

# 2024 FAMILY Membership APPLICATION

New members pay the normal yearly rate plus a one-time initiation fee **INCLUDED** in the table below

(Pro-rated to expire on Jan 1st of each year, using table below)

Month Applying	Fee's	Check one
JAN (12 mos)	<b>\$125.00</b>	
FEB (11 mos)	<b>\$120.00</b>	
MAR (10 mos)	<b>\$115.00</b>	
APR (9 mos)	<b>\$110.00</b>	
MAY (8 mos)	<b>\$105.00</b>	
JUN (7 mos)	<b>\$100.00</b>	
JUL (6 mos)	<b>\$95.00</b>	
AUG (5 mos)	<b>\$90.00</b>	
SEP (16 mos)	<b>\$150.00</b>	
OCT (15 mos)	<b>\$145.00</b>	
NOV (14 mos)	<b>\$140.00</b>	
DEC (13 mos)	<b>\$135.00</b>	

Club membership shall cover the member, their spouse and their children under 18 years of age.

Membership dues **DOES NOT** include lane fees at the rifle range or archery range.

### Daily Range Fees

- \$3 per day per Adult member
- \$1 for children members (under 18)
- \$5 Fee for each nonmember/guests (must be accompanied with a member)

### Yearly Range Fee Options

- \$100 per year “unlimited” range family plan available additional to membership. The “unlimited” plan covers practice fees, Grandchildren.

Please Print Legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: Archery \_\_\_\_\_ Shotgun \_\_\_\_\_ Rifle/Pistol \_\_\_\_\_

## **NEW MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS**

Fill this application out completely, sign the waiver on page 2, read the orientation that follows, fill out the last page of the Orientation review.

All new members must attend a Club Orientation. The orientation explains the benefits of what our club has to offer and helps maintain a safe friendly environment for all. Orientations are given prior to each Board Meeting.

**To apply for membership, please fill out this application form, waiver & orientation review along with payment and mail to:**

BCCSC

P.O. Box 334

Coldwater, Michigan 49036

## **RANGE RULES**

- \* NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS
  - \* LOAD **ONLY** ON THE FIRING LINE
  - \* UN-CASE AND CASE GUNS AT THE FIRING LINE
  - \* KEEP MUZZLES POINTED DOWN RANGE
  - \* **WHEN GOING DOWN RANGE:** GUNS MUST BE UNLOADED, MAGAZINES OUT, ACTIONS OPEN, BOLTS OPEN OR CYLINDERS OPEN
  - \* NO GLASS TARGETS! PAPER, CARDBOARD OR METALLIC TARGETS ONLY. NO TANNERITE.
  - \* **ONE GUN UNCASED PER PERSON**
  - \* CLEAN UP BEFORE YOU LEAVE.
- IN CLUDING: BRASS, TARGETS, AMMO BOXES

## **Board Meetings**

First Wednesday of the month  
7:30 PM, at the clubhouse.

Members are encouraged to attend.

## **History**

The Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club (BCCSC) was founded in 1950. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering youth education and protecting our hunting, fishing and outdoor natural resources. The club is administered by a 9 member Board of Directors. Our current membership totals approximately 200 members.

BCCSC is located just south of Coldwater, Michigan at 302 East Fenn Road. The club offers a heated clubhouse, lighted trap field, a rifle and pistol range and indoor archery range. The club is a great place to get together with friends and family for fellowship and fun.

**Some Activities Include.** Trap, 5-Stand, 100 Bird Trap Events, 5-Stand Events Falling Plates, 3 Gun Shoots, Precision Rifle, Egg Shoot, Indoor Archery (winter league),

The Club Charges a nominal lane fee for the use of the Rifle Range, and the Indoor Archery Range.

