

Dear Lions:

Lions Clubs International requires a foundation to meet the criteria set forth by the Board of Directors (a copy is attached). Apart from the criteria set forth by the Board of Directors, Foundations are governed by local law. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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CRITERIA FOR USE OF THE LIONS NAME AND/OR EMBLEM

The International Board of Directors has adopted the following criteria for use of the Lions name and/or emblem. All criteria must be met before the international board will authorize any Lions controlled organization to use the Lions name and/or emblem in connection with its lawful operation.

When submitting an application for use of the Lions name and/or emblem:

Each organization shall:

- a. Submit a copy of its articles of incorporation and/or by-laws which states that:
 - i. At least a majority of its board of directors are Lions club members;
 - ii. Amendments to the organizations articles of incorporation/by-laws shall be approved by the general membership of the organization at a district convention or regular annual meeting;
 - iii. Membership consists of Lions clubs or club members in good standing;
 - iv. The applying organization will enhance the image of Lionism;
 - v. Its purpose is consistent and does not conflict with the association's goals and activities;
 - vi. It shall use the Lions name and emblem prominently in its name and operation, including literature, promotional material and activities;
 - vii. The organization does not permit proxy voting;
 - viii. It does not assess or require any mandatory dues of its member Lions clubs or club members.
- b. Be requested to submit a list of its sponsors and evidence that the sponsoring Lions have approved the project.
- c. Not compete with the existence and activities of LCIF.

When considering an application to use the Lions name and/or emblem

The International Board of Directors may also consider any other such relevant factors which it may deem relevant to the applying organization's application and/or operation.

If a conditional license is issued to use the Lions name and/or emblem

All conditions of the license must be fulfilled within one year or the license will be revoked.

If an unconditional license is issued or when the conditions of a conditional license are met

The organization must:

- a. Submit annually by July 1 its current articles of incorporation/by-laws and list of sponsors.
- b. Organizations which are licensed must continue to meet all criteria in order for them to continue to enjoy a license to use the association's name and/or emblem.