



# Virtual Clubs

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q** How do I charter a virtual club?
- A** To charter a virtual Lions club follow the same steps to charter a club that meets in person. Please consult the New Club Development Toolbox for detailed information.
- Q** Can members of a virtual club live in different countries?
- A** In order to charter a club, 75% of the charter members must reside or work within the same multiple district. Some of the charter members of the club may work or live in a different geographical area. The Membership Development Committee will consider request from chartering clubs with more than 25% of their members living or working outside of the multiple district. Information must be submitted with the charter documentation for approval consideration.
- Q** How many times a month does a virtual club meet?
- A** Members of a virtual club meet as many times as they deem necessary. Meetings can be held on a virtual platform, or can take place in person before or after a service project or fundraising activity. As long as the meetings satisfy quorum requirements and allow for full discussion, the frequency and style of meeting are to be decided at the recommendation of the board of directors, and with the approval of the club members. Changes can be made to the club's constitution and by-laws to reflect the meeting frequency and style.
- Q** What type of service activities do virtual clubs do?
- A** A virtual club may choose its own service activities depending on the interest of its members, and the needs in the community. It is expected that members of a virtual club will have the opportunity to gather together to serve depending on their availability.
- Q** Are virtual clubs a type of Specialty Club?
- A** Virtual clubs offer an alternative type of meeting and management style for its members. They are not a type of Specialty club unless the members share a common interest or passion such as a hobby or profession. If so, the club may choose to identify as a Specialty club. Visit the Specialty Clubs Program site for more information.
- Q** Can virtual club members hold leadership positions?
- A** Members of a virtual club can hold leadership positions just as any other Lion. Club members interested in, and eligible for, leadership positions at the club, district, multiple district, or international level must consider the expectations of travel and in-person participation for these roles.
- Q** Do clubs need to have Robert Rules of order listed in the by-laws?
- A** All chartered Lions clubs are autonomous, meaning that each Lions club is an independent legal entity that is responsible for its own day-to-day management and internal operating procedures. Board Policy permits a respective Lions club flexibility in determining if the format of regular or special meetings will be in person, or by an alternative format, such as teleconference and/or web conference.