

A. POLICY FOR GOVERNANCE TITLE

POLICY FOR GOVERNANCE OF JUNIOR OPTIMIST OCTAGON INTERNATIONAL, A
~~PROGRAM OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL~~

B. GENDER-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE

Change all gender-specific language to gender-neutral language (throughout the entire document).

C. “YOUTH CLUBS” TO “JOOI CLUBS”

Change the phrase “Youth Clubs” to “JOOI Clubs” (throughout the entire document).

D. “JOOI BOARD” TO “JOOI BOARD OF DIRECTORS”

Replace “JOOI Board” with “JOOI Board of Directors” (throughout the entire document).

E. POLICY V: MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS

Section 2: Membership. Members of JOOI shall not be 19 prior to ~~October 1~~ **September 30th** of the current administrative year. Suggested age ranges:

Alpha Clubs – 6 to 9

Junior Optimist Clubs – 10 to 13

Octagon Clubs 14 ~~and older to 19 and a High School student or its equivalent~~

F. POLICY VII: INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: Administration. Junior Optimist Octagon International shall be governed by a Board of Directors with the approval of the Optimist International Board of Directors.

Section 2: International Board of Directors. The JOOI Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past President (**age requirement exempted**), and four Directors, ~~and the Youth Club Committee Chairperson appointed by the Optimist International President, as well as a staff liaison (who is a nonvoting member of the board).~~ **JOOI Clubs Committee Chairperson appointed by the Optimist International President and staff liaison are non-voting members.**

G: POLICY VII: INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 3: Qualifications. The President and JOOI Board of Directors shall be elected by the delegates at the annual convention. They shall take office October 1, following their election. No more than two candidates per District will be eligible to run for the International JOOI Board of Directors. Those eligible for the office of Director shall be a member in good standing belonging to a Club in good standing, shall have served a term as Club president or a District officer and shall be the age of 14 ~~and not 19, and shall remain a high school student or its equivalent~~ by October 1 ~~of the current administrative year~~. Those eligible for the office of President must have served as an International Director or District Governor, must be 16 by October 1 ~~of the current administrative year~~, and meet the requirements for an International Director. In order to be listed on the ballot, potential candidates for the International JOOI Board of Directors must submit an official application and a signed letter from their school principal or equivalent, for those applicants who are still in high school or its equivalent, to the International Office by June 1 prior to convention. Candidates from the floor will be allowed to run for the International JOOI Board of Directors and International JOOI President. If elected from the floor, the election for that office will be contingent upon the submission of a signed letter from their high school principal or equivalent **if in high school**, to the Optimist International Staff **by September 1**. Those nominated from the floor will receive the same privileges as **preannounced** candidates, with the exception of their name being pre-printed on the ballot. ~~Elected officers shall not be eligible to hold that same elected office upon completion of their term unless there is an insufficient number of qualified candidates after nominations from the floor are taken and the current officer remains eligible.~~ **Those eligible for the office of Director will be able to run for a second term with a maximum of two being elected to another term. Current Board members wishing to run for a second term must follow the same nomination procedures as preannounced candidates and may not be nominated from the floor. If more than two current Board members run for election then a primary election will be held and the two highest vote receivers will be added to the ballot.**

H. POLICY XVII: INTERNATIONAL REVENUE

Section 2: Annual Dues

Member Clubs. An annual \$10.00 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee, shall be paid to Optimist International by Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs for Clubs in Tier 1 countries, \$7.39 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 2 countries, and \$5.22 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee for Clubs in Tier 3 countries of not more than 50 members per Club. Alpha Club members will pay \$8.00 (U.S.) per Club member Membership fee in Tier 1 countries, \$5.91(U.S) per Club member Membership fee in Tier 2 countries, and \$4.17 (U.S.) per Club member Membership Fee for Clubs in Tier 3 countries of not more than 50 members Club and paid to Optimist International. ~~Fifty percent of the increased~~ **One dollar (U.S.) of each membership** fee shall be set aside to help fund and offset the costs of the JOOI Convention. This fee is due 30 days after receipt of billing in October. No increase in this membership fee shall become effective unless voted upon by a majority of the delegates at the annual JOOI Convention.

I. POLICY XVIII: INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3: Voting by Mail or **E-mail**

a. The JOOI Board of Directors may transact business by mail **or email** by voting upon any proposal mailed **or emailed** to the members thereof by certified mail or **to known email address with delivery receipt** with the approval of the president.

J. POLICY XX: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

Section 1: Name and Purpose. The committees of JOOI shall be established by the JOOI Board of Directors as follows.

a. The Convention Rules Committee which shall be responsible for credentials and rules. Duties: The Convention Rules Committee shall present its report as early as possible after the opening of the convention.

~~b. Candidate Qualifications Committee which shall be composed of the Youth Clubs Committee Chair serving as chairperson, two members of the International Youth Clubs Committee as appointed by the Chair, and two members of the JOOI Board appointed by the JOOI President. This Committee shall verify the credentials of potential JOOI Board candidates.~~

b. Other Committees to be established.

K. POLICY XXIV: JOOI DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1: Administration. The business of the District shall be administered by a Board of Directors.

Section 2: Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of each District shall consist of the Governor, the Governor Elect, the immediate past Governor the Lieutenant Governors or directors, the District Secretary/Treasurer, and the president or a representative of each JOOI Club in the District.

Section 3: Executive Committee. The **officers Executive Committee** of each District shall be the Governor, Governor Elect, immediate past Governor, Lieutenant Governors or directors and the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4: Vacancy. For good cause or upon death, resignation or incapacitation of any elected or appointed officer or any officer designate of a District, or in the event of the failure of any officer to carry out the duties of his office, the Optimist District Board may declare said office vacant and shall select a successor to fill the remainder of his term based on the recommendation of the District JOOI Clubs Chair and JOOI District Executive Committee.