of a Full Member are both required to meet the requirements of a Full Member, including Probationary Membership. This means they must both attend a Prospect Safety Evaluation with a passing grade, and a Range Orientation. Each must have a recent DPS background check or a current Concealed Handgun License to be submitted at the Range Orientation.

The adult members of a Family Membership (as described in the preceding paragraph) are both considered Full Members with unlimited, independent access to the range and voting privileges. All Juniors in the household are included at no additional charge.

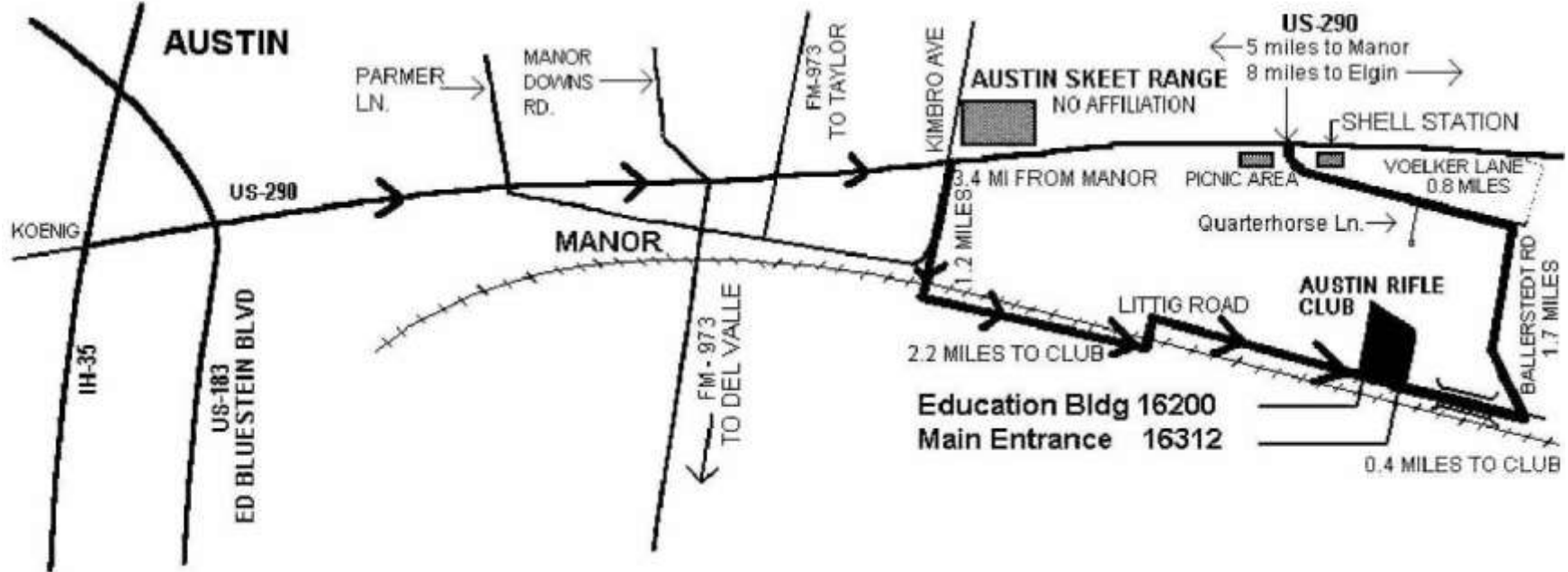
Family Annual Dues: \$200.00

(Plus an additional \$200.00 one-time Initiation fee the year the joins the club)



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DIRECTIONS FROM AUSTIN: ALL RIGHT TURNS

From the traffic light in Manor go approx. 5 miles and turn right onto **VOELKER LANE**. Voelker is between the State Picnic area and the Shell station. Go down Voelker approx. 0.8 miles and turn right onto **BALLERSTEDT RD**. Ballerstedt dead-ends at a stop sign at **LITTIG RD**. Turn right onto Littig and go about 0.4 mile to the AUSTIN RIFLE CLUB RANGE. It is the first driveway you can turn right. The gate to the Education Building is the second driveway you can turn right, about 1000 feet farther uphill.

ALTERNATE ROUTE--SHORTER: Go east 3.4 miles from Manor and turn right onto Kimbro Avenue (Old Hwy 20). Where Kimbro curves to the right take Littig Rd. to the left and cross the railroad tracks. Follow the tracks east on Littig for 2.4 miles (you will cross the tracks again) to the Club. The gate is open during scheduled activities such as matches, classes, and Orientation. (Most Sundays and some Saturdays). At other times the gate should remain locked. The range is closed to ALL shooting from 8:00 AM to NOON on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month for maintenance. You are encouraged to come out and put some sweat equity into the club. Bring work gloves, weed eater, saw, hammer, screw gun, etc. We mow, clean up, re-build target frames, and often we have special projects. Check the club calendar at www.austinrifleclub.org for exceptions.

There are restrooms, but no vending machines, no store, no water fountain, or other services. We suggest that you bring something to drink, especially in hot weather. **EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY. THE RANGE IS IN A FLOOD PLAIN and ACCESS MAY BE BLOCKED BY HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING.** Do not enter the range if there has been heavy rain, especially in Pflugerville or Manor. Bring rubber boots in wet weather. The range can get muddy.

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