

CHIPPEWA RIFLE CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026

_____ Are you at least 21 years of age? Y N
Last name First name (circle one)

_____ City State Zip
Street address

_____ Email
Home phone Cell phone

Two current members are required for club membership. If you do not know two members, other arrangements may be made to complete this application.

Sponsor #1: _____ Phone: _____

Sponsor #2: _____ Phone: _____

Membership pledge: as requirements for membership in the Chippewa Rifle Club, Inc., I verify that I am a citizen of the United States of America, that I am not a member of any organization which advocates as part of its doctrine the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States of America by force or violence, and that I will obey all charters, bylaws, and other rules as approved by the club membership.

Profession: _____

Give a brief summary of your shooting experience and goals as they might apply to your membership as well as any special skills which may benefit the club such as legal, construction, computer, etc.:

Membership dues: \$125.00 (\$75 Annual+\$50 Initiation) first year or any part of first year **up to Dec. 31 of the year of application** (includes Initiation Fee of \$50.00). Applicant must be 21 years of age or older. All memberships are family memberships which include yourself, your spouse, and any children living in the household under the age of 22.

The range is open from official U.S. Weather Dept. sunrise to sunset Monday through Saturday. Sunday shooting must not begin before 12:15 p.m. and will end at sunset. Range rules are clearly posted at the range and failure to comply may result in loss of membership privileges. **No pistols or shotguns are permitted at the range.** A range orientation must be attended before a membership card will be issued.

Return completed application (all 4 pages) and a check for \$125.00 (payable to Chippewa Rifle Club) to:

Joe Marella, Sec. /Tres. 11645 Blue Heron Trl. Chardon, OH 44024 Phone: 440-710-4192

Rules of Conduct of the Nelson Berger Range

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- This range is for members and guests use only. Members must accompany guests. Membership cards are expected to be in your possession and available upon request to any person showing you their valid membership card. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Safety is our primary rule. I understand the use of this range is my privilege only so long as I conduct myself in accordance with all of these rules. Failure to comply with these rules may result in forfeiture of this privilege.
- Pistols and/or shotguns are not allowed on the range at any time. This is a rifle club only.
- This is a single shot club. Magazines may be used but only one shot may be loaded in the magazine at a time.
- Shooting hours are Sunday through Saturday from official U.S. weather dept. sunrise to sunset.
- Barrel bore size is limited to a maximum of .458 inches in center fired cartridges and .62 inches in muzzle loaders. No 50 BMG or 20 mm allowed. No tracer ammo allowed.
- Only paper targets are to be used and are to be fired at only when attached to the stationary target frame backing provided. Alignment of the shooter to the appropriate target is the members responsibility. Shooting at both the 200- and 100-yard targets from the same shooting position is not allowed except on bench # 19 and #20 on the main range.
- Put all spent brass in trash barrel located to the right of the firing line. No loaded, unfired rounds please.
- No member shall give the gate combination to any non-member.
- No hunting is allowed on club property.
- The gate must be locked at all times except during matches. Lock it behind you upon entering and exiting the range.
- Be safe, have fun, shoot well, and may all your shots be “x’s”.

➤ Cold - Hot Range Procedure

When a cease fire/range cold condition is requested by a member, the following will be the required general procedure:

1. The member requesting the cease fire must communicate with the other individuals at the range that a cease fire is wanted.
2. All rifles are then made safe by removal of bolts.
3. An orange cone will then be placed on a designated location on the bench of all individuals currently using the range facilities. Orange cones will be provided by the Club for ALL benches so that this requirement can be easily met.
4. Those individuals needing to clean their equipment may then pick up their rifles and move to one of the tables behind the firing line to clean, otherwise shooters will no longer be able to handle or touch their rifles.
5. Everyone will be required to stand behind the “Cease Fire Line” while individuals are down range.
6. The person(s) requesting the cease fire will then blast the range horn (3) times so that everyone can hear the cease fire request.
7. The “Range Cold” red warning lights are then activated.
8. The person(s) requesting the cease fire will then loudly announce that the “Range is Cold”.

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Only after the preceding items are completed will the range be officially cold, and person(s) are allowed down range.

In order to make the range “Hot” again, the reverse of the above steps are basically performed. The steps will be listed below for completeness:

1. The person(s) who requested the cease fire shall visually verify that the range is all clear of people.
2. Once verified, the “Range Cold” warning lights are turned off.
3. The range horn is blown (3) times to indicate that the range is now going “hot”.
4. The other members currently at the range will now be able to approach their respective bench, past the “Cease Fire Line”, and must now remove the orange cones from their respective benches, indicating that they are ready for the range to go “hot”.
5. After the orange cones are removed from the benches, shooters can bring their rifles back onto the benches, if needed, with bolts STILL REMOVED.
6. The person(s) who requested the cease fire will then loudly announce that the “Range is Hot”.

Only after the “Range is Hot” command is announced can bolts be placed back into rifles.

For those individuals who need to set wind flags for practice, the following provides the general “Range is Cold” procedure specifically for setting flags, as follows:

1. The member requesting the cease fire must communicate with the other individuals at the range that a cease fire is wanted.
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4. Those individuals needing to clean their equipment may then pick up their rifles and move to one of the tables behind the firing line in order to clean, otherwise shooters will no longer be able to handle or touch their rifles.
5. Everyone will be required to stand behind the “Cease Fire Line” while individuals are down range.
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9. For those individuals setting wind flags, they must approach a “designated range officer” and notify that person that wind flags will be set during the cease fire. This allows person(s) to sit at the bench to utilize the rifle's telescopic sight to set the appropriate flags position and height. The requirement of rifle bolts removed and orange cone on the bench still applies. Everyone currently at the range should act as “range officer” as applied to range safety while flag setting activities are underway.

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10. Upon completion of setting wind flags, the person setting the flags indicates to the “range officer” that he/she is completed and moves behind the “cease fire” line if others are still down range.

No change required for making the range “Hot”, as already described.

I have read, understand, and agree to obey all **Rules of Conduct** and the **Cold - Hot Range Procedure** of the Chippewa Rifle Club. I understand that failure to comply can and will result in disciplinary action.

Signature

Date