The International Board of Directors has adopted the following criteria for use of the Lions name and/or emblem. All criteria must be met before the international board will authorize any Lions controlled organization to use the Lions name and/or emblem in connection with its lawful operation.

**When submitting an application for use of the Lions name and/or emblem:**

Each organization shall:

a. Submit a copy of its articles of incorporation and/or by-laws which states that:

   i. At least a majority of its board of directors are Lions club members;
   ii. Amendments to the organization's articles of incorporation/by-laws shall be approved by the general membership of the organization at a district convention or regular annual meeting;
   iii. Membership consists of Lions clubs or club members in good standing;
   iv. The applying organization will enhance the image of Lionism;
   v. Its purpose is consistent and does not conflict with the association's goals and activities;
   vi. It shall use the Lions name and emblem prominently in its name and operation, including literature, promotional material and activities;
   vii. The organization does not permit proxy voting;
   viii. It does not assess or require any mandatory dues of its member Lions clubs or club members.

b. Be requested to submit a list of its sponsors and evidence that the sponsoring Lions have approved the project.

c. Not compete with the existence and activities of LCIF.

**When considering an application to use the Lions name and/or emblem**

The International Board of Directors may also consider any other such relevant factors which it may deem relevant to the applying organization's application and/or operation.

**If a conditional license is issued to use the Lions name and/or emblem**

All conditions of the license must be fulfilled within one year or the license will be revoked.

**If an unconditional license is issued or when the conditions of a conditional license are met**

The organization must:

a. Submit annually by July 1 its current articles of incorporation/by-laws and list of sponsors.

b. Organizations which are licensed must continue to meet all criteria in order for them to continue to enjoy a license to use the association's name and/or emblem.