

Special Club Conversion Process

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Any unaffiliated civic service Club or association, with membership and purposes similar to those of an Optimist Club, may apply for membership in Optimist International, through a special Club conversion process by submitting a written request from the sponsoring Club president or governor recommending acceptance of the applicant Club.

The applicant Club shall:

1. Provide evidence of its prior existence as a regular established Club or association for at least one year and evidence of the dissolution of such former Club coincident to its conversion to an Optimist Club.
2. Comply with all other current requirements for affiliation applicable to a newly-formed Optimist Club including adoption of the Standard Form for Optimist Club Bylaws as prescribed by Optimist International.
3. Provide a bona fide list of the active members of such former Club, which members shall have the exclusive right to become charter members of resulting Optimist Club. The Club may waive the required individual charter membership fees.
4. Make application for affiliation in the same manner and form prescribed for newly-formed Optimist Clubs.
5. Make payment from Club funds of a conversion fee at the rate as set from time to time by the executive director.

All such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

(Sept 1954; Mar 1963; Oct 1971; Oct 1972; Dec 1979; Mar 1986; Mar 1989; Mar 1996; Dec 2002; Mar 2003; March 2008)