

**ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT  
ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2011-2012**

The Atlantic Northeast District shall budget, maintain and conduct an annual Achievements and Awards Program approved by the Governor.

The Achievements and Awards Program has two divisions: one for clubs whose October 1 membership is 35 or less; one for clubs over 35 members. The club in each division that accumulates the greatest number of points between October 1 and September 30 will be the District Achievement Winners. These clubs will be recognized as such at a District Board meeting after suitable time is allowed for receipt of all required reports and tabulation of the results.

The District Achievement and Awards programs are administered entirely by each District in Optimist International. They are coordinated with the International awards program and modified each year to emphasize the goals of the Atlantic Northeast District. Changes made in the program from year to year are designed to help improve club operation and leadership. Any changes are intended to be equitable for all clubs in the District and will be evaluated early in the administrative year.

An Optimist Club that is striving for attainment of specific quotas or goals in the International Awards Program will at the same time be progressing toward the companion goal of District Achievement and Awards winner.

The District Achievement and Awards Chair will obtain the information on individual Club achievements from Optimist International, the clubs and other sources. The description of the awards categories and points to be awarded are found on the following pages. Please note that several categories have bonus points.

The program is set up so that quarterly report forms are requested from the clubs by the District Achievement and Awards Chair. Reports made directly to International such as sponsorship of new clubs, subscriptions for Life Memberships, and payment of International dues will be reported by the District Secretary/Treasurer.

Credit will be given all activities conducted between October 1 and September 30 and reported by October 20 of the following administrative year. There will be no credit given for activities reported after October 20.

The Achievements & Awards status will be reported quarterly at the District Conferences and on the District Web Site with the final standings issued in the second quarter of the following year. Following the official notification of the final standings of the Achievements and Awards program by the Achievements & Awards chair, clubs are granted one calendar month from the date of publication to protest such standings. Upon written receipt of any protests, the District Secretary/Treasurer shall notify that club that it has an additional thirty days in which to furnish proof substantiating its protest, otherwise the protest shall be dismissed.

**PAST DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS WINNERS**

1969/70	Endicott	1983/84	Newburgh	1997/98	Newburgh and Barge Canal
1970/71	Endicott	1984/85	unknown	1998/99	Rochester and Brothertown
1971/72	Baldwinsville	1985/86	Sauquoit Valley	1999/2000	Southern Ulster and Mt. Markham
1972/73	Chenango Valley	1986/87	Sunrise Lockport	2000/2001	Southern Ulster and Brothertown
1973/74	Whitestown	1987/88	Brothertown	2001/2002	Southern Ulster and Barge Canal
1974/75	Levittown	1988/89	Sauquoit Valley	2002/2003	Southern Ulster and Barge Canal
1975/76	unknown	1989/90	Liverpool & Sunrise Lockport [tie]	2003/2004	Lighthouse and Barge Canal
1976/77	Sauquoit Valley	1990/91	Whitestown	2004/2005	Southern Ulster and Whitestown
1977/78	Whitestown	1991/92	Brothertown	2005/2006	Southern Ulster and Cicero-N Syracuse
1978/79	Sauquoit Valley	1992/93	Liverpool	2006/2007	Southern Ulster and Cicero-N Syracuse
1979/80	Whitestown	1993/94	Sauquoit Valley	2007/2008	New Windsor-Cornwall & Southern Ulster [tie] and Cicero-N Syracuse
1980/81	unknown	1994/95	Sauquoit Valley	2008/2009	Southern Ulster [tie] and Cicero-N Syracuse
1981/82	unknown	1995/96	Brothertown	2009/2010	Southern Ulster and Barge Canal
1982/83	Liverpool	1996/97	Lighthouse and Sunrise Lockport	2010/2011	Liverpool and Barge Canal

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**HONOR & DISTINGUISHED CLUB**

- A. For achieving Honor Club status - 500 points (see the District Sourcebook)
- B. For achieving Honor Club Plus status - 500 points (see the District Sourcebook)
- B. For achieving Distinguished Club requirement - 500 points per level (see the District Sourcebook).

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

- A. For the Club(s) with greatest monthly increase each month - 60 points divided up.
- B. For each new member as recorded by Optimist International - 10 points per new member per month.
- C. For conducting a membership growth program defined by the Membership Chair - 100 points.
- D. For each club member for sponsoring three new members during this year - 100 points.
- E. For each club member for sponsoring five new members during this year- 200 points.
- F. For conducting a new member orientation program and submitting documentation (sign-in sheet with new member signature) - 20 points per member, 200 points max.

