

Program at a Glance

	Distinguished Area Program	Distinguished Division Program	Distinguished District Program
Qualifying Requirements	No net club loss Submission of Area Director's Club Visit Report for 75 percent of club base for first-round visits by November 30 and for second-round visits by May 31	No net club loss	Submission of Division and Area Directors Training Report for 85 percent of division and area directors by September 30 Submission of District Success Plan by September 30
Distinguished	50 percent of club base Distinguished	40 percent of club base Distinguished	1.5 percent net membership payments growth 1.5 percent net club growth 40 percent of club base Distinguished
Select Distinguished	50 percent of club base plus one Distinguished	45 percent of club base Distinguished	3 percent net membership payments growth 3 percent net club growth 45 percent of club base Distinguished
President's Distinguished	50 percent of club base plus one Distinguished and a net club growth of one	50 percent of club base Distinguished plus net club growth of one	5 percent net membership payments growth 5 percent net club growth 50 percent of club base Distinguished
Smedley Distinguished			8 percent net membership payments growth 8 percent net club growth 55 percent of club base Distinguished

Terminology and Program Specifications

The following refers to terminology and program specifications mentioned throughout this manual. Familiarizing yourself with this information can help you understand some key components of the District Recognition Program.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

A qualifying requirement is a prerequisite or prior condition for participation in the program. For example, if the qualifying requirement is a report due on September 30, but the deadline is not met, a district cannot earn Distinguished recognition even if all other program goals are met. Each of the Distinguished programs (area, division and district) has its own qualifying requirements.

CLUB BASE

The club base is the number of **paid clubs** assigned to an area, division or district as of July 1. Clubs are considered to be paid when they have submitted payment of membership-renewal dues accompanied by the names of renewing members for the April period. These and new clubs chartered between April 1 and June 30 are counted in the club base.

The club base is used to calculate goals for areas, divisions and districts for Distinguished recognition. A club base may be revised any time during the year to reflect clubs that pay their April membership-renewal dues after July 1.

Example: A district has 100 clubs on July 1, 2016. On October 5, 2016, two clubs in the district submit April 2016 membership-renewal dues. As a result, the district's club base increases to 102.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS BASE

The membership payments base equals the number of membership payments received by World Headquarters for the period of July 1 to June 30 of the previous program year. These payments may come from renewing members, new members, charter members, dual members and reinstated members.

The membership payments base is used to calculate the membership payments goal in the Distinguished District Program.

Membership-renewal dues received after July 1 for the previous program year are counted in the membership payments base. Therefore, the membership payments base may be revised at any time during the year to reflect late membership payments for the previous program year.