

Nerds With Real Lives Guild

Membership Policy

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

1.01 Membership Qualifications

Membership in the NWRL Guild is open to anyone interested in supporting, promoting and enhancing nerd-culture, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs.

All memberships are for the specific and sole use of the registered individual or family for whom payment is made and are non-transferable.

1.02 Nerds With Real Lives Member Code of Conduct

All members will be subject to the regulations of the bylaws and by joining the NWRL Guild will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the NWRL guild has adopted.

1.03 Termination of Membership

The NWRL Guild retains the right to terminate a membership at any time should there be any clear violation of the Code of Conduct, or multiple accounts of negative feedback by other members, and/or other credible sources.

1.04 Events and Activities

Membership is not required to attend public events or activities held by the NWRL Guild; however it does afford you access to benefits, services, and special “member’s only” events and activities not available to the general public.

1.05 Contests

Membership is not required to participate in NWRL Guild contests, sweepstakes and other promotional activities. Entries are subject to the particular rules of the applicable activity.

1.06 Privacy

All membership records are held for internal NWRL Guild use only and will not be shared with any third parties except the authorized governmental agencies. By joining the NWRL Guild you authorize the use of your gamertag along with any photos (both digital and print) or videos taken at guild events for NWRL Guild use and posting on websites and in other print/digital media.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

2.01 Membership benefits

NWRL Guild membership includes benefits such as discounts, unique services, or members events.

2.02 Current Benefits

Membership benefits are maintained by the Membership Committee. The benefits are reviewed and approved by the Board on a minimum of annual basis. Refer to the current "Membership Benefits Schedule" posted at www.nwrlguild.com/membership for an up-to-date listing of all eligible benefits.

2.03 Guarantee

Membership benefits are provided as a best effort and cannot be 100% guaranteed. Especially those benefits which are provided through third-party services such as, but not limited to, product or service discounts. It is the individual member's responsibility to verify they are eligible for a benefit prior to its use or investment. Any monetary losses from a benefit which are not fulfilled are the responsibility of the individual member and not that of the NWRL Guild. Please contact the NWRL guild in the event a listed benefit is not honored.

ARTICLE III

MEMBER REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

3.01 Activating Membership

Your membership becomes active when your member application is received and your membership dues are processed by the NWRL Guild. You will be notified about upcoming events, networking opportunities, and activities via email .

3.03 Payment Methods

The NWRL Guild accepts payments in the form of cash, check, paypal, or credit card. Money orders and checks should be made payable to the "NWRL Guild".

3.04 Refunds

Dues are non-refundable and subject to change at membership renewal time.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP TERMS & RENEWAL PROCEDURES

4.01 Membership Period

Each membership, unless otherwise agreed, is valid from January 1st to December 31st. The membership expires at the end of the membership term, however a grace period (the amount of time after a membership expires in which a renewal payment can still be made) of 30 days is offered. During this time the individual is still considered a member by NWRL but may not be eligible to receive some or all membership benefits particularly benefits offered by third parties.

Memberships for the remainder of the current membership term may be prorated on a quarterly basis.

4.02 Membership Renewal

A membership can be renewed up to 30 days prior to the expiration date or during the grace period. A member who completes the membership renewal process prior to the end of the grace period maintains the original membership start date and remains eligible for longevity programs and other tenure-based benefits.

4.03 Renewing After the Grace Period

After the 30-day grace period, a member can rejoin the NWRL Guild and receive a new join date. If the member has not renewed by the end of the 30-day grace period, the membership is terminated.

Any and all NWRL Guild membership benefits cannot be used once the membership has been terminated.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

5.01 Individual Membership

Individual membership is available to those that meet the membership requirements and are at least 18 years old. Individual members shall be eligible to:

- A. Serve on committees and
- B. One (1) vote during official guild proceedings

5.02 Family Membership

Family memberships are available to two or more individuals who are related to one another where at least one (1) adult and one (1) child under the age of 18 are applying and meet the membership requirements. Family memberships have all the same rights as Individual members except for the following:

- A. Each Family membership has only one (1) vote per adult during official guild proceedings, and
- B. Child members may not serve as Committee Chairs.

At the time there are no longer any family members under the age of 18, the family membership may no longer be renewed. Interested parties may renew under alternate membership categories.

5.03 Junior Membership

Junior Membership is available to those younger than 18 years old that meet the membership requirements. Junior memberships have all the same rights as Individual members except for the following:

- A. Junior members may not serve as Committee Chair and
- B. May not vote during official board proceedings.

Once a Junior member reaches 18 years old they may choose to pay the difference in membership dues between any applicable alternate membership category or wait until their current membership expires and upgrade at that time. Junior Membership does not remove or alter chaperone requirements at NWRL Guild events.

5.04 Affiliate Membership

Affiliate membership application is open to all corporations, organizations, and individuals interested in partnership with the NWRL Guild at the discretion of the Board of Directors. No voting rights are extended to Affiliate members. Affiliate members may receive rights not granted to the other membership categories (e.g. advertisements) as negotiated by the Board of Directors.