**NEW CLUB BUILDING**

- A. For completing the sponsorship of each new club with 15 or more charter members which is officially organized during the current Optimist year plus certification of completion of the New Club Follow Up Program to the International Office within 90 days - 1000 points.
- B. For meeting the above requirement for each new Club that is chartered on or before December 31 - 1000 bonus points.
- C. For meeting the above requirement for each new Club that is chartered on or before March 31 - 500 bonus points.
- D. For meeting the above requirement for each new Club that is chartered on or before June 30 - 250 bonus points.

**REPORTS TO OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**

- A. For on-time submittal to Optimist International with copies sent to the District S/T and Governor-Elect of the officer-elect report - 500 points.
- B. For on-time submittal to the Optimist International of the President's Pride report - 100 points.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

For four International dues payments and two District dues payments within 60 days of billing date - 200 points each payment, 1200 points max.

**NEW ACTIVITY**

For sponsorship of each new activity (youth or community service) never before sponsored by your club in support of the District goal of increased service to the community - 100 points.

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**COMMUNITY PROJECTS AWARDS COMPETITION**

For submission of entries in the District Community Projects Awards Competition in the format described in the Optimist International Awards Handbook and reported by the District Activities Chair:

First entry - 100 points, each additional entry - 50 points, 300 points max.

Bonus - Double points for all books submitted postmarked no later than August 31.

Competition Winners - 100 points each category.

**ATTENDANCE**

For acknowledging perfect attendance with an award such as attendance tabs to qualified Club members - 250 points.

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

A. For attendance and registration by the Club President or a designate at each of the District Board meetings: - 150 points per meeting

B. For attendance and registration by the Club Secretary or Treasurer at each of the District Board meetings: 75 points per meeting

C. For attendance and registration by other Club members at each District Conference:  
20 points per member per meeting (other than in A & B)

D. For attendance and registration by a first time attendee at a District Conference:  
100 points per member per meeting

**ZONE MEETING ATTENDANCE (as reported in Lt. Governor Zone Meeting Reports)**

For attendance at scheduled quarterly Zone meetings by the Club President - 100 points per quarter.

For attendance at scheduled quarterly Zone meetings by Club members - 10 points each member per quarter.

**YOUTH CLUB**

A. For organizing and registering with Optimist International a new JOOI Club (Alpha, Junior Optimist, or Octagon club) of 20 members or more - 400 points.

B. For maintaining the sponsorship of an existing JOOI club officially registered with Optimist International after the initial year of sponsorship - 200 points.

C. For organizing the first new Youth Club chartered this Optimist year - 100 points.

**CLUB BULLETINS**

For each Club bulletin sent to District officials including the Governor, Governor-Elect, District Secretary/Treasurer, your Lt. Governor, A&A Chair and District Bulletin Editor - 50 points each. Bulletins must be received within one week of initial publication.

**INTERCLUB VISITS**

For each visit by at least three members to another Optimist Club meeting or activity - 100 points, 500 points max.

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BONUS: For visit or activity with a Twin Club - 250 points.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

For attendance and registration at the Optimist International Convention, 100 points per member (no max point limit)

For receiving the Club president-elect Training Certificate at the Optimist International Convention - 100 points.

**CLUB SCRAPBOOK**

For entry of the Club scrapbook in competition at the First Quarter Conference - 200 points.

BONUS - 100 points for each of the District winners in the small and large club categories.

**YOUTH OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

For each service project completed as reported to the A&A Chair- 100 points per project, 1000 points max.

**AWARDS FROM OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**

For submitting an application for the President's Citation - 100 points

**OFFICER-ELECT TRAINING**

For attendance & registration by the Club President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer-Designate, Secretary-Designate or Treasurer-Designate at the training sessions conducted by the District as certified by the Governor-Designate - 200 points per office.

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

For a donation of greater than or equal to the district per member goal of \$10 per member - 200 points.

Appointment of a Club Foundation Representative with the form filed with the OIF Chair -100 points

**A&A REPORTS**

On-time return of A&A quarterly reports to the District A&A Chair - 50 points each report.

**GOVERNOR'S BONUS POINTS**

Any club conducting a Childhood Cancer Campaign program - 200 points

Any club conducting an Internet Safety program - 200 points

Each club member serving as a District Committee Chair – 100 points.

Display of Club banner at District meetings - 25 points each meeting.

PGI Program: 10 points for each PGI level attained by each Club member (500 points max).

For appointing a Club New Member Orientation Chair - 50 points.

For appointing a club point of contact for District information sent via e-mail – 50 points.

For having installed Optimist Road Signs - 100 pts/sign (send photo to governor)

For having an up to date Club web site - 100pts.