



Indiana Leather Club Mission Statement

The mission of Indiana Leather Club is as follows:

1. To build close fraternal bonds among members, encouraging members to become personally stronger, more knowledgeable about Leather culture and tradition, and more capable of contributing to the Club and the Leather community at large.
2. Maintain our national/international communication, information, education and support network for all members of the Leather/BDSM/Fetish community.
3. Model the power and pride of all adults who engage in consensual sexual expression and encourage those who fight for decriminalization of all sexual acts between consenting adults.
4. Support individual and organized political activism, visibility and education in order to eradicate stereotypical beliefs, misconceptions and media misrepresentation about the Leather/BDSM/Fetish family in the community at large.
5. Continue providing, through publications, educational material and conferences, a forum for the sharing of knowledge, viewpoints and practices of a diverse network of people.
6. Welcome women, people of color, transgendered persons, the deaf, the physically challenged and others who have traditionally been discriminated against or poorly represented within the Leather/BDSM/Fetish community.
7. Attend, promote and support fundraising for deserving defense funds, projects, and clubs, organizations, and/or charities, which have given direct service to the Leather/BDSM/Fetish community.
8. Promote the success and welfare of individuals, organizations, publications and businesses within our community; especially against threats to their freedom of expression, freedom of the press, rights to free association and right to equal protection under the law.
9. Continue preserving a record of our history, traditions and culture.

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What Is a Leather Club?

A Leather club is more than just a group of acquaintances or casual friends. It is a family of brothers and sisters who agree to a common set of values and goals and agree to share the responsibilities—and the joys—of living out those values and goals in daily life.

A Leather club is more than just a play party group. While many of our members do enjoy BDSM play, kink, and fetish, we place greater emphasis on education, community-building, volunteerism, and charitable works.

A Leather club is more than just a set of rules and protocols. We respect the traditions of those who have come before us, and as a Club we define the traditions and protocols that are right and meaningful for us as a group, but we are careful not to become rule-bound or forget our humanity.

Code of Conduct

Integrity: Keep your word. Be who you say you are in both public and private. Reflect your values in your words and actions.

Positivity: Maintain a positive public outlook, and don't complain or criticize other people, clubs, or events. If you have concerns, bring them privately to the person they concern, or to someone who can help.

Confidentiality: Unless you have permission to do so, do not discuss other people's business, or the club's business. Tell only the stories that are yours to tell.

Responsibility: Take responsibility for your speech and actions. If you make a mistake, acknowledge it, apologize, and offer amends.

Volunteerism: Volunteer whenever possible, both within our club and when attending other groups' events. Be willing to do whatever needs to be done.

Respect: Show respect to people who serve in leadership positions, and those who have served the community in the past for many years, in acknowledgment of the work they have done.

Civility: To the best of your ability, take a civil tone in your words and actions in the community, even if interacting with someone you do not like or agree with.

Appropriateness: Dress, speak, and behave appropriately for the situation. Be careful not to engage or involve vanillas, minors, or anyone else who has not consented to be part of a conversation or scene.

Inclusion: Use your power and voice to work toward a community of diversity and inclusion in a world that is fair and equitable to all, and challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

Community focus: Look for what's good for the community and our club, and choose that course of action wherever possible.

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Requirements for Full and Prospective Members

Both Full members and Prospects are expected to:

- Participate fully in the life of ILC, including regularly attending Club activities
- Support ILC's Mission Statement and goals
- Volunteer to help wherever help is needed (both in ILC and in the larger community)
- Model behavior consistent with the ILC Code of Conduct.

While there are currently no official policies regarding minimum participation level, a general guideline is that Full and Prospect members should be prepared to attend at least 12 club activities a year, except in special cases, such as during title years, periods of illness/disability, etc.

There are currently no official policies regarding dress code, but in general, members are encouraged to wear the following to Club activities when possible:

- ILC logo shirt (any style), or plain black T-shirt or long-sleeve T-shirt
- Black pants or blue or black jeans
- Black leather boots or shoes (no athletic shoes)
- Black leather belt if belt loops are visible
- Black leather vest with ILC patch (small chest patch only for Prospects)

Requirements for Advancing from Prospective to Full Membership

For a Prospect to be eligible for Full membership, they must have completed the following requirements:

- Be a Prospect for at least 12 months
- Attend at least 12 Club activities
- Attend at least 50% of the New Member Orientation sessions offered
- Have a consistent demonstrated track record of volunteering and providing service to the Club and the Leather/BDSM community
- Have a consistent demonstrated track record of complying with the ILC Code of Conduct.
- Terminate any full memberships with other locality-based Leather backpatch clubs (within 14 days after acceptance as a Full member of ILC)

Requirements for Supporting Members

Supporting members may, for the most part, do as they wish, coming and going without expectations. The expectations on Supporting members are as follows:

- Be generally supportive of ILC's Mission Statement and goals
- Model behavior consistent with the ILC Code of Conduct

Indiana Leather Club Membership Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Initial: _____

Scene Name: _____ FetLife Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Pronouns: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Type

Prospect: For applicants who have not previously been Full members of ILC.¹ Prospects are expected to regularly participate in the activities of the club, and to attend at least 50% of the orientation sessions offered. Prospects do not vote or hold office.

Full: A voting member of the club, with all rights and responsibilities. Full members are expected to regularly participate in the activities of the club. To apply for Full membership, the applicant must have been a Prospect for at least 12 months.

Supporter: Supporting membership is for those who wish to attend some club functions and support the goals of the club but are not prepared to invest the significant time and energy expected of Prospect and Full members. Supporters do not vote or hold office.

Fee Schedule

Circle the level you are paying for.

Application Date	Supporter	Prospect/Full
July-Sept	\$25	\$50
Oct-Dec	\$18.75	\$37.50
Jan-Mar	\$12.50	\$25
Apr-May	\$6.25	\$12.50

Submit applications to any officer of the club, or the Membership chair, at any club activity or meeting.

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and must show valid photo ID when submitting their application.

Applications should be printed and brought to an ILC meeting/activity or delivered to a full member, along with cash or a personal check (made out to ILC) for payment of the membership fee. If you cannot attend ILC business activities, and do not know any full members, now may not be the time for you to submit a membership application. ILC is a small club where participation and relationships are important. We suggest that you attend some of our activities and get to know some members before deciding whether ILC membership is right for you. Use the Contact Us form on the website to inquire about special circumstances.

I have read the Indiana Leather Club Mission Statement and I agree with the goals of ILC and wish to become a member. I agree to abide by the club's Code of Conduct, as well as the rules set forth in the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. I attest with my signature that I am at least 18 years of age and am eligible to become a member.

Legal Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Below this line is for administrative use:

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Name and age verified by: _____

Date of application vote: _____ Approved Denied

¹ Full memberships that have been expired for more than 6 months may be renewed at the Full level only with Executive Council approval.