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## Board Statement and Philosophy Priority Treatment Over General Public

It is the general operating philosophy of Erie County Conservation League that members receive priority treatment over members of the general public in the registration for, and operation of, official club events. Therefore, to increase and protect the value that club members receive for their membership dues, bring consistency across club events and programs as it concerns public access and fees, and to provide incentives for members of the public to become club members, the following policies have been adopted.

**Pre-Event Registration Priority**: For all club events or programs using preregistration, and that will also be open to members of the public, club members shall have first priority in registration, including up to reaching the full capacity of the event. A well-defined and publicized "Member Only Priority Registration Period" of not less than two weeks shall be employed, followed by an open enrollment period for members of the public. Registrations from club members received after the start of open enrollment can be treated as non-members and shall be prioritized in the order received. However, members will always pay only the Member Rate, regardless of when registering.

**Day-of Event Registration Priority**: For all club events or programs that do not use pre-registration and assign capacity or shooting order based on "Event Sign-in Sheets," the following shall apply. Club members arriving 15 minutes or more prior to the published start time of the event shall have first priority to sign-in, and receive the first opportunities to participate, followed by members of the public. Members arriving after 15 minutes prior to the published start time of an event can be treated as non-members for the purpose of implementing this policy, but will still only pay the Member Rate to participate. A member must have and be displaying their membership badge to qualify for the priority status.

**Fee Structure for Event Participation**: For all club events or programs using a registration fee, or "per round" fee structure, club members shall pay at least 50 percent less than the registration fee or participation fees paid by members of the general public. Rounding fees for members to the nearest whole dollar does not violate this policy. A member must have and be displaying their membership badge to qualify for the Member Rate. This policy does not apply to fees charged for the Trap & Skeet program.

## **Board Option to Wave Policies:**

Should it become necessary or desirable to waive one or more policies set forth above, the board may, on a case-by-case basis and through official board action, suspend or amend these requirements.

**Applicability**: These policies apply to all of the club's regularly scheduled events and programs. Any outside groups who lease, or are otherwise granted access to, club facilities to host non-club events or programs shall be encouraged, but not required, to adhere to these policies.

Adopted and Approved by the Board of Trustees February 6, 2020.