

Chapter 5

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILITATION

5.01 Membership Requirements

- (1) Membership in the association may be in any of the categories described in this Chapter.
- (2) The admission of any person into any of the various categories of membership shall be subject to the approval of Council. This approval function may be delegated to a Membership Committee of the Executive Committee.
- (3) Membership Year. Effective April 1, 1997, the DCRA Membership Year will run from April 1 to March 31.
- (4) Conjoint DCRA/PRA Membership. While conjoint DCRA/PRA membership is not compulsory under this new format, the DCRA strongly encourages its continuance. Individual PRAs may decide to require conjoint membership of all their members. In this case, the DCRA Affiliation Fee will be waived. It will not be required that Military or Winter Program Members be conjoint DCRA/PRA members.

5.02 Membership Structure

- (1) Provincial (PRA) Affiliation
 - a. Each PRA will affiliate with and pay an annual affiliation fee to the DCRA. Affiliation will make the PRA eligible for representation on the DCRA Council, will entitle the PRA to receive DCRA medals for competition amongst the PRA members, will cause the PRA to receive one copy of "The Canadian Marksman" and other DCRA mailings, which will be sent to a designated representative of the PRA, and will allow access to the DCRA liability insurance scheme. The DCRA will represent the interests of its Affiliated PRAs at the National Level in dealings with the Government of Canada, the Department of National Defence, other Government Agencies, other National Shooting Organizations, and Internationally.
 - b. Individual PRAs may decide whether conjoint (PRA/DCRA) membership is required of all their members. If a PRA does decide to require conjoint membership of all its members, the DCRA will waive the affiliation fee. Conjoint membership is defined as PRA membership plus DCRA Associate/Full/Life/Under-25 membership.
 - c. The DCRA will not accept individual non-conjoint memberships from residents of a Province where the PRA requires conjoint membership of all its members.
 - d. The DCRA may accept individual non-conjoint memberships from residents of provinces where the PRA is not affiliated with the DCRA.
- (2) Individuals
 - a. Limited Membership: may be taken at the option of the individual who must be a member of a non-conjoint, affiliated PRA. This type of membership will provide DCRA liability insurance coverage, together with a DCRA Membership Card, the

Spring issue of "The Canadian Marksman", eligibility to enter the Winter Program, national representation on shooting issues, and access to DND ranges under the aegis of the DCRA/PRA. Limited Members will not be eligible to stand for DCRA office, to vote in DCRA elections, to shoot in DCRA national-level matches or to be members of DCRA Teams.

- b. DCRA Associate Membership: may be taken at the option of the individual. This type of DCRA membership will provide DCRA liability insurance coverage, together with a DCRA Membership Card, "The Canadian Marksman", eligibility to enter the DCRA Winter Program, eligibility to wear the DCRA badges, etc. and to purchase at favourable member rates any items which the DCRA might be able to supply (which might in the future include required components for ammunition). Associate members will not be eligible to stand for DCRA office, to vote in DCRA elections, to shoot in other DCRA matches or to be members of DCRA Teams. Associate Members will count as "conjoint" members if they are a member of a PRA. If the affiliated PRA does not require that all its members be "conjoint", an individual may become an Associate Member of the DCRA only with membership in that PRA.

- c. Annual DCRA Membership: may be taken at the option of the individual. This provides full membership privileges as currently stated in the DCRA By-Law 5.06. DCRA Life and Under 25 Term Members will continue to receive the same privileges as stated in the DCRA By-Law 5.04 and 5.05.

(3) Special Provisions

- a. Non-Canadian Memberships: the DCRA will make special membership arrangements for overseas residents and for visiting individuals and national/goodwill teams who enter DCRA matches, and in respect of whom the prescribed annual membership fee has been paid.

- b. Service Memberships: may be taken at the option of qualified service members who will take part in mixed service-civilian DCRA National Service Conditions Competitions, held either in conjunction with CFSAC or as separate, affiliated PRA service condition matches. Service membership will include liability insurance, where required, plus other benefits currently stated in the DCRA By-Laws.

