



# Specialty Clubs

Specialty clubs give Lions with common interests a great way to connect and serve what they're most passionate about. Clubs around the world can be formed around a hobby, profession, culture, cause, or anything else that brings a group together. There's no limit to what your specialty club can be.

## Why start a new specialty club?

Specialty clubs are one of the fastest-growing ways in which Lions serve their communities. And joining or starting a specialty club allows you to

turn your passion for service into successful community projects bringing together like-minded Lions under a common interest — all while strengthening our organization of 1.4 million members and expanding our spirit of volunteerism. Check out the resources below to find out how to start a new specialty club of your own.

## What are the requirements?

Specialty clubs are chartered in the same way as traditional Lions clubs. All new club approvals and policy-based organizational requirements must be met. During the application process, a club can choose a specialty category if they want to be identified as a specialty club.

## What types of specialties can a club have?

A specialty club can focus its specialty on any common interest shared by club members. Some specialty examples include, but are not limited to:

- Cause-specific:
  - Childhood cancer
  - Diabetes
  - Disaster relief
  - Environment
  - Humanitarian
  - Hunger
  - Vision
  - Youth
- Cultural
- Life stage/experience such as:
  - Academic focus
  - Profession
  - Retiree
- Partnerships with organizations such as Special Olympics (Lions Champions Clubs)
- Sports or hobbies

More information on Specialty Clubs can be found at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/specialty-clubs-program>

If you or your club is interested in starting a new specialty club contact:

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