



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 \$325 to Optimist International
5. New Clubs in developing nations and Special Needs Clubs are assessed an annual affiliation fee of \$225. There is no new Club fee. College Clubs are assessed an annual affiliation fee of \$100.
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 four Builders of Excellence
 - c. There can be up to four Builders of Excellence and two sponsor Clubs.
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. An officer of the new Club must apply for a tax identification number (EIN) as Optimist International can no longer provide this information for new Clubs. Instructions will be provided to the Club officer after organization.
 - 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

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