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Membership Applications and Requirements

Niagara Naturists is a non-landed nudist club that is based in Buffalo/western New York region.

We are a family oriented non-landed group of social nudist affiliated with the American Association for Nude Recreation.

Members of this organization believe in the wholesomeness and natural beauty of the human body. We view nudism as a natural state and believe that nudity is healthy and acceptable for social interaction. We believe nudism results in a positive self image and promotes healthy attitudes towards people as individuals. Our purpose is to promote social nudism and provide a safe, comfortable environment where families may participate in and enjoy nude recreational and social activities.

Membership is open to couples, families and single adults who agree with the goals and mission of the club and agree to abide by all club guidelines.

An applicant must be a minimum of 18 years of age to apply for membership. This does not apply to children of members. Because Niagara Naturists is a non-landed club and many events are held at the personal residences of its members and as such we have a responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of all members at our events but especially that of our children.

As hard as it may seem to believe, there are unethical individuals who would use nude social events as an opportunity to harm others. As part of any membership screening we will take advantage of all avenues open to us to identify and exclude such individuals from Niagara Nudist membership and events.

Application for membership must be made in person at a club sponsored event. Positive identification (photo ID) is required for membership application as well as non-member attendance at any club function. (Bring a copy of your photo ID for our files)

Prospective members not known to any current members must attend a clothed orientation meeting (monthly dinner or meeting with the membership committee) prior to being permitted to attend a nude event. Prospective members may be invited by current members to attend nude events as a guest. The current member must notify the event host prior to bringing the prospective member to a nude event. The current member shall accept responsibility for the behavior of their guests. All prospective members shall be given an orientation packet at the first meeting. This packet will include general club goals, guidelines and other relevant information.

All prospective members must attend at least 1 clothed event before their membership application may be voted on. Alternatively, the prospective members may meet with the membership committee which shall consist of not less than 3 members. At least one member of the membership must be a female. Substitutes on the membership committee shall be allowed.

The general membership or the membership committee shall discuss with the prospective member(s) what they expect and/or are looking for in joining the group, what their experience or lack of experience is in nudism, and if they belong to any other groups or have belonged to a group in the past. During the meeting, the prospective member(s) shall be presented with this document.

All new membership applications shall be held for 30 days, so the club can perform whatever investigations that the club deems necessary. The club may use the avenues available including [Megan's Law](#), as well as other resources to screen applications. When you sign your application you are giving us permission to research your background to verify you aren't excluded by your prior actions from joining our organization.

The thirty day time period may be waived by a vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members at a regular or special meeting in the case of applicants who are already AANR members either through another club or associate members. A majority of the members at a meeting must vote in favor of the membership application in order to confer membership. All new members shall have a probationary period of 3 months. At the end of the 3 month probationary period, full membership is automatic.

Any person(s) who supplies false information on their application, violates the Niagara Naturists Courtesy Code, or this document may have their membership terminated by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members present at a voting meeting. The person accused of violations shall be notified via email prior to the meeting so that they can present a defense. If a person's membership is revoked, they will be reimbursed for the Niagara Naturist portion of their membership fees.

Prospective members who are not accepted as club members or who have had their membership revoked shall not be welcome at club events, after the vote is taken, unless the decision is later overturned.