

Defiance Area Fish and Game Association

Membership Application

*All memberships are for the current calendar year – not from joining date.
First time members may join in December and receive December and the following year.*

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ (please check that you qualify) Due to the nature of the activities at the DAF&GA, the access to firearms, and regular youth programming, I attest that I am not a convicted felon, or I have never registered as a sex offender in any state. I have read the rules and requirements, understand them fully, and agree to follow them while on the Fish and Game Property.

Member signature: _____ Date: _____

Your signature verifies that you have read and will abide by the outdoor rules, indoor rules, and the release.

I would like to: _____ Become a NEW member (\$65) _____ Renew my membership (\$60)
\$5 one-time fee for gate access card Reactivate my key card No. _____

Membership includes: The Fish and Game Club, Rifle and Pistol Club, and Straightened Arrows Archery

If you have a special interest in either of these areas or are joining mainly so that you can shoot either of these areas, please mark your interest below. (We are doing this so that we know the interests of our members and can tailor information letters accordingly).

_____ Straightened Arrows Archery _____ Rifle and Pistol Indoor Range

Keep your old key card and renew it each year at no cost. This is included with your renewal of membership.

Unless you renew your membership by January 30, your key card (that opens the gate) will be deactivated. If you want to renew after January 30, there will be a reactivation fee of \$10 in addition to the \$60 membership.

I am currently a LIFE Fish and Game Member and I would like to:

- _____ Renew my Rifle and Pistol Club membership (\$25)
- _____ Join (new member) Rifle and Pistol Club (\$30 first year) and must attend safety orientation to obtain key card.
- _____ Renew my Straightened Arrows Club Membership (\$25)
- _____ Join (new member) Straightened Arrows Club (\$25)

Completed application with payment can be mailed to:

Defiance Area Fish & Game
PO Box 1011
Defiance, OH 43512

Key cards will be available for pickup at the club meetings on the second Thursday of the month. (If you wish for your membership card (paper I.D. – not gate access) to be mailed to you please include a self addressed stamped envelope.)

For further information visit our website at: <http://defiancefishandgame.com>

Your membership in the Fish and Game allows you access to the outdoor range (rules below), indoor rifle and pistol range (rules below), archery events, pond, and property. Property hunting rights are reserved for members who attend one of the hunting permission meetings in June, July, and August. There will be times when the outdoor range will be closed – namely during rentals, meetings, and any special events on the grounds. A listing of these closures will be posted on the website whenever possible. There is a “Range Closed” sign that should be posted, but possibly will be overlooked. This does not mean that the outdoor range is open for shooting and it is your responsibility to check.

Outdoor Range Safety Rules

Only Fish and Game Club members or their guests are permitted to use the range. Any guest must be accompanied by a member and may not shoot without the member present.

1. The outdoor range can be used during daylight hours whenever the Club House is not rented. You may want to check the schedule of events and rentals on the website before coming to the range. (<http://defiancefishandgame.com>)
2. Any rifle or pistol can be used on paper targets. Shotguns are not to be used with target frames provided by the Club.
3. Shooters must use the target frames provided or bring their own. Alignment must be checked to ensure that your bullets will impact the earth backstop. Shooting at ground level targets or targets on top of the mound is prohibited. Bullets striking the ground or top of the backstop can result in ricochet bullets entering the woods behind the backstop.
4. All shooters must use the same firing line to insure no one is down range.
5. The maximum distance of this range is 100 yards. Do not shoot from a position behind the firing line shelter.
6. All guns must be unloaded, and actions opened when going down range to score or change targets.
7. When finished shooting, please dispose of your targets and pick up any shell cases and any trash that you notice.
8. As when shooting any firearm, eye and hearing protection is strongly encouraged.
9. Do not shoot any steel targets (or frames) with high power rifles.
10. Any person violating any of the rules will forfeit their membership.

Defiance Area Rifle and Pistol Club Indoor Range Rules

1. All firearms will remain unloaded until on the firing line and the Range Officer gives the command "load". If you are the only member present, you are the Range Officer.
2. All firearms must have the cylinders open (revolvers), or the slides locked open (pistols), or actions open (rifles), when the Range Officer gives the command cease fire or the buzzer sounds.
3. When leaving the firing line, put firearm in safe mode and with the muzzle (barrel) pointing straight down or in a case or box.
4. The red light will be turned on to signify the Range Officer has checked the range and all firearms on the line are empty with actions open. It is then safe to go down range to post or score targets. The red light will be turned off, when all people are behind the firing line.
5. No magnum loads will be fired on the indoor range. Prohibited firearms are: 22 magnum, 17HMR, shotguns, and centerfire rifles.
6. Permitted firearms are: 22 caliber rifles, handguns with lead or jacketed bullets **and** non-magnum loads.
7. An Adult must accompany all junior shooters!
8. All shooters and spectators in the shooting area are required to wear ear and eye protection.
9. Practice the 4 rules of gun safety:
 1. All guns are assumed to be loaded until you establish, they are or not by opening the action and visually inspecting the firearm. If you think it is unloaded, check it again. Remember to check the chamber as well as the magazine.
 2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy. Keep your gun pointed in a safe direction at all times: on the range, at home, loading, or unloading.
 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you are ready to shoot.
 4. Be sure of your target. Know what it is, what is in line with it and what is behind it. Never shoot at anything that you haven't positively identified.
10. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

I hereby relieve the Defiance Area Rifle & Pistol Club, any member, guest or officer thereof from any liability arising from or due to the participation in the club's shooting or social activities.

Straightened Arrows

You are entitlement to use the outdoor archery range year-round and shoot all outdoor club leagues at no additional charge. Please check the calendar or the website for a listing of these shoots. Only field points may be used when shooting targets.

Lost Key Card

Lost key cards will be replaced at a cost of \$5. You will need to come to a club meeting to obtain the replacement card and at that time your original card will be deactivated. After being issued a replacement, should you find your original key card it will no longer work.