

Club - Names and Locations

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The official name of an Optimist Club shall include the words, "Optimist Club" plus the name of the city or cities from which the major portion of the Club's membership is drawn, and then the name of the state or province.

In certain cases, the Club may replace the city or cities designation with an accepted geographic designation. Club names may also include other identifying words and the following factors shall be recognized:

1. Meal designation or time of day of Club meetings: Breakfast, Luncheon, Dinner, Evening, (example: Breakfast Optimist Club of Anytown, Any state.)
2. Geographical sections of a city: North, Northside, West, Eastend, Central Mall, Greater, Metropolitan, etc. and/or where the substantial majority of the members either reside, have community interests or conduct their business or professional pursuits.
3. Locally known historical sections of a city or historical section within a city or county.
4. The location of the Club's meeting place, though it shall not be essential or required that a Club meet within the defined territory.

The term "city" refers to any incorporated city, town, hamlet or village.

Official names of Clubs shall not specify any creed, race or nationality, reference to gender, names of individuals living or dead; and shall not duplicate or be confusingly similar to those of existing Clubs in the same state or province.

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