

Revised Suspension Policy

In April, 2010, the Board of Directors amended the suspension policy, effective July 2, 2010 that affects Clubs that have not paid their club balances on time. The amended policy is as follows:

A Club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 120 days will be automatically suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligation of the Lions Club. In the event, the Club does not reach an active status by the 28th day of the month following suspension; their charter would be automatically canceled.

Suspension is the temporary deferment of the charter, rights, privileges and obligations of a Lions club due to an unpaid balance.

Clubs on suspension shall not:

- (a) Conduct service activities
- (b) Conduct fund raising activities;
- (c) Participate in district and multiple district functions or seminars;
- (d) Participate in any voting procedures outside of the club
- (e) Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district and international office;
- (f) Submit Monthly Membership Report and report forms;
- (g) Sponsor a Lions club, or organize a Leo or a Lioness club.

Clubs on Suspension shall:

- (a) Hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and identify the steps needed to regain an active status.
- (b) Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance, or request a payment plan.

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that are in arrears in paying their club balances. To rectify this past due condition, clubs placed on suspension may regain an active status by paying the balance in full. A re-activation report will not be required to regain an active status; however, officers should immediately review and update the membership roster after a Club is released from Suspension. Visit www.lionsclubs.org and consider paying online.



Please feel free to contact us at <u>membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org</u> should you require additional information. We trust all clubs will review their statements regularly, and will send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected.

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Q: How do I pay online?

A: Visit www.lionsclubs.org. Click the "MyLCI link, after logging in, click CLUB, STATEMENT followed by PAY NOW. Club Treasurers may pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, PayPal, and American Express credit. Debit cards are accepted. Contact us if assistance is required.