## **Activities and Contacts**

Club e-mail: [branchcountycsc@gmail.com](mailto:branchcountycsc@gmail.com)

Archery League: John Underwood 517-677-9552

Rifle Range: Chris Crabill 269-716-2600

Shotgun Sports: Bob Bischak 260-905-6765

**BCCSC NEW MEMEMBER AND MEMBER RENEWAL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Branch County Conservation & Sportsman Club 302 Fenn Rd Coldwater, MI 49036

In consideration for membership in the Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club (BCCSC), whose membership registration and/or renewal of membership requires me to accept this agreement, I do hereby agree to the following Waiver and Release of Liability (Agreement):

1. Waiver and Release of Liability: My membership in the BCCSC is voluntary and subjects me to the possibility of physical injury (which could be minimal, serious, and/or result in death), hearing loss and loss of or damage to my property (collectively, Risks) while at the premises of BCCS. I recognize that the use of firearms and other weapons by myself or others is inherently dangerous, creates Risks and that my participation, use or presence around said firearms or weapons at the premises of BCCS may result in the above mentioned Risks. Accordingly, I agree to the following:

a. I hereby release and hold harmless BCCSC, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors (collectively, Releasees) from any claim, demand, loss, liability, damages, and attorney fees and costs whatsoever arising from, related to, or resulting from these Risks (Claims), including those caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of any or all of the Releasees, as well as any negligent construction or design of any kind.

b. I hereby release and hold harmless BCCSC, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors (Releasees) from any claim, demand, loss, liability, damages, and attorney fees and costs whatsoever arising from, related to, or resulting from these Risks (Claims), caused by the negligent acts, omissions or intentional acts of myself, other members or other participants of BCCSC.

c. I hereby release and hold harmless BCCSC, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors (Releasees) from any claim, demand, loss, liability, damages, and attorney fees and costs whatsoever arising from, related to, or resulting from these Risks (Claims), caused by improper or negligent supervision and recognize no duty of BCCSC or other Releasees to supervise any activities at BCCSC facilities.

d. I recognize the physical exertion involved in the BCCSC membership and attest and certify that I am physically fit to safely be a member of BCCSC, and I have not been advised otherwise by a health care professional.

e. As between each of the Releasees and me, I will be solely responsible for any and all medical and related bills that I may incur because of any injury, as well as costs related to loss or damage to my property, that I may sustain as a result of my membership in the BCCSC, including those sustained on the premises of BCCSC and while I am traveling to and from such premises, regardless of the location or mode of transportation.

f. This Agreement shall be binding on my estate, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, as well as any other party asserting a Claim on my behalf or on behalf of my estate.

2. General Provisions:

a. I hereby expressly agree that this Agreement shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the state of Michigan without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.

b. I hereby agree that BCCSC reserves the right to refuse access to any person for any reason that they feel it would be appropriate to refuse access to, including members, but has no duty to refuse any person access.

c. I hereby agree that this waiver shall cover all use of BCCSC facilities and attendance at all BCCSC events, trainings or open shooting for the duration of my membership in BCCSC whether participating or spectating. I agree that a waiver need not be signed for each individual event, training or open shooting.

d. I hereby agree to have with me, at all times, proof of membership in BCCSC while at BCCSC facilities and may be asked to produce said membership at any time by BCCSC or any of the other Releasees.

e. I hereby agree to follow any instructions as given to me, verbally or in writing, by BCCSC or any of the other Releasees.

f. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between and among the parties concerning these matters. No waiver, modification, or amendment of any of the terms of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

g. I hereby expressly agree that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, the balance of the Agreement shall nonetheless continue in full legal force and effect.

I warrant that I have read and understand that this Agreement involves my waiver and release of significant rights and my assumption of significant indemnification responsibilities in my membership in BCCSC.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club

302 East Fenn Road  
Coldwater, Michigan 49036

## New Member Orientation

Welcome to the Branch County Conservation and Sportsman’s club. As a new member, it is important that you understand the Club activities that are available to you as well as the safety procedures associated with these activities. By completing this orientation, we hope that you will become an active member in the competitions and leagues that are a mainstay of this organization.

### Purpose Statement:

Founded in 1950, the Branch County Conservation and Sportsman’s Club was organized as a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering youth education in the shooting sports and protecting our hunting, fishing and outdoor natural resources.

### Administration:

The Club is administered by a Board of Directors comprised of elected club members. This Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 7:30 PM. Board meetings are open to the general membership and your participation is welcomed. The Board is responsible for the overall operation of the Club and its various activities.