- c. Winter Program Membership: Entry into the DCRA Winter Program will include a membership fee component, with exceptions as currently outlined in the By-Laws. The Winter Program does not include DCRA liability insurance, but such coverage if required, could be provided either through separate PRA club insurance where such exists, or by obtaining DCRA Full, Associated or Limited memberships.

5.03 Life Governors

- (1) The Council may present, at any AGM, for election as Life Governor, the name of any person who has in its judgment rendered conspicuous or outstanding service to the Association. Nominations for such recognition shall be made to the Executive Committee for consideration and submission to Council.

- (2) The privileges of Life Governors are detailed in Article 5.10, Privileges of Membership.

- (3) Life Governors must meet the requirement for Canadian Full (Annual) Members, as detailed in Article 5.06.

5.04 Life Members

- (1) Except as provided in Article 5.04(4) below, Life Members must meet the requirements of Canadian Annual Members as detailed in Article 5.06.
- (2) There are two types of Life Membership; Honourary Life Members and Subscribing Life Members.
- (3) Honourary Life Membership may be conferred on:
 - a. A subscribing Life Member or Canadian annual member (Full or Under 25 Member) who wins at a competition of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain, the principal prize offered by Her Majesty the Queen, known as "The Queen's Prize". Upon the recommendation of Council, such a member, or one who wins a similarly prestigious event, shall become a Life Member of the Association;
 - b. an individual who renders valuable service to the Association, and in recognition of this service is nominated by Council at an AGM for election as an Honourary Life Member.
- (4) Subscribing Life Membership may be purchased by any individual by subscription of the Life Membership fee determined by Council.
- (5) The privileges of Life Members are detailed in Article 5.10, Privileges of Membership.

5.05 Under 25 Members

- (1) The Under 25 Term Members must meet the requirements of Canadian Annual Members as detailed in Article 5.06.
- (2) The Under 25 Term Members must be within the age limits specified in Clause 1.02p.
- (3) The Under 25 Term membership fee, as determined by Council, shall provide for membership without further payment from the date on which it is paid until the member's 25th birthday.
- (4) The privileges of Under 25 Term Members are detailed in Article 5.10, Privileges of Membership.

5.06 Annual Members

- (1) Annual members of the Association must be either
 - a. Canadians as defined in Article 1.02d, or
 - b. non-Canadians who are members of visiting teams, or individuals who wish to participate in a specific DCRA activity - normally the annual Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships. Non-Canadian Annual Members are not eligible to vote or to hold office in the Association - see Article 5.12 and other relevant clauses.

- (2) There are two types of annual members: Full and Under 25 Members. These apply both to Canadians and non-Canadians.
- (3) Under 25 Annual Members must be above the age group defined in the Official Rules for Conduct of Competitions issued by the Association, or as otherwise directed by Council.
- (4) A Full annual Member must be above the age of 25.
- (5) Privileges of Annual Members are detailed in Article 5.11, Privileges of Membership.

5.07 Service Members

- (1) Service membership is available only to members of -
 - a. the Regular Forces of Canada, the Primary Reserve and the Supplementary Reserve (if on active duty) of Canada,
 - b. The RCMP, Provincial Police and municipal police forces in Canada, and
 - c. Correctional Services Officers in Canada.
- (2) Such membership is valid only for Service Conditions Competitions conducted by the DCRA or PRAs, and for the Winter Program. It does not include participation in target rifle, black powder, or any other competitions in which non-service firearms may be used.
- (3) Service members are not:
 - a. eligible to vote or hold office in the Association - see article 5.12 and other relevant clauses;
 - b. permitted to upgrade their membership to Annual Membership by paying only the difference in fees.
- (4) There is only one category of Service Member. There is not distinction between Full and Under 25 age groups.
- (5) Privileges of Service Members are detailed in Article 5.11, Privileges of Membership.

