

**Visitation Contest Rules
(This is a District-Oriented Award)**

1. An official visitation will include any of the following:
 - a) Any regular meeting of another club, including Charter Night.
 - b) All Zone, Region and District Meetings.
 - c) Any Lions Club sponsored social activity.
2. The number of Lions required for an official Club visitation is as follows:

Club Membership	Minimum Visiting Members
30 or less	3 Lions
31-49 4 Lions	4 Lions
50-70 5 Lions	5 Lions
71 - over 6 Lions	6 Lions

3. Visitation Points:

CLUB CONTEST:

One point per required Lions per one-way mile (i.e. five (5) required Lions visiting a club 20 miles away will receive 100 points). For each Lion over the required number, three (3) points per one-way mile will be given.

There will be a minimum of 100 points for any club visitation plus 50 points bonus for any club in your zone; 75 points bonus for clubs in your Region and 100 points bonus for clubs out of your club's Region.

Any District 4-L6 sanctioned organization's social and fund-raising events (i.e. Blind Center function) shall result in 100 points per member attending or the same as club visitations, whichever is greater. For out of-district visitations, there will be full points to District border and half point thereafter. For out-of-district visitations, a maximum of 200 points per person will be given.

Individual points for conventions will be given, the same as club visitations.

INDIVIDUAL CONTEST:

Each Lion will receive one (1) point per visitation, with a group or alone. If an individual makes 50 visitations, 50 points shall be accumulated. No additional credit, (e.g. mileage) shall be awarded, except to break any ties.

4. Exceptions:

Only one (1) visitation to the same club in the same month will be scored for the purpose of Club or Individual Contest. If more than one (1) visit is made in the same month, the one with the greatest number of points will be scored.

Any District Cabinet Officer or Committee person performing duties on behalf of their office or committee during their visit will not count in either the individual or club contest point system.

No candidate campaigning for the office of the District Governor or Vice District Governor will be allowed to compete for individual or club awards.

5. Awards

I. Club Contest - First and second place awards will be given to the clubs with the greatest number of points in the following listed categories based on Club Membership as of the beginning of the Lion fiscal year (July 1)

1. Category I - 0-35

2. Category II 36 or more

2. Individual Contest - First and second place awards will be given to the Lions who make the greatest number of visitations.

6. Contest Dates:

August 1 to March 31

Winners will be awarded during the District Convention (May)

7. Reporting:

All visitation reports must be sent to the District Visitation Chair within thirty (30) days of the event, beginning August 1. Reports are to be signed by the Club Visitation Chair, President or Secretary. All reports are to be postmarked no later than April 1.

Visitation reports for a given month not received by the District Visitation Chair within thirty (30) days after the month will be disallowed. All decisions of the District Visitation Chair are final.

8. Protocol:

Always inform the President or Secretary of the club being visited the approximate number of visiting Lions and the date of your visitation.

9. "Borrowing" Club Property:

Bells, gavels and banners are the only items subject to borrowing, and then, only between the opening and closing of the meeting. Any property purloined before the opening or after the closing of the meeting will (upon action of the District Governor) void the visitation.

Clubs that have borrowed (purloined) property as outlined in the paragraph above must notify the affected club's president or secretary within 48 hrs so the losing club may return the visitation to reclaim their property. Failure to do so by the borrowing club will (upon the action of the District Governor) void the visitation.

Items maybe purloined at regular meetings only. District, Regional and Zone functions are always off limits.

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