

**GULF COAST HOMING CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Au id # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored for membership by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Club Affiliation: (Name and City) \_\_\_\_\_

President (name and telephone) \_\_\_\_\_

Race Secretary (name and telephone) \_\_\_\_\_

Club before last club (if any) (Name and City) \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree, if accepted, to conform to all Rules and Regulations of the GHC. I also acknowledge that I was a member in good standing of my previous club(s). I understand that violation of GHC Rules or Regulations or intentionally keeping secret any previous problems with former club(s) may cause the GHC to take disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the GHC. The GHC also has a right not to accept anyone applying for membership that was not a member in good standing with his previous club(s) or has a past history of problems with the law.*

This application will be kept confidential.

Please answer the following questions. An untrue answer will result in an immediate suspension from the Club and the matter will be investigated. After investigation, the Gulf Homing Club has the option to, but is not required to, reconsider the applicant for membership.

Do you live in an area zoned for pigeons? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will your pigeons be housed and flown in an area zoned for pigeons? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended by a club? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever been brought up on charges by a club, concourse, center or national organization? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested for or charged with cruelty to animals? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested for a felony, assault or theft?  
(If Yes, please explain) \_\_\_ attach sheet Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

(You must sign and complete both sides of this application.)

If accepted for membership, the applicant understands:

1. All required dues and/or fees must be paid at acceptance.
2. The applicant will be on probation for three (3) years from the date of acceptance. Probation for a new member gives him/her all rights enjoyed by all members but will not be eligible to hold any office in the club. New member status will be evaluated by the Membership Committee after three (3) years.
3. Applicant understands that at least 30 days will be required to check with previous Club (s) before the Membership Committee accepts or rejects the application.
4. Any member of the GHC has a right to contact anyone on the Membership Committee to voice his or her concerns (if any) about the applicant. This should be done in writing and within the 30 day period.
5. It is understood that any birds accepted for GHC's special races will be the responsibility of the applicant.
6. The Membership Committee will recommend acceptance or rejection of an applicant at the next regular meeting or special meeting called by the President.
7. Applicant understands that Drug testing will be conducted and as a member you will abide by **ALL** the Performance Enhancing Drug Guidelines as approved by the GHC members.
8. The GHC membership will vote on acceptance or rejection. Acceptance is by a Two thirds (2/3) membership vote.
9. Any member, who instigates or joins litigation as a plaintiff or plaintiffs naming the Gulf Coast Homing Club Inc., its officers, directors, or current membership as co-defendants, shall be suspended by the Gulf Coast Homing Club Inc. from all club-related activities until the completion of the litigation. After litigation is complete, if the suspension is longer than one-year, the member must reapply and be voted in by a 2/3 vote of the membership. If the litigant is unsuccessful, he or she must pay all legal costs the Gulf Coast Homing Club Inc. incurred in defending itself or co-defendants and will be suspended for a period of not less than five (5) years or expelled for life as decided by the membership.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

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Portion below for use of the Membership Committee

Applicant **accepted** or **rejected** (circle one) by Membership Committee:

Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
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