5.08 Associate Members

- (1) Associate Membership is available to individuals who do not wish to participate in any DCRA shooting activity, but are desirous of supporting the DCRA and receiving the Association Magazine. Refer to Article 5.02(2)b. Associate Members are not:
 - a. entitled to shoot at any DCRA meet, or any PRA meet sanctioned by the DCRA;
 - b. eligible to vote or hold office in the Association - see Article 5.12 and other relevant clauses;
 - c. permitted to upgrade their membership to Annual Membership by paying only the difference in fees.
- (2) Associate Members may be Canadians or non-Canadians.

- (3) There is only one category of Associate Member. There is no distinction between Full and Under 25 age groups.

5.09 Limited Members

- (1) Limited Membership is available to individuals who do wish to participate in only PRA-level shooting activities, but are desirous of supporting the DCRA and receiving the Spring issue of the Association magazine. Refer to Article 5.02(2)a. Limited Members are not:
 - a. entitled to shoot in any national-level DCRA match, other than the Winter Program,
 - b. eligible to vote or hold office in the Association. See Article 5.12 (**re-number to 5.13**) and other relevant clauses, nor
 - c. permitted to upgrade their membership to annual membership by paying only the difference in fees.
- (1) Limited Membership is available only to members of non-conjoint PRAs.
- (1) There is only one category of Limited Member. There is no distinction between Full and Under 25 age groups.

5.10 Winter Program Members

- (1) Winter Program Membership is available to:
 - a. bona fide members of Canadian Cadet Corps;
 - b. DCRA members in categories which do not include participation in the Winter Program of the Association; and
 - c. other persons acceptable to the DCRA.
- (2) Members in this category are eligible to participate in the DCRA Winter Program competitions and are issued a membership card of distinctive design and colour for the current year, but are entitled to no other privileges.
- (3) The membership fee (if any) for each type of Winter Program membership category (Cadet, Junior, Open) shall be determined by the Council (see Article 5.12). The age definitions for Cadets will be the same as for Juniors (see Article 1.02r). All eligible Winter Program members may compete in Open Category.

5.11 Privileges of Membership

The various membership categories have different privileges ranging from those of Winter Program Members as detailed in Article 5.09(2) up to those of Life Governors. All membership categories which include voting privileges are subject to the age limitation specified in Article 7.07 respecting voting rights.

(1) Privileges of Associate Members. Associate Members are entitled to the following privileges only:

- a. attendance at the DCRA General Meetings;
- b. receipt of the Association Magazine;
- c. a membership card for the current year;
- d. being allowed to wear the badge of the Association;
- e. covered by DCRA liability and accidental death/dismemberment insurance;
- e. national representation on shooting issues;
- e. Access to DND ranges under the aegis of the DCRA/PRA; and
- e. able to purchase at favourable member rates any items which the DCRA might be able to supply.

(2) Privileges of Limited Members. Limited Members are entitled to the following privileges only:

- e. DCRA liability and accidental death/dismemberment insurance; insurance coverage,
- e. DCRA membership card for the current year,
- e. Spring issue of "The Canadian Marksman",
- e. eligibility to enter the Winter Program, and
- e. access to DND ranges under the aegis of the DCRA/PRA.

(3) Privileges of Service Members. Service Members are entitled to the privileges described in (1)(a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) above, and in addition are eligible:

- a. to receive the autumn issue of the Association Magazine;
- b. to be classified in military shooting disciplines (where appropriate);
- c. to enter in service conditions shooting disciplines (on payment of any entry fee);
- d. to enter DCRA Winter Smallbore Program (on payment of any entry fee).

(4) Privileges of annual members - Full and Under 25 Members. All Annual Members are entitled to the privileges described in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of Article 5.11(1) as applying to Associate Members, plus:

