Why Be a Charter Club of the Federation?

Simply put...power is in numbers.

As a Charter Club you are a part of an organization that has the power to make fundamental changes in policy that impacts our fisheries. Your club is a part of an organization that teaches our future fly fishers the value of the sport and the enjoyment of the outdoors. A part of your dollars support efforts all over the world to conserve, restore and educate.

Is fly fishing important to you? Consider these questions:

Would you like to enjoy fly fishing even more?

Are you interested in sharpening your casting and tying skills?

Do you believe that helping kids learn about fly fishing is important?

Are you concerned about declining fisheries resources?

If you said yes to any of these questions, remain a part of the only organization in the world focused exclusively on fly fishing for all fish, all waters.

Still not convinced? Here is why IFFF is important to you and all fly fishers:

Conservation: IFFF’s pioneering promotion of catch and release resulted in better fishing for many species of fish in waters worldwide, including trout, bass, snook, redfish even bluegill! Lee Wulff, an IFFF founding member, was the father of catch and release! With the numbers of anglers that IFFF represents we have the power to influence fisheries decisions on the local, state, and national level. Who does the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reach out to when they need counsel on policy affecting our streams and rivers?....the IFFF. The IFFF is the publisher of The Osprey, a well-respected publication that covers issues relating to the fisheries. While that is supported by subscriptions, the IFFF’s dollars subsidize the production and distribution.

Education: IFFF has programs for teaching our kids how to cast, to tie flies and how to appreciate aquatic ecosystems. Some IFFF clubs teach more than 2,000 kids a year! The IFFF is preserving the sport’s and the organization’s history through a museum that is maintained in the national HQ office in Livingston, Montana.

Skill building: IFFF shows, fairs and expos provide more experts, more demonstrations, more fly tiers and more workshops than any other events in fly fishing. The International Fly Fishing Fair offers almost 100 workshops from casting to fly tying to cooking in the outdoors. Council shows hosted around the country provide additional education opportunities.

Local focus: IFFF focuses its energy at the grass roots level, at the local club and the regional council, where real conservation and education happens. Our national office in Montana is lean and mean - this means more money for education and conservation.

Your club’s members support our mission world-wide, not just in your home club area.
How does the IFFF help my home club?

- Charter clubs can participate in the Master Insurance Policy and receive general liability and Directors/Officers liability insurance for a competitive yearly rate. Events of the club can be covered as well. There may be additional event insurance premium required, but many times that is not the case.

- Charter clubs are covered by the IFFF’s 501C3 designation. If you are not currently rated as a non-profit under the IRS tax code, then the club will become one after joining the IFFF as a Charter club. This provides additional opportunities to raise funds and provide tax deductibility for the owner.

- The IFFF files the tax return for the Charter Club through the group return filing. The Charter Club provides year-end financial information to the national office for inclusion in the tax return.

- Club contact person for an Charter Club will receive the IFFF magazine Flyfisher - and will also be included on their IFFF Councils newsletter mail list to keep current on events and activities in your area.

- IFFF ClubWire News Service allows a Charter Club to post their monthly newsletter on the IFFF website. Editors must submit their newsletter to the National office in an electronic form (PDF) with a summary of what’s in the newsletter. The staff will post the newsletter to the website until a new letter is submitted.

- Charter clubs qualify for the IFFF Rod Incentive Program. For every new member recruited to the IFFF, the club receives 1 credit (1/2 credit for a youth membership) that can be used to purchase rods for club activities. It requires 12 credits to purchase a rod from TFO.

- Clubs may apply annually for grants from the IFFF for conservation projects.

- Each club is listed on the IFFF web site which helps both the club and the IFFF grow.

- Submit club events for posting on the general calendar of the IFFF.

- Submit articles of general interest to the national office for inclusion in monthly E-news.

- Social media management for Facebook, Twitter & Linked In. IFFF has over 6000 followers on Facebook. Submit information to post to our pages or ask us to share your Facebook page.

- Clubs and their members are eligible for regional and national IFFF awards, given yearly in recognition of outstanding conservation & education efforts.

- Regional IFFF Councils provide support and advise, in addition to a network of clubs, retail shops and individual members to address problems common to an entire area.

- Access to tying materials, rods and reels to be used in club activities on a loaner basis. There are many programs your club can get involved in.

- As the club recruits new members the club will earn point toward a rod incentive program. Twelve credits and the club can order a rod for club activities.

- Clubs can order a package of 5 rods and reels for their youth activities at discounted price of $300 plus shipping. Rods made available by TFO.

- Charter clubs may function independently of the IFFF and are free to pursue their own specific goals within the general guidelines of the IFFF By-laws.

- Our year runs January 1st to December 31st each year.
Financial Information

- All members of the Charter Club are required to be members of the IFFF. The club becomes a subordinate group of the International organization and can be covered by the insurance of the IFFF. In addition, the IFFF files the tax returns for the club.

- Charter clubs pay no club dues the International Federation of Fly Fishers.

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