

Status Quo Clubs

Status quo clubs temporarily lose rights, privileges and obligations as a Lions club. There are two kinds of status quo; regular status quo and protective status quo.

Reasons for Placing Lions Clubs in Status Quo

Regular status quo:

- Failure to comply with the objectives of the association or conduct unbecoming of a Lions club, such as failure to solve a club dispute or involvement in litigation
- Failure to fulfill any obligations of a chartered club, such as failure to submit monthly membership reports for six or more consecutive months, or failure to hold regular club meetings
- Failure to pay district or multiple district dues
- Verification of non-existing club
- Disbanding
- Club merger

Protective status quo:

- War, civil insurgency, political unrest, natural disasters, and other special circumstances, which prevent a Lions club from functioning properly

Status Quo Clubs: Rights & Restrictions

A regular status quo club can:

- Work with the zone chairperson to return the club to active status
- Hold meetings only to discuss its future and ways to regain an active status
- Report progress toward regaining its active status to the zone chairperson
- Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance of district, multiple district and international accounts
- Recruit new members for the purpose of regaining active status
- Elect club officers for the purpose of regaining active status
- A regular status quo club cannot:
 - Conduct service activities
 - Conduct fund raising activities
 - Participate in district, multiple district or international functions or seminars
 - Participate in any voting procedures outside the club
 - Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district or international Office .Submit a monthly membership report
- Add new members
- Sponsor new clubs, including Leo clubs

A protective status quo club shall be allowed to function normally.

Recommending Status Quo for a Club

District governors submit the Status Quo Recommendation form (DA-971) to place a

club in status quo. This document is included on the District Governor Manual CDROM and is available on the association's Web site at <http://www.lionsclubs.org>.

Submit the form to:
Lions Clubs International
English Language Department
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842, USA
Fax: 630-706-9273
E-mail: englishlanguage@lionsclubs.org

The governor's recommendation to place a club in status quo must be received by December 31 of each year, co-signed by the vice district governor and zone chairperson.

The coordinating Lion signs the status quo recommendation for clubs in undistricted areas. The provisional zone/region chairperson or a present or past international director of the constitutional area co-signs the recommendation. The association checks pertinent facts.

District governors and coordinating Lions are notified of the association's decision.

NOTE: The placement of a sponsoring Lions club on status quo also affects the standing of any Leo club. For further information contact Youth Programs Department, Lions Clubs International at leo@lionsclubs.org.

Assistance for Status Quo Clubs

Every effort should be made to assist a status quo club. The purpose of the status quo period is to give the club and district an opportunity to strengthen and reorganize the club.

Immediately after receiving notification that a club has been placed in status quo:

- Involve the zone chairperson in the return of a status quo club to active status
- Keep Lions Clubs International advised of the progress being made
- Secure printed material from International Headquarters to aid the club in regaining its active status
- Contact the Finance Division to negotiate the term of payment of the club's outstanding account balance, if any
- Discuss with the zone chairperson other Lions to assist in the club's return to active status

The coordinating Lion participates in the return of a status quo club to good standing in undistricted areas along with the provisional zone/region chairpersons.

Reactivation of a Status Quo Club

A status quo club regains active status by:

- Correct the reason for which the club was placed on status quo
- Completing a reactivation report, if requested, including:
 - List of members and addresses, with names of sponsors for new members
 - List of names and addresses for the club president, secretary and treasurer
- Paying entire outstanding club account balance and submitting a copy of the payment receipt to the English Language Department
- Have a minimum of 10 members

The district governor or coordinating Lion advises the English Language Department to return the club to active status. The completed Club Reactivation Report form (DA-970) is submitted if warranted. This report is included on the District Governor Manual CD-ROM and is also available on the association's Web site.

The club reactivation report is to be co-signed by the vice district governor or zone chairperson. The coordinating Lion signs the status quo recommendation for clubs in undistricted areas. The provisional zone/region chairperson or a present or past international director of the constitutional area co-signs the recommendation.

Club Rebuilding Award

This award is given to a Lion who was instrumental in rebuilding a small existing club or bringing a canceled or status quo club back to active and viable status. The award cannot be awarded to the district governor. One award may be given for each club rebuilt.

For a club not yet cancelled, suspended or in status quo, the award is conferred when the Lion helps rebuild a club of less than 15 and the club achieves an active club membership of 20 within the fiscal year. The club must be in good standing, have initiated a new service project, filed monthly membership reports for three consecutive months and paid the club account in full for the next per capita billing to be conferred.

For a club that is already cancelled, suspended or in status quo, the award is conferred after the club is reactivated and has a minimum of 20 members. The club must be in good standing, have initiated a new service project, filed monthly membership reports for three consecutive months and paid the club account in full for the next per capita billing to be conferred.