

## **Policy for Events Open to Non-Members**

Effective November 2009 (Supersedes July 2002)

### **General:**

As a Social club, with tax exempt status [501(c-7)], it is expected that Events are for the benefit of members. This exempt status places restrictions on the percentage of non-members participating in Events (about 25% max). Additionally, the CSC depends on membership dues and the volunteer efforts of its members to support its activities. Further, Article II, Section 6 of the CSC bylaws states "Participation in Club activities by non-members shall be regulated by the Board".

### **Guidelines:**

The default assumption is that a person must be a member to participate in a CSC Event. Occasionally, an Event can be established, by a Motion approved by the CSC Board, as open to non-members. All non-member participants must sign the appropriate waiver form.

All Events are run primarily for the benefit of members, but if an Event also has a strong potential of attracting new members it may be approved as "open to non-members". Further, Events that are generally open to the public (like Reds game tickets) and are being run as a "ticketed Event" (i.e., essentially the only Event cost is the ticket cost) may also be approved as "open to non-members". It should be noted that Ticketed Events are not automatically open to non-members. Additionally, Events should only be open to non members if there is little risk of excluding current members from participating.

Special care should be exercised to not "routinely" approve Events as "open to non-members". These Events should be "an exception" to the norm.