

Appeals

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Following the official publication of the final standing or results of any phase of the Awards Programs of Optimist International, Optimist members, Clubs and Zones are granted 30 days to submit substantiated appeals to the District Governor for approval for the year involved. District Governors are granted 30 days to submit their decisions on Club and Zone appeals to the International Office, as well as any District level awards appeals.

Any appeal submitted for financial consideration shall be decided in consultation with the Optimist staff. Issues other than financial requirements will be administered by the Governor. Appeals will be decided after review and study by the Governor of all facts presented by the protesting party. The decisions reached by the staff and Governor shall be final.

When a decision on an appeal has been rendered, the appeals process is then finalized and the appeal will not be considered again, unless in the staff or Governor's opinion significant new information is made available.

Note: Recipients of International Honor, and Distinguished Club Awards, and Honor, Distinguished and Outstanding Lieutenant Governor awards will be determined by the District Governor after receiving the final membership figures from the International Office. All other International Awards will be determined by the International Office.

(Mar 1957; Jun 1959; Mar 1965; Feb 1971; Mar 1983; Mar 1989; Mar 1992; Dec 1992; Dec 1993; Mar 1995; Mar 1998; Mar 2000; Mar 2002; Mar 2003; Dec 2006; Mar 2012)