



Lone Star Membership Inspection Form

Knifemakers must submit three (3) knives for inspection. Applicant must achieve a score of **Seventy-Five (75) to pass inspection**. Knives will fail if any single area scores 3 points or below.

Prior to inspection the applicant must pay the dues for the Lone Star Membership. **No refund will be granted if applicants' knives fail to meet the criteria for Lone Star Membership**. Applicant can have knives re-inspected after Six (6) months in one calendar year (Jan. 1st.- Dec. 31st).

Knife One (1):

Description:

Fit: (7 points) Knife should not have any gaps on handle between scales & tang of knife. Should not have any gaps between handle material and bolsters or guard, and no gaps between bolsters and tang of knife. Minimal Gap Between guard slot and ricasso of knife.

1	3	5	7
Multiple large gaps	unfilled gap or moderate gaps	small filled gaps	no visible gaps

Symmetry: (7 points) Knife should be visually symmetrical side to side, unless it is intended to be a one sided knife.

1	3	5	7
Multiple uneven areas	at least one major error	minor misalignment or shape errors	no visible errors

Finish: Knife's finish should be visually consistent. Blade should have a minimum of a 220 grit finish. No underlying coarse grit marks. Plunges, spine, underside of handle, and finger grooves should have a consistent finish. Handle must have a consistent finish.

1	3	5	7
Grossly uneven finish	multiple visible grind marks	few underlying grind marks	no visible errors

Blade Grind (6 points) Plunge cuts and grind lines should visually line up. Bevels should be visually the same height on each side of the knife.

1	2	4	6
Multiple uneven areas	at least one major error	minor misalignment or shape errors	no visible errors

Edge Sharpness: (6 points) Knife must be sharp from tip of knife to choil or plunge.

1	2	4	6
Visible flat areas	not shaving sharp most of blade	shaving sharp majority of blade	100% shaving sharp

Total points Knife 1:

Knife Two (2):

Description:

Fit: (7 points) Knife should not have any gaps on handle between scales & tang of knife. Should not have any gaps between handle material and bolsters or guard, and no gaps between bolsters and tang of knife. Minimal Gap Between guard slot and ricasso of knife.

1	3	5	7
Multiple large gaps	unfilled gap or moderate gaps	small filled gaps	no visible gaps

Symmetry: (7 points) Knife should be visually symmetrical side to side, unless it is intended to be a one sided knife.

1	3	5	7
Multiple uneven areas	at least one major error	minor misalignment or shape errors	no visible errors

Finish: Knife's finish should be visually consistent. Blade should have a minimum of a 220 grit finish. No underlying coarse grit marks. Plunges, spine, underside of handle, and finger grooves should have a consistent finish. Handle must have a consistent finish.

1	3	5	7
Grossly uneven finish	multiple visible grind marks	few underlying grind marks	no visible errors

Blade Grind (6 points) Plunge cuts and grind lines should visually line up. Bevels should be visually the same height on each side of the knife.

1	2	4	6
Multiple uneven areas	at least one major error	minor misalignment or shape errors	no visible errors

Edge Sharpness: (6 points) Knife must be sharp from tip of knife to choil or plunge.

1	2	4	6
Visible flat areas	not shaving sharp most of blade	shaving sharp majority of blade	100% shaving sharp

Total points Knife 2:

Knife Three (3):

Description:

Fit: (7 points) Knife should not have any gaps on handle between scales & tang of knife. Should not have any gaps between handle material and bolsters or guard, and no gaps between bolsters and tang of knife. Minimal Gap Between guard slot and ricasso of knife.

1	3	5	7
Multiple large gaps	unfilled gap or moderate gaps	small filled gaps	no visible gaps

Symmetry: (7 points) Knife should be visually symmetrical side to side, unless it is intended to be a one sided knife.

1	3	5	7
Multiple uneven areas	at least one major error	minor misalignment or shape errors	no visible errors

Finish: Knife's finish should be visually consistent. Blade should have a minimum of a 220 grit finish. No underlying coarse grit marks. Plunges, spine, underside of handle, and finger grooves should have a consistent finish. Handle must have a consistent finish.

1	3	5	7
Grossly uneven finish	multiple visible grind marks	few underlying grind marks	no visible errors

Blade Grind (6 points) Plunge cuts and grind lines should visually line up. Bevels should be visually the same height on each side of the knife.

1	2	4	6
Multiple uneven areas	at least one major error	minor misalignment or shape errors	no visible errors

Edge Sharpness: (6 points) Knife must be sharp from tip of knife to choil or plunge.

1	2	4	6
Visible flat areas	not shaving sharp most of blade	shaving sharp majority of blade	100% shaving sharp

Total points Knife 3:

Knife 1 score:

Knife 2 score:

Knife 3 score

Total score:

75 points need to pass inspection.

No single area scored 3 or below.

Based on this assessment of knives presented, it has been determined that these knives meet / do not meet the criteria for Lone Star Knifemaker.

Inspector

Applicant

