Achievements and Awards

Show Us How Your Club Shines!

Quarterly Qualifiers 2026-2027

These four tasks are key organizational requirements that also award points in the "Bring Out the Best in Ourselves" category.

1. Club Officer Contact Information: By **December 31, 2026**, the club must verify its officer contact information with the A&A Administrator at emo.aa.ad@gmail.com.
2. Current Officer Training: By **March 31, 2027**, all current club officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Foundation Representative) must complete their specified Optimist Institute course.
    - Click Here for Optimist Institute
3. Officer-Elect Report: By **May 20, 2027**, the club must submit the Officer-Elect Report.
4. Club End of Year Impact Report: By **September 30, 2027**, the club must submit its End of Year Impact Report.

Submission Deadlines

Submitting your project report form for activities completed during the quarter. There will be a 5 day grace period after the end of the quarter for submissions. Submissions are closed after these dates.

- Quarter 1 (Oct 1 - Dec 31)
- Quarter 2 (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
- Quarter 3 (Apr 1 - Jun 30)
- Quarter 4 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)

A&A Categories and Point System (UPDATED 2026-2027)

- Submissions: Only the club President, Secretary or 1 designated person may submit points on behalf of the club.
- Submission Frequency: Items marked with a single asterisk (*) can be submitted only once for the entire 2026-2027 year. Items marked with a double asterisk (**)

can be submitted once per quarter. Items marked as *** (triple asterisk) can be submitted once per month. A single event or activity cannot be submitted for multiple points. Any attendance-based activity will receive only the listed points, regardless of how many people attend.

Bring Out the Best in Youth

This category focuses on activities that support and empower young people in your community.

- **Sponsor a New JOI Club: 200 points
- *Grow a JOI Club by 2 new members: 50 points
- **Host, Support, or Volunteer for a Joint Activity with a JOI Club: 75 points
- *Oratorical Contest: 75 points
- *Essay Contest: 75 Points
- *Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing: 150 points
- *Sponsor or have a JOI member attend the JOI Convention/Summit: 50 points
- *Volunteer at the JOI Convention/Summit: 50 points
- *Host, Support, or Volunteer for a Youth Appreciation Event: 50 points
- *Sponsor a Player in the EMO Jr. Golf Tournament: 75 points
- **Host Support, or Volunteer for a Service Event or Project Focused on Youth: 75 points
- ***Provide Monetary Assistance for a Youth Program (\$50 or more): 50 points
- *Host, Support, or Volunteer for a Youth Community Safety Program: 50 points
- *Host, Support, or Volunteer for a Community Educational Program: 50 Points
- *Host an Optimist Visuals Arts Competition: 50 Points
- *Host an Optimist Photography Competition: 50 Points

Bring Out the Best in Community

This category recognizes efforts to engage with and improve the local community.

- ***Host, Support, or Volunteer for a Service Event Focused on the Community: 75 points

- *Host, Support, or Volunteer to do an Avenue of Flags: 50 Points
- **Conduct a Respect for Law Event or Non-Violence activity: 50 points
- *Do something as a Club on Optimist Day: 50 Points
- **Honor a Teacher (can not be a member of your club): 50 points
- **Honor a Medical Professional who Volunteers (can not be a member of your club): 50 points
- ***Invite a Local Business or Organization to a Club Meeting: 50 points
- ***Invite a New Visitor to a Club Meeting: 50 points
- **Host, Support, or Volunteer for a Holiday Program: 50 Points

Bring Out the Best in Ourselves

This category highlights personal and club development, training, and internal growth.

- **Lt Gov Hosts a Zone Meeting (In-Person or Zoom): 50 points
- *Attend Q1 Dual Conference with EMO and WEMO: 75 points
- *Attend Q2 Virtual Conference: 75 points
- *Attend the district Q3 Oratorical conference: 75 points
- *Attend the district Q4 Convention: 75 points
- *Attend the OI Convention: 100 points
- ***Club volunteers at another club's event, fundraiser or service project: 100 points
- *Officer-Elect Completes their Specified Optimist Institute Course President: 50 points
- *Officer-Elect Completes their Specified Optimist Institute Course both Secretary and Treasurer: 75 Points
- *Officer-Elect Completes their Specified Optimist Institute Course Foundation Rep: 50 points
- **Club makes a Monetary Donation to the Optimist International Foundation (O.I.F.): 100 points
- **Club Submits a New "Dime a Day" Form: 50 points

- *Club Applies for an OIF Childhood Health & Wellness Grant: 50 points
- **Clubs ~~with more than 15 members~~ will be net plus 3 at end of quarter ~~Grow Club by 2 New Members without losing more than 2% retention~~: 50 points
- *Start a Club within a Club: 100 points
- *Sponsor a New Club: 100 points
- *Sponsor an International Club: 100 points
- *Clubs with fewer than 15 members increase to 15 members: 100 points or more?
- ~~**Clubs with fewer than 15 members add 2 new members: 50 points~~
- *Club Officer Contact Information Verified: 75 points (by December 31, 2026)
- *Current Officer Training Completed: 75 points (by March 31, 2027)
- *Officer-Elect Report Submitted: 75 points (by May 20, 2027)
- ** Host a New Member Recognition event: 50 points
- ** Host a Holiday Program for members: 50 points
- *End of Year Impact Report Submitted: 75 points (by September 30, 2027)

General Rules

1. Events cannot be used multiple times to collect points for different line items. 1 Event = 1 Line item for points collected. NO DOUBLE DIPPING!!
2. Club must be "In good standing" as described by Optimist International Bylaws to receive ANY District Award or Recognition (points can still be gained and accumulated).
3. All Club/individual activities must be reported within the quarter they occur.
4. Clubs will be recognized for their A&A accomplishments in the following manner:

1st Quarter points recognized at 2nd Quarter Meeting

2nd Quarter points recognized at 3rd Quarter Meeting

3rd Quarter points recognized at 4th Quarter Convention

4th Quarter points & Total Yearly points at 1st Quarter Meeting

5. Clubs will be recognized that earn the following points:

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Quarterly Recognition Levels (per Qtr - Max Recurring 925pts)

Bronze Level = 10 – 300pts

Silver Level = 301 – 600pts

Gold Level = 601 – 925pts

Platinum Level = 926+pts

Annual Recognition Levels (per Year - Max Total 5,900pts)

Bronze Level = 1,000 – 2,500pts

Silver Level = 2,501 – 4,000pts

Gold Level = 4,001 – 5,500pts

Platinum Level = 5,501 – 5,900+pts

6. ~~Members will receive a ribbon to wear on their name badge at the Quarterly Conferences/Convention that corresponds to the level reached by their Club each quarter. *Members must be present at the quarterly meeting to receive a ribbon.~~

7. Clubs will earn District Dollars ~~to purchase items from the Optimist International Supply Table at district conferences or~~ and must save for the end of year auction at Q4.

District Dollars will be awarded as follows:

For EACH Club member present at the Conference/Convention

Bronze Level (for club quarterly recognition above) - $10.00

Silver Level (for club quarterly recognition above) - $15.00

Gold Level (for club quarterly recognition above) -$20.00

Platinum Level (for club quarterly recognition above) - $25.00

Clubs ~~earning District Dollars must use them when awarded and cannot accumulate District Dollars. The only exception is when a conference is held virtually; in this case, the~~

~~District Dollars may be used at the next in-person conference or~~ must save their District Dollars to bid on items at 2027 Q4 Convention Auction.

Project Report Form

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