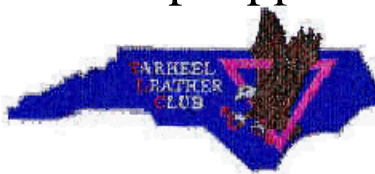


# Membership Application



Tarheel Leather Club, Inc. – 1800 N Elm St, Apt A2 – Greensboro, NC 27408-6600

[www.TarheelLeatherClub.org](http://www.TarheelLeatherClub.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scene name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: Full      Affiliate      (circle one; see reverse side for more information)

I am interested in serving on one or more of the following committees: (circle your choices)

By-Laws	Membership	Telephone
Newsletter	Run	Programs
Archives/History	Other	

Please add my name to the TLC mailing list      Yes      No (circle one)

In club publications, may we use your (circle one) full name? first name, last initial? scene name?

May TLC release your name to other clubs or organizations, such as National Leather Association Leather Archives & Museum      Yes      No (circle one)

Interest, hobbies, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of organization or club of which you are currently a member \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for Full Membership, your application must be accompanied by a letter of intent, signed by two full members of TLC, and first quarter membership dues.

I hereby certify that I have reached by twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) birthday and have read and agree with the State of Purpose of the Tarheel Leather Club, Inc. (see reverse side)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Statement of Purpose**

- (a) To provide a source of communication and information for compatible and like-minded individuals involved in or actively pursuing an interest in the leather/SM fetish lifestyle.
- (b) To provide a safe atmosphere for growth and support for the leather/SM fetish lifestyle of the individual while nourishing a sense of sister/brotherhood and camaraderie within the organization and the community.
- (c) To provide information to members and the community on the varied safe/sane/consensual expressions of the leather/SM fetish lifestyle.
- (d) To provide information regarding the leather/SM fetish lifestyle to the general community to encourage a more positive attitude of acceptance and to increase awareness of our positions, contributions and potential within the community.
- (e) To coordinate with like-minded organizations on a local, regional, state and national level.
- (f) To promote with power and pride the right of all adults to engage in safe/sane/consensual expression.
- (g) To raise funds for deserving projects, clubs, organizations, or charities which have given direct support to the leather/SM fetish community.
- (h) To preserve a record of our history, traditions and culture.

## **ARTICLE II Membership**

**Section 1. Qualification.** Membership is open to all persons regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or handicap who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who are interested in and in sympathy with the purposes of the organization as set forth in Article 1.

**Section 2. Manner of Admission.**

- (d) Pledge Period. All Pledges shall complete certain Pledge requirements as stated in the TLC Pledge Manual which shall be adopted and as may be amended by the Board of Directors from time to time. Before the meeting at which his or her membership will be voted on, a Pledge will be required to sign a statement reading: "I, the undersigned, do avow that I have completed the Pledge requirements as stated in the Tarheel Leather Club Pledge Manual."

**Section 3. Membership categories.**

- (a) Full Member. A Full Member is one who has completed a Pledge period and whose application for membership has been accepted. Full Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote, are eligible for appointment to committee positions, may serve on the Board of Directors, and may hold elected office. Full Members are expected to attend all club meetings and events and are required to attend at least one (1) run or anniversary celebration of another club held out of town during a twelve month period.
- (b) Affiliate Member. The classification of Affiliate Member is reserved for members of other like-minded clubs or organizations. The Applicant's Home club shall be contacted for verification of information regarding the applicant's membership status and standing prior to submission of the application for a vote. The requirements of the applicant's Home club shall be reviewed to determine if such requirements would be detrimental to the applicant's ability to fulfill his or her obligations to TLC. An applicant for Affiliate Membership must be approved by two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the eligible voting Members present. An applicant for Affiliate Membership may be present during discussion to clarify his or her intentions as needed. Affiliate Members shall possess all privileges and obligations of Full Members, including the right to vote, and are considered to be Full Members in all respects unless otherwise specifically stated in these By-Laws. An Affiliate Member shall have the option of (i) making a one-time payment of dues in an amount established by the Board of Directors, or (ii) making quarterly dues payments for a period of two (2) years, after which the Affiliate Member will no longer be responsible for the payment of dues.

**Dues:**

Annual standard dues for Full Members is \$10 per month, \$25 per quarter or \$80 per year (one single payment)

Affiliate Members pay a one time payment of \$35.00 upon application.

All quarterly dues shall be payable no later than the second meeting of each quarter.

Upon being voted as a full member, a non-refundable \$25 patch fee must be paid.

If a member chooses to leave the club, membership dues are non-refundable. If the member has to move out of the area, pro-rated membership dues are refundable at the board's discretion. The patch will remain the property of Tarheel Leather Club and be returned intact.