



Leo Club Program

Common Questions

How do you organize a Leo club?

Information about organizing a new Leo club is contained in a free Leo Club Organization Kit available from the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters or on the LCI website.

What are the costs involved in Leo club sponsorship?

Lions club sponsors must pay a one-time Leo club organization fee of US\$100.00. This fee covers:

- a Certificate of Organization;
- a Leo club officer kit;
- a Leo club sponsor kit; and
- Leo lapel pins for each of the charter members.

Lions club sponsors are welcome to purchase Leo new member kits through the Lions Clubs Supplies Store. In addition, Leo membership cards, Leo new member certificates and the Leo new member guide are available for download through MyLCI.

To cover the administrative costs of the Leo Club Program, every Lions club sponsor is assessed a US\$100.00 annual Leo club levy. This levy is billed to the account of the Lions club sponsors each July. The levy is waived for the fiscal year in which the Leo club is certified.

How do Leo clubs receive their certification?

Once the prospective Leos agree to form a new club (it is suggested that new Leo clubs have at least 10 members), they elect their club officers. The president of the sponsoring Lions club then submits a completed Leo Club Organization Report (Leo-51) to the Young Lions and Leos Department. The new club's official certification date is the date that this report is reviewed and approved at headquarters. The chartering process may take up to 4-6 weeks, we do not allow specific charter date requests.

Are there age limits for Leos?

Yes. Leo club members must be between the ages of 12 and 30. Within this age range, Alpha Leo clubs are designed for young people between 12 and 18 years of age. This track focuses on the individual and social development of teens and preteens. Omega clubs are tailored for young adults between 18 and 30 years of age. This track focuses on the personal and professional development of young adults.

What is the relationship between the sponsor Lions club and a Leo club?

The sponsor Lions club is responsible for guiding and counseling its Leo club. By working closely with Leos, Lions ensure that their sponsored club operates within the policies of Lions Clubs International. Lions work with Leos in an open, constructive manner.

What is a Leo club advisor?

In consultation with the Leo club, a Lion is appointed to serve as an advisor for the Leo club. This individual should be someone who enjoys working with youth. The leadership provided by an advisor often affects the success of a Leo club. The Leo Club advisor must be a member of the sponsoring Lions club.

Often, school-based Leo clubs are required to have a faculty member as an advisor. If the faculty member is not a Lion from the sponsoring Lions club, a Lion co-advisor should be selected to maintain close rapport with the Lions club on an ongoing basis.

Can more than one Lions club sponsor a Leo club?

Yes. With written approval of the district governor, two or more Lions clubs may jointly sponsor a single Leo club. The Lions club sponsors will have equal representation on the Leo advisory committee. One Lions club sponsor should be designated to serve as the permanent liaison with International Headquarters concerning Leo club billings and administration. There is no limit to the number of Leo clubs that a single Lions club can sponsor.

Who has permission to report Leo club membership information?

The sponsoring Lions club president and secretary, Leo club advisor and the current Leo club president and secretary can all report membership data for their respective Leo club. Incoming Leo club officers should be reported by May 15 or risk losing access to MyLCI accounts. Name and address changes for Leo club advisors and officers should be immediately reported via MyLCI.

Can Leos hold membership in a Leo and a Lions club at the same time?

Currently, there is no policy prohibiting an individual from holding membership in a Leo club and a Lions club simultaneously (Dual Membership), provided the individual meets the requirements of the clubs and the Leo program. It is recommended that Lions districts be encouraged to determine local policies permitting or limiting the practice of dual membership based on regional needs.

What awards are available for Leos?

Leadership, membership and extension awards are available for Leos and Leo clubs. A complete list of Leo awards is available on the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org. In addition, there are Leo awards available for purchase through the online Lions Clubs Supplies Store.

What are Leo districts?

When there are six or more officially certified Leo clubs in a Lions district, the district governor can approve the formation of a Leo district. When there are ten or more Leo clubs in a Lions multiple district, a Leo multiple district may be organized. The sponsoring Lions district has authority over a Leo district. For more information, follow the guidelines stated in the Standard Leo District or Multiple District Constitution.

What happens to a Leo club when its Lions club sponsor is placed on status quo or is canceled?

A Leo club is not immediately affected when its sponsor Lions club is placed on status quo. If the sponsor Lions club is subsequently canceled, the Leo club is granted a 180-day "grace" period to find a new Lions club sponsor, before the Leo club is canceled as well.

Are Leo club members and volunteers covered under the association's comprehensive general liability insurance program?

Yes. The policy names Leo club members as insured. The policy covers injuries sustained by third parties as well as damage to property owned by third parties to a limit of US\$1 million per occurrence if the Leo club is held legally responsible. Please refer to the Lions Clubs International Liability Program (LA3) for complete information.

Can the Leo emblem appear on articles sold to the public or other Lions?

As with Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts, Leo clubs, districts and multiple districts may need to seek approval when using the Lions and Leo trademarks. Please refer to the Lions Clubs International Trademark Policies for complete information.