

Governor's Contests

The Governor's contests run from April 1 to March 31, of each Lions Year and each Club is automatically entered. With every monthly Membership Report and Service Activity Report submitted through the MyLion system on the Lions Clubs International website, our district officers are better able to recognize, offer helpful support, and celebrate the achievements of the Clubs they serve. All the different service activities and Membership efforts, and the administrative performance of the Clubs in District A-16 are collected throughout the year and will be considered in selecting the winners of the various Governor's contests. The important fact to remember is that the purpose of these contests is to provide recognition and encouragement to our Clubs as they seek continuous improvement in both their administrative operation and their service through Lionism.

A. Visitation Contest

Club Secretaries should report all Club visitations through their Service Activity Reports by selecting the Activity Type "meeting / Club visitations" under the heading "Meetings / Administrative Activities". Specify under Activity Description the Club being visited and the number of Lions doing the visitation (please consider item iii explained below.)

Points are scored for the Visitation Contest for each visitation made to the Regular/Directors/Dinner meetings of fellow Clubs in District A16. The rules being as follows:

i.	A minimum of two Members must attend for Clubs with 19 Members or less. A minimum of three Members must attend for Clubs with 20 Members or more.
ii.	1 point per visit to a Club in the same Region as the visiting Club. 2 points per visit to a Club in a second Region. 3 points per visit to a Club in a third Region. 4 points per visit to a Club in a fourth Region. Determining the second, third and fourth Regions will be from most visited Region to least visited Region.

iii.	<p>For each visit, 1 additional point for each Lion in the Club attending the visitation. As an additional incentive, for each visitation: Add 1 point per Lion in attendance above 10% of the Club’s current Membership. or Add 2 points per Lion in attendance above 20% of the Club’s current Membership.</p>
iv.	<p>ONLY visitations to Regular/Directors/Dinner meetings of the Host Club count. The following activities are NOT considered for Club visits: Campaigning for District Officer positions (candidate and 1 Lion are excluded) Official Club visit by District Officer (officer and 1 Lion excluded) Convention Promotion (full exclusion) Attending Club Charter Anniversaries Service or fundraising activities</p>

B. Administration Contest

Region Chairpersons will be continuously monitoring and assessing the administrative health of the Clubs in their Region. On a Scale of 1-10 (10 being the best) the RC will rank the Clubs in their Region based on each of the following criteria that are found in the Service Activity Report and other sources. By April 10 each RC will submit a written single page report summarizing their selection for the best administered Club in their Region. The District Governor will then select the winner of the Administration Contest from the four Clubs submitted by the four Region Chairs.

i.	<p>Club Excellence Award for previous Lions year <i>(Source: DG will provide information)</i></p>
ii.	<p>Prompt submission of Club Reports (Membership and Service Activity Report) to MyLCI/MyLion <i>(Source: Reports from MyLCI/MyLion)</i> Ideally all reports are filed by the last day of the month</p>
iii.	<p>Prompt payment of Club dues paid to district, MDA and LCI <i>(Source: Reports from MyLCI/MyLion and delinquent accounts email from MDA)</i></p>

iv.	<p>Attendance at District Training and Orientation Sessions <i>(Source: Service Activity Reports, Attendance sheets at Training and Orientation Sessions)</i></p> <p>Online training can be reported in the Service Activity Report under Activity Type “training” under the heading “Meetings/Administrative Activities” will also be considered.</p>
v.	<p>Attendance and Participation in District, Multiple District and LCI Events <i>(Source: Service Activity Reports, Zone Meeting attendance sheets from Host Club)</i></p> <p>Attendance at Zone and Joint Zone Meetings (Presidents, 1st Vice-President, Secretaries, others) Attendance at District, MD “A”, and LCI Conventions (reported in MyLion)</p>
vi.	<p>Active Club Officer Positions as per Constitution & By-Laws - Standard Form (Ia2.pdf) <i>(Source: Reports from MyLCI, Region Chair visitation)</i></p> <p>Filling recommended Club Officer Positions and an active Global Action Team can benefit any active Lion’s Club.</p>
vii.	<p>LCI and District Program Support <i>(Source: Zone Chair Visitation Report, MyLion)</i></p> <p>LCIF, Dog Guides (LFC), LCCKF, Effective Speaking, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, Peace Poster, Blind Essay, Diabetes, Lions Quest, Environment, CNIB/Lake Joseph, Lions Camps, Eyeglass Collection, Special Olympics, Reading Action, Leo Club, etc.</p>
viii.	<p>PR and Communications <i>(Source: District’s Communications & Networking Committee, visit to website and social media, official visits)</i></p> <p>Club website and the social media sites current and active in promoting the Club and events. Use of traditional media for PR and promotion of Club, events and Service Activities</p>

C. Membership development and retention contest

1. Every Lions Club in each Region is automatically entered in this contest.
2. The contest will run yearly from April 1st to March 31st.
3. Membership numbers will be taken from MyLCI/MyLion Membership reporting.

4. Charter Members of new Clubs who are listed on the charter do not qualify for points. Should a new Club be chartered with over 25 Members, however, the 26th and all succeeding Members will be counted as New for the purpose of gaining points.
5. The winning Club will be presented with a suitably engraved plaque to display in their Club for 1 year. This plaque MUST be returned to the Region Chairperson at the March Joint Zone Meeting of the next year to be engraved for the next winner. The presentation of the award to the winning Club will take place at the Region Rally held at the annual District A-16 Convention.
6. Where no Club achieves a point total greater than 0 no winner will be declared for the year.

Points System

For Members added

- A) for each NEW Member score 100 points
- B) for each TRANSFER/REINSTATED Member score 75 points

PENALTY Points

- A) for each Member dropped deduct 200 points

NOTE: Deceased and transferred Members will not be penalized

BONUS Points (Calculated at Year-end)

- A) for NET GAIN of 5 - 9 Members score 100 points
- B) for NET GAIN of 10 - 14 Members score 250 points
- C) for NET GAIN of 15 or more Members score 500 points

NOTE: For BONUS points ONLY, all additions and deletions, no matter what the reason, count towards figure used for net increase.