



## 2023 Membership Application

Bemidji Area Shooters Association, Inc.

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### Important Information

This form is fillable electronically.

Signature fields must be signed by applicant.

BASA relies on 100% volunteer labor. Please volunteer to help your club!

BASA mailing address is listed above.

Annual membership period is for calendar year (Jan 1—Dec 31).

Member communications are via email.

Individual gate codes are included with membership - completed gate code agreement required.

Range rules are attached to this document (keep for your reference), and posted at each shooting bay.

One free guest allowed per member per day, additional guests are \$10 per day.

Dependent children under age 18 may shoot for free. They must wear eye and ear protection at all times when inside the range area, and be under direct parent or guardian supervision at all times.

The Women of BASA is a female only user group within the club. Membership add-on dues provide funding for monthly meetings, guest speakers, training, and other group events.

Northland Regional Shooting Sports Fund (NRSSF) is a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Your gifts provide direct funding for youth shooting activities as well as future development of the Northland Regional Sports Park.

Please Print Clearly - All Fields Required

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/I \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street, Apt# or PO Box # \_\_\_\_\_

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

County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members (family membership only) \_\_\_\_\_

New Member

Renewing Member

| Select                   | Membership Type                        | Amount                        |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Annual Membership           | \$ 50 / calendar year _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Annual Membership               | \$ 75 / calendar year _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Life Membership             | \$ 600 one-time payment _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Life Membership             | \$ 150 x 4 Qrtly Pmts. _____  |
| <b>Add-ons</b>           |  |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Women of BASA group membership         | \$ 10 / calendar year _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NRSSF donation (write in amount)       | _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Life Family Members (each)* | \$ 300 one-time payment _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Life Family Members (each)* | \$ 75 x 4 Qrtly Pmts. _____   |
|                          |  | <b>Total Due</b> _____        |

\* Separate Membership Application form required for each Life Family Member

Check boxes

### CERTIFICATION

- I agree to Use *and provide Eye and Ear Protection for ALL guests or family members that accompany me.*
- I have read and agree to follow the BASA Range Rules
- I agree to read and follow all posted range safety and usage signs.
- I agree to the terms of the liability waiver on page 2 of this document
- I have signed the liability waiver on page 2 of this document
- I have listed the names of any dependent children under age 18 on the additional parent or guardian waiver on page 2 of this document
- I certify that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am legally eligible to possess firearms, and that I shall obey all BASA range safety guidelines, and to participate in range safety program(s) of BASA when the program is offered.
- I certify that I am not a member of any organization or group whose purpose or intent is to subvert the Constitution of the United States by force or violence.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of participating in gun club activities, and for other good and valuable considerations, I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence Bemidji Area Shooters Association, Inc. and its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, participants and all other persons or entities acting for them (hereafter collectively referred to as "Releasees"), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate, and also agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that gun club activities involve known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death and property damage. Risks include, but are not limited to, death or serious injury as a result of being shot or as a result of equipment malfunction: hearing loss; loss of vision; broken bones, bruises, and other bodily injuries caused by falls; medical conditions resulting from physical activity, and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that I am unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, or my use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
4. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.
5. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where Releasees' facility is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply.
6. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT minor's names) being permitted to participate in this activity, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of minor or are in any way connected with such participation by minor.

### CERTIFICATION

**By signing this document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property is damaged during my participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.**

I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing. I also understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release, and that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain.

**I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Bemidji Area Shooters Association, Inc., hereafter known as **BASA**, is registered in the State of Minnesota as a 501C(7) social club and is a Range Affiliate of the National Rifle Association and the Civilian Marksmanship Program. **BASA** is dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of all legal, safe handgun and rifle shooting activities and is focused on the recruitment of new shooters, young and old, to these shooting sports and hunting activities. **BASA** provides equal opportunity for membership to all persons without regard to race, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, public assistance or sexual orientation.

Range facility usage privileges are extended to "Active Member(s)" only. "Active Member(s)" status is defined as having a paid membership fee. All others will be required to pay a user fee when the range is open for public use. **BASA** reserves the right to determine if and/or when these membership options will change.

**BASA** is a non-profit gun club that has a long-term lease with Beltrami County. The need for volunteers to operate open-range days, various adult and youth shooting activities, Firearms Safety Training courses, facility maintenance etc. is great. We pay our expenses with membership and event fees and raffle ticket sales. Please help out when you can.

