The Optimist International Recognition Program is developed and approved by the Optimist International Board of Directors to further various organizational goals and shall be long range and strategic in its focus. (Refer to Board Policy ICD-135)

The Optimist International President-Elect or President may develop an incentive program in consultation with senior staff with a focus on short term tactical issues. Incentive Programs shall be approved by the International Board prior to any part of the program being made available to any of the membership of Optimist International.

(Mar 1985; Dec 1987; Jun 1988; Mar 1989; Mar 1992; Dec 2005; Dec 2010; Apr 2011; Feb 2013; Nov 2023)