### Membership:

The membership year is from January 1 thru December 31. All new members must attend an orientation class as a condition of membership. New members will not receive their membership card with the gate code until the orientation is completed. The Board of Directors shall have the right to accept or reject any application for membership, whether new or renewal.

### Fee Structure:

**New Member – Full Year.....\$125.00**

(\$100.00 dues and \$25 orientation fee)

**Club House Access.....\$ included in annual dues**

(As a benefit, members are allowed access to the clubhouse for indoor sports practice or for other Board approved activities. Lane fees still apply. During scheduled league competition or rental occasions Members will not be allowed access unless participating in the league or rental occasion. A separate orientation for access is required and is available upon request)

**Unlimited Range Membership.....\$100 per year (above and beyond dues)**

(Unlimited range members and their spouses and children/**grandchildren** under 18, do not have to pay the per day range fee at either the firearms or archery ranges. This membership is over and above the annual membership fee. Unlimited members must still sign it at the range and under “amount” put “Unltd”)

**“Rifle Range Platinum” Range Membership.....\$500 per year (above and beyond dues)**

(Platinum membership includes the privileges offered with the Unlimited membership. Additionally, for the firearms ranges, it also includes waiving the daily practice fee for one guest. It also waives all

entry fees for any of the organized sanctioned shooting events **for the member, their spouses and children/grandchildren under 18)**

### **Rifle/Pistol Range:**

The Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club rifle range is one of the few 300 yard ranges in the area. The rifle/pistol ranges hosts a number of "sanctioned" competitions. Competition fees are posted on the Club website. For General Open shooting, daily range fees are required by all shooters that have not paid the additional fees to obtain "Unltd" or "Plat" Range Memberships. The following rules apply :

1. **Upon arrival to the range, sign in and pay.** Fill out the sign in sheet located on the South wall next to the sliding glass doors. Daily range fees are \$3 for Member and \$3 for member's spouse. Children under 18 are \$1. Adult Guests are \$5 each. Child guest \$3. Place money in envelope provided (in the black mailbox) and **fill out with name, date and amount.** Place the envelope in the money box located directly under the sign-in sheet.
2. Unlimited and Platinum members must still sign in. Put "Unltd" or "Plat" in the "amount" section of the sign in sheet.
3. Range safety is of paramount concern. When going down range be sure to follow the following protocols:
  - a. Assure you have the attention of all shooters, request "Can we go COLD?"
  - b. Once you are sure all shooters gun are unloaded and actions are open and flagged, Turn on the strobe lights to signify the range is cold and state "Range is cold"
  - c. Proceed down range to post targets
  - d. Last person back shall verify that range is clear and then state "Range going HOT".
  - e. Sound alarm twice. **(No buzzer at pistol range)**
  - f. Wait 30 seconds and observe down range.
  - g. Once it is verified that all shooters are back and the range is clear, the strobe lights may be turned off signifying the range is 'Hot'

Shooters found not abiding by this protocol will be asked to leave for the day. Habitual offenders will be brought to the attention of the Board and may be subject to lose of shooting privileges/revocation of membership.

During scheduled competitions, the range in use is closed to all other activity. Range schedule is posted on-line on the Club website and at the range. Range may be unavailable 1 hour in advance of event for set up.

Please note that the daily range fees are used for improvements to the range. These funds are not transferred to the general fund of the Club. **If you are shooting and not signed in, you are assumed not to have paid and you will be asked to leave for the day. Repeat offenders will be brought to the attention of the Board and may be subject to loss of shooting privileges/revocation of membership.**

Fully Automatic firearms, bump stocks, or double fire "pull-release" triggers are NOT allowed on the range. 50BMG firearms are NOT allowed on the range

No Tannerite, or like explosives.

The use of Steel Core or Armor Piercing Rounds is prohibited on steel targets.

Rifle range Contacts: Posted on East wall. See sheet for names and phone numbers.

### **Guest Policy**

It is the policy of the BCCSC that only members and their known guests are authorized to shoot during practice hours. Walk in shooters are not allowed!!! When bringing a known guest, members are signing and taking responsibility and liability for their guest's actions. Guests are to arrive and depart with the host member. If unknown people show up asking to shoot as a guest, please refer them to this posted policy. **Do not risk your safety, please contact a Range committee person as soon as possible with details of the encounter.**

“Walk ins” or shooters from the general public are allowed during sanctioned matches under the supervision of BCCSC certified range officers.

