

The Governor of the sponsor District shall, contact/notify the Executive Director of the intention to build an Optimist Club across District lines. The Executive Director shall give notice of such intent to the respective District and the District shall respond within 14 days of such notice as to their intent regarding the new Club.

The administration of the two involved Districts should coordinate efforts to welcome the new Club into Optimist International and provide for the successful integration of the new Club.

Forming a new Club across District boundaries:

- The Club being built will be assigned to the geographic District in which the Club is located unless determined by the Executive Director not be in the best interest of the Club's success.
- The sponsoring Club's District will receive credit for building the Club and the Club will be placed in the District they request.
- All credits in the awards program relating to the organization of said Club, and credit for any award earned by said new Club will be credited to the Sponsor Club's Zone and District for the balance of the year in which the Club chooses to reside.
- District dues of the new Club shall be paid to the District in which the Club is officially assigned. That District will assign the new Club to one of its Zones and that Zone will receive the membership.
- If two clubs from two Districts coordinate a build of the new Club, both Clubs, and Zones will receive credit but District credit will remain with the initial Sponsor Club.
- At the end of 60 days the Executive Director may re-assign the new club building opportunity.

(Mar 1979; Dec 1984; Mar 1989; Dec 1990; Dec 1992; Mar 1994; Dec 1998; Dec 2002; Dec 2003; Dec 2004; Oct 2005; Dec 2007; Dec 2009; Apr 2015; Apr 2016)