# BASA Gate Code Agreement

- The Purpose of the BASA Gate Code Agreement is to communicate the expectations and responsibilities of members when they are using the BASA range during non-public shooting hours.
- All members of BASA are entitled to a gate access code so that they may use the shooting range during non-public shooting hours.
- **Access during non-public shooting hours will be revoked for any member who violates the BASA Range Rules and has exhausted the progressive discipline procedures as outlined in the BASA Disciplinary Policy.**
- One gate code will be permanently assigned for each membership - individual or family. At the beginning of each calendar year, gate codes will be disabled pending receipt of annual membership dues. The gate system has a limited number of codes. A re-issue fee of \$25 is required if a replacement gate code must be assigned.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

|                   |
|-------------------|
| 5 Digit Gate Code |
|-------------------|

| Yes                      | No                       | <i>Answer by placing an X in the Yes or No box for all questions below.</i>   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I agree that I will not share my gate code with anyone other than the family member listed on my family membership application (if applicable).                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have read and understand the BASA Range Rules. I also understand that the BASA Range Rules may be subject to change from time to time, and I agree to abide by all changes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I agree to abide by all posted signs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I understand the definition of the range area as described in the BASA Range Rules, and I agree to wear Eye and Ear protection when I am in the range area.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I agree to provide Eye and Ear Protection for all family members and guests when they are in the range area.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I agree that my activities will be recorded and monitored, and that violations of range rules will result in disciplinary action.   |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# BASA Range Rules

## Members and guests are expected to follow the NRA Fundamental Rules of Firearms Safety

- ✓ ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- ✓ ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- ✓ ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

## Rules which apply prior to shooting

1. All members and guests must read and obey all signs.
2. All pets must be leashed and under the control of an adult.
3. Members may bring one guest per day who will be allowed to shoot at no cost. If additional guests are to shoot, a range use fee of \$10 must be paid for each additional shooter.
4. Range access during non-public shooting hours is controlled by a 5-digit gate code which is exclusive to each member. It is the member's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of their code. Members that visit during public shooting hours must sign in with range supervisors prior to shooting.
5. **Use of eye and ear protection is required by all persons in the range area.** The range area is deemed to be anywhere on the crushed bituminous up to and including the firing line of all shooting bays. (Figure 1.)
6. No alcohol or drugs can be consumed during shooting hours. No one shall be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while handling firearms or at the shooting range.
7. Shooting hours shall be as posted on the range. If hours are not posted then shooting hours shall be no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or later than sunset. All members and guests must exit the park within 1/2 hour of sunset except while conducting BASA business (clean up after a match, meetings, etc.).
8. No .50 BMG or similar calibers are permitted. Full auto or rapid fire which simulates the same is not allowed. Exploding targets are not allowed with an exception for activities sanctioned by the BASA Board of Directors.
9. Killing birds or game animals is prohibited with an exception for activities sanctioned by the BASA Board of Directors.

## Rules which apply while shooting

1. All shooters are responsible for range control and safety.
2. The BASA range operates as a cold range. As a cold range, **all firearms will be kept UNLOADED except on the firing line.**
3. No dry firing of firearms except on the firing line with the muzzle pointed down range.
4. Shooters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of an adult club member.
5. Members may have only one guest at the firing line at a time. The member is responsible for the actions of all guests.
6. When a shooter is off the firing line all firearms must be unloaded with the action open and magazine removed, or unloaded and holstered, or cased.
7. Prior to anyone moving forward of the firing line, all firearms shall be unloaded with actions open, and magazines removed. Long guns shall be placed in barracks racks when practical. When any shooter is forward of the firing line all persons behind the firing line will refrain from handling any uncased firearm. If a new shooter arrives during a time when others are forward of the firing line they will refrain from uncasing or handling any firearm until those persons have returned.
8. Violators are subject to discipline as laid out in the BASA Disciplinary Policy.

## Rules which apply after shooting

1. Everyone is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the entire range complex.
  - a. Pick up brass and trash.
  - b. Remove targets from backboards.
  - c. Brass which has been placed in a receptacle shall not be removed.

## Health Related Recommendations

1. It is recommended that shooters do not eat while on the firing line and that they wash their hands with cold water after shooting. Clothes worn during shooting should be changed and laundered as soon as practical. If you are pregnant consult your physician before visiting the BASA range.