### **Range Hours of Operation:**

The Rifle/Pistol range can be used from 1/2 hour sunrise to 1/2 hour after sundown. (Sunday start 8:00 AM.) It is appreciated by our neighbors that you shoot after 8AM every day. The range may be closed periodically for sanctioned events. Please review posted calendar. Evening competitions, when scheduled, will conclude at a reasonable hour.

### **Member Responsibilities:**

- A. All shooters will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times. Members will be responsible for the conduct of their guest.
- B. All shooters will be responsible for their guns, ammunition and equipment while at the range.
- C. Everyone in the Pavilion must wear hearing and eye protection while the range is “Hot”. Shooters are responsible for seeing that hearing and eye protection is in use by everyone before starting to fire. Hearing and eye protection will be worn by all shooters while firing their weapon (s).
- D. All firearms that are uncased and not being fired must be on a bench or in the gun racks provided. Actions must be open and an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in place (when appropriate).
- E. Firearms will only be loaded at the firing line
- F. Muzzle must be kept pointed in a safe direction (down range)
- G. Upon completion of your range session, police your brass and remove your targets from the target backers. Place unwanted brass in the receptacle provided and place the targets in the burn barrel.
- H. Before leaving, take a last look to insure that you have put everything back where it belongs, (Stapler hung up, chairs and benches back in place and all trash picked up.)
- I. No pets are allowed on the range (for every ones safety)
- J. You are welcome to open windows (glass and wood sliders). PLEASE shut after use!!!
- K. You are welcome to move portable fans to locate where they are needed. Turn off after use!!!
- L. Assure portable target holders have a backstop or berm in the line of fire.
- M. Concealed carry pistols are exactly that, concealed. They should not be removed from concealment away from the firing line. Loaded “open carry” unconcealed firearms are not permitted on the property. Visibly holstered pistols should be flagged with an ECI.
- N. Sort swept up brass should be sorted on the tote lids provided.

O. No firing from the drawn holster without RSO supervision.

P. Lock gate chain on last link, no need to cinch chain tight.

### **Emergency Procedures:**

Should an emergency arise at BCCSC, take the following actions immediately:

1. If no Range Officer or Range Safety Officer is present, take charge of the situation. Range Officers/Range Safety Officers will take charge of the situation during scheduled competitions.
2. If range is "HOT", Command "Cease Fire, unload and stay in place".
3. Assess the situation
4. Call 911 for Emergency Medical Assistance if required.
5. Render whatever aid may be required until emergency personnel arrive.
6. Instruct other personnel to the front gate or road to assist the ambulance to the location of the emergency.
7. Have others who may be present make notes as to what happened and what they observed: Time of occurrence, Date, Location, Type of injury, Witness's names, address and phone numbers.
8. Brief explanation of incident, first aid provided and other observations.
9. Once the emergency is over, collect the notes and prepare an accident report. Turn in to Range Chairman.

### **Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs:**

Alcohol, prescription drugs and firearms do not mix. If you have consumed alcohol or are taking drugs and are found shooting at the range, you will be asked to leave immediately and your membership will be up for review by the Board of Directors. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **Competitions/Leagues:**

#### **Rifle and Pistol Ranges:**

**Falling Plates, 3-gun, Precision Rifle, 22 Winter league, CMP, 3-gun, 22 silhouette, etc.**

#### **Other Club activities:**

**Trap shooting, Indoor and outdoor archery, indoor air rifle, Hunters Safety**



## Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club

### Orientation review:

- 1) What is the first thing you do when you get to the range? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Before proceeding down range, what is the question to ask all shooters? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) While the range is cold the lights should be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The daily range fees go directly to the club General Fund. T / F
- 5) I should sort swept brass on the \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Armor piercing ammo is allowed \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) If an unknown person shows up and asks me if they could pay the \$5 guest fee and shoot, I should \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) I must assure a \_\_\_\_\_ is in the line of fire of a portable target holder.
- 9) It is quite acceptable to "open carry" a loaded weapon. T / F
- 10) I should always clean up after myself. T / F