

# Military, Veteran and First Responder Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide a unified list of special membership benefits available to military service members, veterans and first responders.

This policy incorporates, modifies, extends, and replaces the following prior policies:

1. BGSL Military Service Policy
2. BGSL Military Service Policy – Veterans' Amendment
3. BGSL First Responders Policy

## Freezing of Membership Dues During Military Deployment

It is the standing policy of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League to support our U.S. Military Troops while deployed on active duty away from their homes in central Kentucky. This policy will cover all branches of the military to include National Guard and all Reserve personnel whether deployed overseas or on garrison missions in the United States outside of the the service area of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. Training missions are not a part of this Policy. Membership Dues will be frozen the month of departure and resume the month when they change stations back home. Membership for those family members left at home will continue uninterrupted during the deployment. Affected members need only present a copy of deployment orders to the BGSL Bookkeeper prior to their movement and Dues will be frozen for the period of service, then present the orders for return, and the time period will be added to the existing membership term. Leave and Liberty time will not affect the time period. All member, deployment and movement information will be kept sealed and protected at all times. If deployment information cannot be provided, an official letter will need to be sent on the member's behalf to start the process and the period will be worked out upon return.

## Refund of Initiation Fee for Military and Veterans

It is the policy of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League to offer current military and veterans the privilege of receiving a refund of the initiation fee incurred at the time they join the league. This policy is not retroactive and applies only to first-time new members.

All branches of the United States Armed Forces are recognized under this policy. In order to receive this benefit, current military and veterans must make an application and be accepted to the BGSL. Upon completion of new member orientation, current military and veterans may submit proof of current or prior military service to the BGSL main office, which will then issue a

refund in the form of the original payment method for initiation fee paid during the membership process.

## Refund of Initiation Fee for First Responders

It is the policy of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League to offer our first responders the privilege of receiving a refund for the initiation fee incurred at the time they join the league. This policy is not retroactive and applies only to first-time new members.

Local, state, and county law enforcement officials, firefighters, and full-time and volunteer EMT's are currently recognized under this policy. In order to receive this benefit, first responders must make an application and be accepted to the BGSL. Upon completion of new member orientation, first responders may submit a copy of their credentials with a letter on employer letterhead stating their current employment status to the BGSL main office, which will then issue a refund in the form of the original payment method for the initiation fee paid during the membership process.

## 90 Day Trial Membership Offer for Military, Veterans, and First Responders

The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League provides the following accommodation for our prospective military, veteran and first responder members:

- NEW members who provide proof of military, veteran, or first responder status will receive a 90 day trial membership free of charge, after which normal membership rates and any required fee (e.g. gate card) would apply should the member elect to renew

The following conditions apply to this offering:

1. Acceptable proof of military or veteran status consists of one of the following:
  - a. Military ID card
  - b. VA Benefits card
  - c. Retired service member card
  - d. DD214 honorable discharge
2. First responders may submit a copy of their credentials with a letter on employer letterhead stating their current employment status to the BGSL main office
3. This offering is only good for one free trial
4. This offering is not retroactive
5. This membership excludes voting rights during the 90 day trial membership