



Santa Clara County Leather Association

Membership Committee

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Membership Renewal Information

The Santa Clara County Leather Association is a social and educational leather club. To nurture the club and support community, we perform outreach to new leather folk and sponsor some fund-raising events for charity. The SCCLA is a pansexual group, rooted in the gay and lesbian leather community. We are open to all orientations and genders.

As a member of SCCLA you have the right to:

- Carry an SCCLA membership card
- Wear an SCCLA patch
- Identify yourself as a member of SCCLA
- Vote on SCCLA club decisions
- Conduct, on approval of the club, "official" business for the SCCLA, such as facilitating the SCCLA Business Meeting, entering into a business contract on behalf of the SCCLA, and handling money at SCCLA events.

SCCLA dues are allocated to fund SCCLA operating expenses and are not pro-rated. No person will be denied membership due to an inability to pay annual dues. Members and potential members can apply for a Fiscal Hardship Waiver by requesting it on their membership application or renewal. For additional information contact: [*info@scclather.org*](mailto:info@scclather.org)

SCCLA is a participatory organization and therefore to ensure the health, success and well being of the club members are expected to meet a minimal annual participation commitment.

From time to time SCCLA sponsors events with legally-required attendance age restrictions and expects that all members will adhere to those when applicable by refraining from attending events in which they do not meet the age restrictions even though they are a member.



SCCLA Membership Requirements

Membership Service Commitment

SCCLA is a participatory organization and therefore to ensure the health, success and well being of the club all members are expected to commit to and meet an annual membership requirement of providing service at a minimum of two SCCLA events for a minimum of one hour at each event.

Fulfillment of this requirement can also include moderating or scribing at business meetings, hosting schmoozes, volunteer efforts in support of other organizations, serving as club membership chair, Treasurer, website/server maintenance, or other ongoing club duties, and donations of auction items, prizes, and other items or manpower work that contributes to the production of an SCCLA event.

Membership Application - Signature Referrals

SCCLA is a distinct community of like-minded leather people who operate within a bond of friendship and familiarity. It is therefore important that we know those that seek to become members of the club and that they know us. To facilitate this knowledge, the SCCLA Membership Application process requires that all new member applications include two signature referrals from current SCCLA members.

New member applicants who are not able to obtain the required signature referral are recommended to attend at least 3 club functions in order to make an informed decision about feeling comfortable with the group, and subsequently ask a current member to sign a referral for them.

The decision to sign a referral for a member applicant is an individual one, but the club suggests that the **only** criteria current members apply in deciding whether or not to sign referrals are:

- a) Do I know the applicant to the extent that I will recognize them and greet them at events?
- b) Do I believe the applicant has a basic familiarity with the SCCLA?



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SCCLA Membership Renewal Application *Please Print Legibly*

Date of Application: _____ Membership #: _____

Legal Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Membership Card Name _____
(Name you would like on your membership card if different than legal name)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Check this box only if you wish to be REMOVED to the SCCLA members only Yahoo group.

Phone Number: _____
(Optional, please include area code)

The above information will only be accessible by the membership committee as necessary and will not be shared with anyone without your prior permission except for in an extreme emergency situation.

Membership Oath

By my signature below I agree to abide by the common standards of the Santa Clara County Leather Association, including the Code of Conduct. I promise to never bring dishonor to the SCCLA, and to hold as first priority in all SCCLA activities the well being of my fellow members, my community and my club. I understand the SCCLA is an adult leather/BDSM social organization and certify that I am legally 18 years of age or older.

Code of Conduct

- All SCCLA members are equal in status within the club.
- We treat each other with common courtesy and respect.
- We respect the privacy and confidentiality rights of others.
- We refrain from participating in gossip.
- We agree that no means no.
- We uphold the good name of the SCCLA in public so as to maintain a positive representation of the club.

Renewal (List the two events at which you provide service for SCCLA in the last year)

Event Name (Print) Date

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Signature (Legal Name) Date

-----**To be completed by the Membership Committee**-----

Dues Paid: _____ Date: _____ Received By: _____