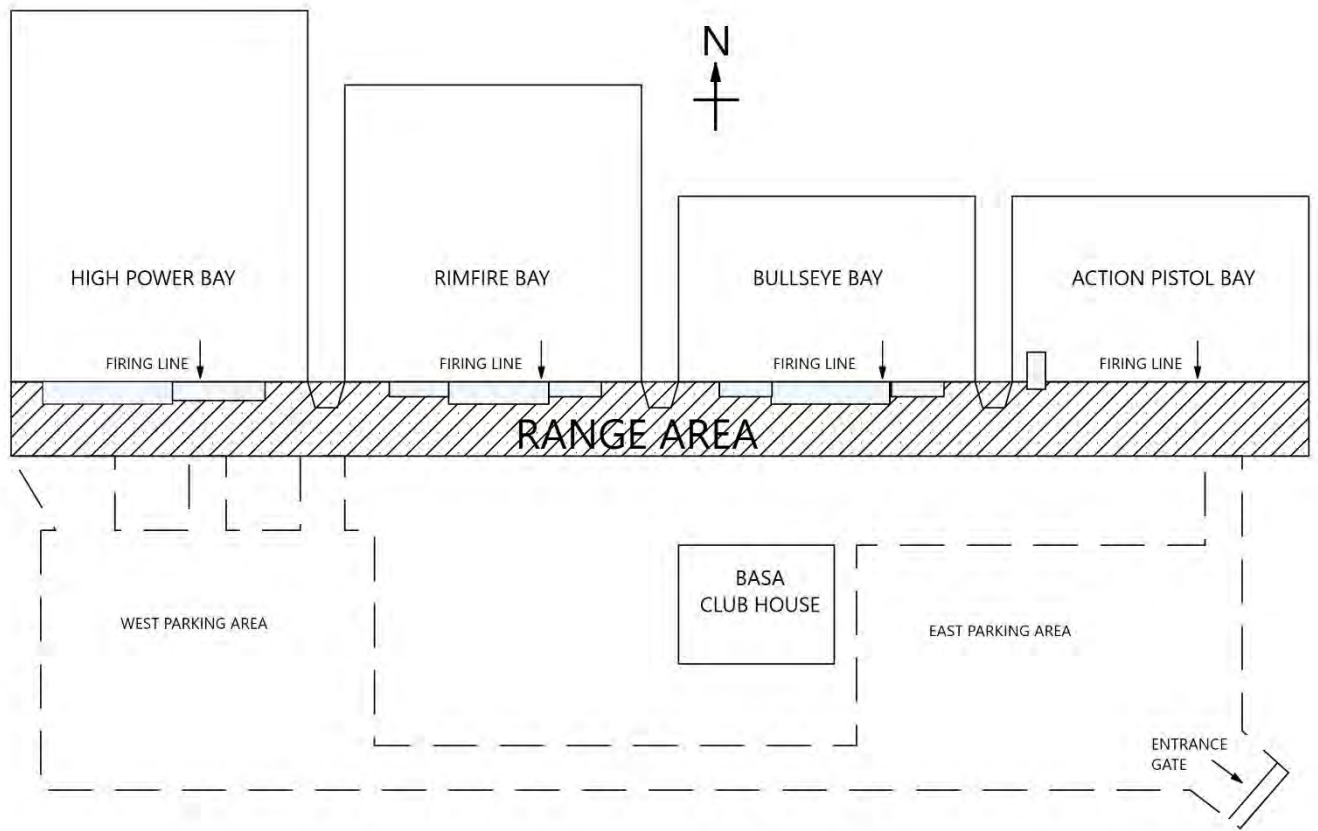


Figure 1. Illustration of BASA Range Area

# BASA Disciplinary Policy

**Purpose:** The purpose of the BASA disciplinary policy is to enforce the BASA Range rules. The BASA Range Rules are intended to provide for the safety of BASA members and guests, to safeguard club assets, and to meet the obligations of the club to operate as a good neighbor and steward of the range.

**Scope:** The BASA Disciplinary policy shall be impartially enforced by and for all club members. The BASA board of directors will be the sole arbiters of this disciplinary policy. The BASA Disciplinary policy is subject to periodic review by the BASA Board of Directors. All changes to the BASA Disciplinary Policy shall be approved by a majority vote of the BASA Board of Directors.

**Enforcement:** BASA Board of Director members and rostered Range Safety Officers (RSO's) are authorized to issue disciplinary notices. Club members who observe violations of the BASA Range rules shall report the time and date of the offense to a BASA Board member or RSO for follow up action.

**Procedure:** The BASA Disciplinary Policy shall operate in a progressive manner.

**Disciplinary actions shall be reported by the Chief RSO at each monthly member's meeting and entered into the club minutes.**

BASA officials shall identify themselves when addressing an offending member or guest.

It is expected that all parties shall conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner.

Club members and guests are expected to identify themselves when asked to do so.

Failure to cooperate with a range official when an infraction occurs will elevate an offense to the next higher level of discipline. Failure to provide your name to a range official shall be considered a failure to cooperate.

Members are responsible for the actions of their family members and guests, therefore infractions by a guest or family member will come to bear on the club member.

**First Offense:** For most first offenses, a verbal warning will be issued along with an explanation and a referral to the BASA Range Rules. If the offense is for a safety related issue the deficiency shall be corrected immediately or the offender must leave the range until the deficiency is corrected. If a Board Member or RSO is not present when a violation is observed, a first offense warning will be issued in absentia and delivered to the offending member.

**Second Offense:** A second offense will result in a written warning and the offender may be asked to leave the range for the day.

**Third Offense:** A third offense will result in suspension of unsupervised range privileges. The suspended member may meet with the Board of Directors to ask for a review of their suspension. The Board's decision shall be final.

**Particularly egregious offenses will result in termination of range membership.** The following list of actions will be grounds for immediate suspension of range privileges, potential termination of membership, and potential legal action:

- Blatant discharge of a firearm in an unsafe direction.
- Threats of violence against any individual or organization.
- Willful violation of any law while on club property.
- Theft or willful damage to range property.
- Violation of the club's alcohol and drug policy.
- The killing of a bird or game animal on club property without prior authorization by the BASA board of directors.
- Disabling security camera system and/or the power operated gate.
- Reckless operation of a vehicle on club property.