



The Independence Club, Inc.

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INDEPENDENCE CLUB HOUSE RULES

On February 23, 2016 the Board of Directors voted the following revised House Rules into policy. These rules apply equally to any and all Club members and any Club attendees present on The Independence Club premises. These rules were revised previously on: 11/16/99, 08/19/03, 05/16/06, 11/17/09, 06/20/13, and 02/25/14.

Violation of any House Rule can result in any of the following penalties:

1. Verbal warning being issued.
2. Being asked to leave Club premises with a verbal warning; police will be called if refused.
3. Temporary banning, pending Board of Directors review.
4. Permanent banning, after Board of Directors review.
5. Monetary fines no less than \$100.00, due in 90 days.
6. Requirement to make full restitution for any and all damages.
7. Prosecution to the fullest extent of the Commonwealth of Virginia law.

Club Rules:

1. No conduct that is prejudicial to good order and civil behavior; or verbal/written harassment of Club Board members, Club members and/or attendees, and/or volunteers in service.
2. No disruption of meetings; horseplay, loud talking, excessive noise, etc.
3. No fighting; verbal or physical.
4. No loitering, soliciting, panhandling, or overt sexual conduct. Non-members, when on Club premises, must attend meetings when in session.
5. No sales or promotions without prior Board approval.
6. No one is permitted to keep the Club open during closed hours for any reason except Board members and/or prior approval to designated key holders. Key holders must have one year of continuous sobriety.
7. No one is permitted to stay or sleep in the Club overnight; or store any personal belongings at the Club for any reason.
8. No unaccompanied children under age 12 at any time; children must be supervised by a responsible adult 18 years of age or over.
9. No animal or pets of any kind in the Club; except for service pets.
10. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
11. Cell phones and/or pagers must be off or silent when attending a meeting that is in session.
12. No telephone interruptions when someone is in a meeting unless there is an emergency.
13. No playing of musical instruments, radios, televisions, or electronic devices when a meeting is in session.
14. No stealing or attempted stealing; no tampering with or removal of safe; cash register, vending machines, or any other Club property.
15. No destruction or defacement of any Club property.
16. No drugs or alcohol permitted on Club premises at any time. Individuals who are "drunk" or "high" and/or act in a disruptive/disturbing manner will be asked to leave immediately.
17. No weapons of any kind will be permitted on the Club premises at any time.
18. **No smoking, vapor cigarettes, e-cigarettes, Chew, or Snuff in any part of the Club or in meetings at any time.**