

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SW

## VISITING LION COMPETITION RULES

1. The Competition shall be known as the **District 105SW Visiting Lion Competition** and the trophies shall be held by the winners and runners up for one year.
2. The objective of the Competition is to encourage inter Club and Zone visiting within District 105SW, as well as visiting among Lion Members & Clubs World-wide.
3. The Competition year shall run from March 1<sup>st</sup> till the last day of February the following year.
4. The Trophy will be won by the Lions Club within District 105SW which, during the period of the Competition, scores the greatest number of points. The Runner Up will be the Club which scores the second highest number of points.
5. One point shall be awarded for each Club visiting another Club in District 105SW, two points for a visit to a Club in Multiple District 105 outside of SW, and five points for an International visit outside Multiple District 105, however many Lions are visiting. However forms will need to be filled in with Lions names as usual.
6. In the event of a tie at the end of the Competition period, the total number of visits made, plus the total number of visiting Lions shall be added to the points awarded to determine the winner or runners up.
7. A visit shall be deemed to have taken place when one of the following meetings or functions has been attended:-

- (A) Club
- i) Regular business meeting
  - ii) Social event
  - iii) Fund-raising event
  - iv) Service activity
  - v) Formation meeting/Charter Presentation or Anniversary Celebration

- (B) Zone
- i) Official Zone/Region Meeting – maximum of three in any one year
  - ii) Zone/Region Social Event
  - iii) Zone/Region Fund-raising Event
  - iv) Zone/Region Forum or Seminar

- (C) District, Multiple District & International
- i) District Forums and Workshops
  - ii) District Conventions, Functions and Events
  - iii) Multiple District Conventions
  - iv) International Conventions

Excluded are serving DG's, VDG's, MD/District Officers and any other Lions attending in an official capacity.

NB. Visits to Lioness Clubs, Leo Clubs, District Cabinet Meetings, District or MD Meetings other than those mentioned above **DO NOT** qualify.

In the event of a meeting being cancelled **NO POINTS CAN BE CLAIMED**

8. a) In any one day period a Lion may only count points for one visit to a club, but may count points if they visit another club in the same day if it is for a different event.
- b) **Two visits** to any one club in any one year of the Competition are permitted, **except** for any visit made to a Club as part of an official District 105SW Competition which will count toward the overall total.
- c) For visits to **any one Zone/Region** in any one year of the Competition, the award of points shall be limited to **two visits, except for Zone meetings** when a maximum of three is agreed.
9. a) **Upon every occasion when a visit is made the visitors must fill in a visiting report slip.** This slip shall then be signed by the President or Secretary of the Club visited, or in the event of a Zone/Region meeting, the slip shall be signed by the Chairman. For visits to District Workshops, etc., the slip shall be signed by the District Officer responsible. For visits to District or MD Conventions or District or MD meetings the slip shall be signed by the District Governor or Convention Secretary. For visits to International Conventions, the slip shall be signed by an in-coming or out-going District Governor of MD105.
- b) The visiting Lions must then give or send via post the fully completed report slip to the District Competitions Officer within 14 days of the date of the visit, so it can be sent to MDHQ within 28 days to be submitted for that competition.
- c) No slips should be sent direct to MDHQ as this will result in points being lost within the District Competition.

**No points will be credited unless these rules are complied with.**

10. Visiting Lions report slips are obtainable by forwarding a self-addressed, stamped envelope (size 9" x 6") to the District Competitions Officer or by downloading them from the District website – [www.lions105sw.org.uk](http://www.lions105sw.org.uk). It is the duty of the Club Secretary to have these available at Club meetings.
11. All Clubs in District 105SW during the currency of the Competition shall be eligible to compete, including new clubs formed in the District.
12. The trophies shall be awarded to the Winners and Runners Up at the District Convention following the close of the Visiting Lion Year.
13. The Winners and Runners Up Clubs shall be responsible for:
- i) The engraving of their Trophy in a similar style to previous winners/runners up.
  - ii) The safe keeping and Insurance of the Trophy for one year.
  - iii) The delivery of the Trophy to the District Competitions Officer before or by the beginning of the next District Convention, in a clean state.
14. Any dispute regarding this competition shall be settled by the District Governor and his/her decision is final.

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