

# APPLICATION FOR USE OF LIONS NAME AND/OR EMBLEM

# **APPLICATION OF:**

### (Name of Sponsoring Club or District)

(Address)

 TO: The International Association of Lions Clubs Attn: Legal Division
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

Article I of the International By-Laws provides:

The name, goodwill, emblem and other insignia of this association and Lions clubs chartered thereunder may not be used by any Lions club, Lions club member or any Lions district or by any entity (legal or natural, in corporate or any other form) organized and/or controlled by any Lions club, Lions club member or members or any Lions district for any purpose except those expressly authorized by the provisions of the constitution or by policies of the International Board of Directors; and no other individual or entity (legal or natural, incorporated or any other form) may use the name, goodwill, emblem and other insignia of the association and Lions clubs chartered thereunder without such written consent and license as shall be required by the International Board of Directors.

# I. Nature of activity or project:

- (A) Name of Proposed Project/Foundation:
- (B) Number of clubs and/or districts involved
- (C) Describe geographical boundaries of clubs and/or districts involved.
- (D) Describe manner by which project or activity first brought to attention of clubs and/or district.
- (E) Describe how approval given by clubs.
- (F) Describe how approved by district (if required) and when (i.e., by act of delegates at district convention, by act of state council, etc.)

(G) Explain necessity for action on district (or other area) level rather than on local club level.

- (H) Source of funds (state in detail):
  - (1) How funds raised.
  - (2) Who determines expenditures therefrom, and on what basis?
  - (3) How much, generally, of funds raised in one year are disbursed in same year?
  - (4) What average balance has fund carried for last three (3) years?
- (I) What type information is furnished participating clubs concerning operation of activity?
- (J) Describe in detail nature of participation by clubs (other than contribution or raising of funds), i.e., what other details in actual operation are handled by clubs.
- (K) Describe operation of project in given factual situation. Given example in detail.
- (L) Describe all insurance coverage, in addition to the Lions General Liability Insurance Program, that is in effect or will be obtained for this project (such as directors and officers liability, excess umbrella, property, workers compensation, etc.)

- (M) Internal organization or structure:
  - (1) If unincorporated, describe executive officers (terms of office, how elected, qualifications for office, duties, etc.); meetings, reports, etc. (Furnish copy of instrument under which organization operates).
  - (2) If incorporated:
    - (a) Submit copy of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation.
    - (b) List present officers
    - (c) Describe reports state, province or country of incorporation requires to be filed on annual basis.

Is corporation considered charitable by state, province or country in which incorporated?

(d) Has corporation received letter or other evidence of exemption concerning income taxes?

If not, has it filed for same?

# II. Participation of Clubs and/or Districts

(A) If any club or club member chooses to refrain from participating, either originally or by withdrawal, will it or he or she incur any pressure or disadvantage of any kind within district or club (or area)? If answer is "yes," please give details.

(B) In order to participate in the project or activity, is it necessary for a club or club member, to contribute funds or pay dues of any kind? If answer is "yes," please give details.

### III. Purpose

State exactly end to be accomplished and type of persons or institutions, etc. to be beneficiaries.

### IV. Duration

- (A) How long is project expected to continue? (perpetual, etc.)
- (B) How long has activity been in operation prior to this application?
- V. List any other activities sponsored by clubs or district involved.
- VI. We understand the traditional policy of the association, as implemented and enforced by the International Board of Directors over the years, that no district or club or group of clubs or club members may, by legislation or otherwise, force any club or member thereof to participate, monetarily or otherwise, in any activity project. We understand and have made it clear to the clubs and members thereof that district and club dues are separate and apart from any funds raised for district or club activities; and that while dues for administrative purposes are necessary for the operation of districts and clubs and, therefore, each club and member thereof must bear its and his or her proportionate share, nevertheless, all funds raised for district or club activities are to be subscribed voluntarily. We understand no club or club member may be discriminated against or denied the right to participate in other matters of the club or district as a result of a decision not to participate in, or to contribute to, any club or district activity project. We understand and agree that if this application is approved by the International Board of Directors, it will be upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions of this paragraph VI will be strictly observed and that the license and permission granted thereby may be revoked by said board at any time for breach thereof or for any other action our district or group may take or omit to taken which, in the sole discretion of said board, shall be deemed to be detrimental to the image and purposes of the association or any club or district therein.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_