

**District 4-A3 Contest Rules 2015-2016**  
Effective 07/01/2015

**Section 1 - General Information**

- A) The District Governor encourages each club to appoint a Contest Rules Chairperson.
- B) All contests and awards will be under the jurisdiction of the District Governor and/or his/her designated committee **and as such the District Governor is not eligible to participate in the Contest**. In the case of any discrepancies, the sitting Governor has the final decision.
- C) All rules pertain to the current fiscal year and/or the Official Contest Period
- D) Official Contest Period: July 1 to March 31, with the exception of the Roving Lions and visitations, which will be April 1 to March 31 **and Newsletter/Bulletin contest July 1 to April 15th**.
- E) The Contest Categories:
- (1) Bulletin Contest: **Print & Digital**
  - (2) President's Yearbook Contest
  - (3) Roving Lion Contest
  - (4) District Governor's Special Contest
  - (5) District Activities Contest
  - (6) Number One Club by Size**
  - (7) District Number One Club Contest
- F) Recognition Awards:
- (1) Lions/Club Short Tail Award(s)
  - (2) Lions/Club Long Tail Award(s)
  - (3) 100% President's Award
  - (4) President's Excellence Award
  - (5) 100% Secretary's Award
  - (6) Secretary's Excellence Award
  - (7) 100% Membership Chair Award
  - (8) Membership Chair Excellence Award
  - (9) 100% Club Award by size**
  - (10) Lion of the Year

G) Judging:

Bulletin judges and Yearbook judges may not judge their own clubs' submissions. The President's Yearbook Chairperson, at his/her own discretion, may choose non-Lions to judge the books. Winners will be determined by ranking the average score, obtained by adding the score from each judge and dividing by the number of judges that evaluated the entry. All judges in both contests will use pre-printed scoring sheets showing the rules and point allocations. The Sweepstakes winner is the entry which received the most points overall.

H) **Contest Awards:**

The **District Contest Chairperson** or his/her designated Lion shall present First Place (Sweepstakes) awards to the Contest Category winners 1-7 and the Recognition Awards winners 1-7. The District Contest Chairperson or his/her designated Lion, shall present the sweepstakes award to the winner of the district president's yearbook entry, which will be submitted to MD-4 for the MD-4 yearbook contest. Winners of all contests and awards will be announced at various sessions of the 4-A3 Convention, except **Number One Club by Size** and District Number One Club which will be announced on the last day of the convention.

I) **Contest Rules Notification:**

It shall be the duty of the District Governor-Elect to see that all Club Secretaries-Elect are notified by June 20<sup>th</sup> of the District Governor's Contests Rules, the names and addresses of the chairperson to whom District Contests reporting forms are to be sent, of the Yearbook Judge Chairperson, and of all judges and other individuals to whom the bulletins are to be sent. The due dates for submitting report entries will be stated on the report form, except for bulletins where the dates are specified in the bulletin contest rules.

J) **Club Size for reporting:** The club size is determined at the beginning of the year, July 1st of the year. If the club declines or increases in membership during the year, the number of members is and will remain as of July 1 for contests. When the New Year starts, the new membership count will be recognized at that time for the new membership size.

- 1) **Small: 24 or less**
- 2) **Medium: 25 - 59**
- 3) **Large: 60 & above**