



OPTIMIST JARGON

These are some of the terms or phrases that are commonly used by Optimists at all levels:

A & A - Achievement and Awards: Used by many Districts in regard to an awards program that recognizes Members and Clubs for achieving certain goals in growth and youth service.

BOE - Builder of Excellence: A person who is a key builder of a new Club can be designated a “Builder of Excellence” and receive special recognition for his/her accomplishments.

Bylaws: Refers to the governing documents of Optimist International.

CCC – Childhood Cancer Campaign: A program of Optimist International that supports children and their families struggling with childhood cancer.

CCDHH – Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing: This contest offers the opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to enter an oratorical contest using sign or oral presentations.

Club within a Club: A “Club within a Club” is a group of at least 15 new Optimist Members who are added to your Club in order to expand service to your community. They are still Members of your Optimist Club, but they function somewhere outside the scope of your Club’s traditional membership base and activities.

CRA – Club Roster Adjustment: Whenever a Club wants to add or delete a member from its roster, or change the address of a member, it reports that information to Optimist International on the Club Roster Adjustment Report.

CQ – Candidate Qualifications: Refers to the committee (at both the District and International levels) that proposes candidates for office.

DFR/CFR – District Foundation Representative/Club Foundation Representative: These are terms associated with the Optimist International Foundation (in the U.S.) and the Canadian Children’s Foundation (in Canada). DFRs and CFRs help promote the Foundations to Members, and assist in the collection of donations.

FOO – Friend of Optimists: A recruiting program for Clubs to allow Members to join Optimist International where there is no Optimist Club nearby or with financial support. It is also a way for a Member to support the good work that Optimist Clubs do for the youth in their communities.

Honor Club Tracking Form: This form is used to place Club goal setting plans and completion in working toward Honor Club criteria which represents the basic level of service any Optimist club should strive to provide every year – the Honor Club concept promotes service to Youth, service to Community, and service to Ourselves through personal growth and development.

“Hotline”: An online newsletter sent to all Club Presidents, Lieutenant Governors, and Governors containing information they need to know to do their jobs as leaders of their respective Clubs, Zones and Districts.

International President’s Incentive Program: The annual incentive program developed by the International President to recognize Clubs and Districts that go the extra mile during his/her administration.

International Recognition Program: The Optimist International program used to recognize and honor Clubs, Zones, and Districts that meet certain standards of excellence and achievement. This may also be referred to as ISD-135.

Junior Optimist International (JOI): Commonly pronounced “JOY”, this is the organization of Optimist International for young people. Junior Optimist International holds an annual convention immediately before or after the Optimist International Convention each summer.

NCB – New Club Building: The process of organizing and starting a new Optimist Club.

NOW Program – New Optimists Welcome This is special membership recruitment program that Clubs can use to add multiple Members at one time.

OIJGC – Optimist International Junior Golf Championships: The culmination of District Junior Golf qualifying tournaments. The top junior golfers from around the world compete in this tournament held each July at the PGA Golf Resort in Florida.

PDP – Professional Development Program: The PDP program is meant to provide members a way to develop professionally. Members will have the opportunity to build skills that will help them professionally and enhance their Club, District and Optimist International.

P.G.I. – Personal Growth and Involvement: This is a program that allows participating members the opportunity for personal growth at their own pace and be recognized for personal accomplishments. As members move from one level to another in the program, a different colored backing for their membership pin is awarded.

Club Pride Report: An annual report submitted at the end of each Club President’s administration detailing the service the Club provided to its Members and the community.

Region: A grouping of four or five Districts combined together overseen by an International Vice President.

The Torch – The official publication of JOI, sent to all Youth Clubs for distribution to their Members.