New Club Building Rules and Requirements

1. A new Club may have up to 2 Sponsor Clubs, but a Sponsor Club is not required

2. A minimum of 15 New Club Members are required to qualify for a Charter of a New Club (Refer to Policy IC-51)

3. A minimum of 9 of the New Club Members are required to be present at an Official Organizational Meeting to hold the meeting

4. New US and Canadian Clubs are required to pay $425 to Optimist International

5. New Clubs in Tier-2 countries must pay $325 to Optimist International and new Clubs in Tier-3 countries must pay $225 to Optimist International

6. Builders of Excellence:
   a. If there is one Sponsor Club there may be a maximum of two Builders of Excellence
   b. If there are two Sponsor Clubs there may be a maximum of 4 Builders of Excellence

7. An Authorized Representative of Optimist International must be present to conduct the Official Organizational Meeting and certify the paperwork for a New Club

8. Optimist International will file for a Tax ID number for New Clubs once the Clubs Organizes and OI had received their paperwork.
   a. If a Tax ID is required to open a bank account Optimist International should be informed

9. A New Club’s Charter Roster stays open for 15 days following the Official Organization of a New Club

For more information, refer to www.optimist.org and International Policies on www.optimistleaders.org