- g. eligibility for Classification (**NOTE:**See Official Rules for Conduct of Competitions re mandatory classification of non-Canadian competitors);
 - h. eligibility to enter the annual Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships (on payment of any required fee);
 - j. eligibility to enter DCRA Winter Smallbore Program (on payment of any entry fee).
- (5) In addition to the privileges described in (a) to (j) above, Canadian annual members - Full and Under 25 Members, are eligible:
- k. to be claimed for annual grant calculations;
 - l. to vote at DCRA General Meetings;
 - m. to hold DCRA office;
 - n. to shoot on DCRA Canadian Teams;
 - o. to have their classification(s), if any, shown on their membership cards;
 - p. to receive DCRA notices, questionnaires, entry forms and mailings;
 - q. to obtain materiel on loan from the Association;
 - r. to make such use of the Macdonald Stewart Canadian Pavilion at Bisley, England, as may be authorized by the Executive Committee and the team officers concerned.
- (6) Privileges of Under 25 Term Members. Under 25 Term Members are entitled to the same membership privileges accorded Canadian Annual Members. In addition, each Under 25 Member is issued a distinguishing badge. However, those Under 25 Term Members who actively participate in DCRA or PRA shooting programs, must pay the Annual Liability Insurance premium, normally through their PRA to the DCRA.
- (7) Privileges of Life Members. Life Members, whether Subscribing or Honourary, are entitled to the same membership privileges accorded Canadian Annual Members (except that Subscribing Life Members who are not Canadians are not entitled to privileges (k) and (n) above). In addition, each Life Member is issued a distinguishing badge. However, those Life Members who actively participate in DCRA or PRA shooting programs, must pay the Annual Liability Insurance premium, normally through their PRA to the DCRA.
- (8) Privileges of Life Governors. Life Governors represent the highest category of membership in the Association. They are entitled to all the membership privileges accorded Canadian Annual Members, and, in addition, are ex officio members of the Council and of the Executive Committee. Each Life Governor is issued a distinguishing badge.

5.12 Annual Subscription

- (1) The annual subscription (i.e., membership fee) applicable to each category of membership shall be determined by the Council and notified to the members from time to time in the Association's official magazine or by special bulletin.
- (2) The annual subscription shall be due on the first day of April each year. (See Article 6.08

"Association Year".) Any person becoming a member, shall continue to be a member and be liable for his annual subscription unless due notice is given to the Executive Director that the member wishes to withdraw from membership.

- (3) When the notice prescribed in (2) of this Article is not received by the Executive Director and the annual subscription is three months in arrears, the name of the member shall be struck from the register.

5.13 Eligibility to Attend Meetings and to Vote

Only members in good standing may attend, vote or exercise a proxy vote at meetings of the Association. In addition, only certain categories of members are entitled to hold office, nominate for office, vote, or exercise a proxy vote. Proxy votes shall not be exercised for any purpose other than the amendment or repeal of By-laws as prescribed in Article 1.08. (see Articles 1.08(3) and (4); 4.03 "Eligibility for Election as an Officer"; 5.11 "Privileges of Membership"; and restrictions on other clauses on the privileges of Winter Program Members, Associate Members, Limited Members, Service Members as defined in Chapter 5, and Non-Canadian Members.)

5.14 Affiliated Provincial Rifle Associations

- (1) Duly constituted Provincial Rifle Associations which require all their members to be conjoint members of the DCRA are considered affiliated associations. Those PRAs which do not require conjoint membership must pay an annual affiliation fee to the DCRA.
- (2) Any Canadian Resident who participates in DCRA activities must be a member of the DCRA and of the PRA of his province if that province requires all its members to be conjoint members.
- (3) No Canadian Resident shall be eligible for DCRA membership if the PRA of his province of residence requires conjoint membership and he is not a member of that PRA.
- (4) All Affiliated PRAs shall receive annually three Association medals (gold, silver and bronze)
- (5) Medals received under (4) of this Article are to be competed for by bona fide members of the PRAs receiving them.
- (6) Members of the DCRA who are eligible to compete in the DCRA Matches are associate members of all PRAs except that of the province in which they are domiciled. Any such DCRA member shall, upon payment of the appropriate entry fee, be entitled to shoot in any annual provincial prize meeting in such competitions as his membership category permits, without payment of the annual subscription except in the province in which he is domiciled. Any member may, however, apply for full membership in any PRA in addition to that of the Province in which he is domiciled.
- (7) PRAs may restrict the number of associate PRA members entering their prize meeting.