Tennessee District
Awards Information

For Year 2025 - 2026

Tennessee District Awards

Award	Deadline	
District Pin Award	Jan 30	Submit design to District Treasurer.
Pat Chrostowski Newsletter Award	Apr 30	Submit entry to District Awards Chairperson
Youth of the Year Award	Apr 15	Submit entry to District A.C.E & Youth Awards chairperson.
A.C.E. of the Year Award	Apr 15	Submit entry to District A.C.E & Youth Awards chairperson.
Legacy of the Year Award	**June 1**	**Submit on-line entry to The National Exchange Club**
Don Wright Growth Award NEC President 2013-2014	Apr 30	Based on membership figures provided by National dated July 1 –Apr 30
Phil Howard Good News Award NEC President 2017-2018	Apr 30	Submit entry to District Awards Chairperson.
John Hood Exchange Club Member of the Year NEC President 1980-1981	Apr 30	Submit entry to District Awards Chairperson
Outstanding Club President	Apr 30	Chosen by District President
McKenzie (Ken) Roberts Outstanding District Director NEC President 2001-2002	Apr 30	Chosen by District President
Fred Harron Attendance Award NEC President 1984-1985		Roll call of District convention. Based on members present at convention roll call
E.W. Sprague Award NEC President 1937-1938		Roll call of District Convention. Submit. Entry form and scrapbook at registration
Application on NEC site Application on NEC site		Youth of Year National nomination form ACE Award National nomination form

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All awards are given for large clubs (75 or more members), mid clubs (30–74 members) and small clubs (29 or fewer members) based on membership at the beginning of the award year (July 1st). This includes Bulletin, Good News, & Growth.

All clubs must follow the time frame and rules to be considered for awards.

Awards criteria that include impact of club's presence in the community should include, but not be limited to media coverage, thank you notes, members asking to join, additional assistance for projects, and partnerships.

All clubs should be sure that any individual submitted for an award will be able to attend the District Convention before submission to the awards chair.

If any due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the following business day will be acceptable.

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District Pin Competition
For Year 2025 - 2026

     Each year, Tennessee Exchangites who attend the District Convention are seen wearing the official Tennessee District lapel pin. The design of this pin is chosen by the Board of Directors through an annual competition.

- Members should submit proposed designs by **Jan. 30th** to the Tennessee District Treasurer.

- The pin design should be capable of reproduction on cloisonné enamel and should include the Exchange logo. Colors are left to the discretion of the designer, but the Exchange emblem should be in the official colors of blue, gold, and white.

- The size of the pin may vary but should not exceed 2 inches in width or 2 inches in height. Remember that the pin is intended to be worn on the lapel, so larger sizes may not be appropriate.

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Pat Chrostowski Newsletter Award
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For Year 2025 - 2026

Entry Form

There will be three Pat Chrostowski Newsletter Awards presented each year.

- one for large clubs (those with 75 or more members)
- one for mid clubs (those with 30–74 members)
- one for small clubs (29 or fewer members)

Membership size is determined based on July 1st of the fiscal year. Criteria for this award are based on the following:

- To be eligible, a club must publish at least one bulletin/newsletter per month.

- This form must be accompanied by at least three and not more than six issues.

- Newsletters will be rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest score.

- Newsletters will be judged on content, readability, eye appeal, club news coverage, and Exchange education (refer to attached rating sheet). These criteria are those established by the National Exchange Club for its previous national bulletin competition.

- Hardcopy and electronically submitted bulletins will each be judged on their individual and unique qualities – hardcopies judged in print form, and electronically submitted judged electronically.

- To be eligible, all entries must be submitted to the district awards chairperson by **April 30, 2026**

Exchange Club of _____

_____   _____
Club President Signature   Club Secretary Signature

_____   _____
Club President Name (PRINT)   Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

_____   _____
Club President phone number   Club Secretary phone number

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Content

Maximum points: 30

A. Is content balanced between news of upcoming meeting programs, other club events, project progress, reports of recent projects, member news, items of general Exchange interest, personality profiles, humor? . . . . **Score**_____

B. Does the bulletin promote participation, attendance, membership, and new club building, Exchange education, and significant news on district and national levels of Exchange? . . . . **Score**_____

C. Does the bulletin carry the correct Exchange Club logo as well as the complete and correct club name, city, state, date, meeting time, and place? . . . . **Score**_____

Readability

Maximum points: 10

Does the writing meet acceptable standards of punctuation, sentence structure, grammar, and spelling? Is writing concise, understandable, and accurate? . . . . **Score**_____

Eye Appeal

Maximum points: 10

Does the overall appearance of the bulletin stimulate readership? Are the masthead and other elements creatively and neatly handled with occasional artwork, photos, color, etc.? Does the layout incorporate careful attention to white space, page balance, and the importance and organization of the articles? . . . . **Score**_____

Total_____

Youth of the Year is a National Exchange Club awards program that recognizes outstanding students in the community who have excelled in academics and leadership. When your club becomes involved in this worthwhile program, you are joining hundreds of other clubs across the country in an effort to identify and recognize the youth leaders of the nation.

Local Exchange Club Youth of the Year winners are eligible to compete for the Tennessee District Youth of the Year award. The TN District award carries a scholarship of **at least $1,000** and the right to compete for the National Exchange Club Youth of the Year award.

The Tennessee District Youth of the Year award will be presented at the TN District convention. **To be eligible, the award winner must be present at the award ceremony to receive the award in person. Local clubs should verify with their candidate that he or she would be able to be present at both the District and National conventions, if required, before submitting the entry. (PLEASE CONTACT YOY CHAIRPERSON IF THERE IS A CONFLICT)**

Accommodations and meals for the winner and parents/guardians at the convention will be provided by the District. Travel will be the responsibility of the sponsoring club.

How to enter:

1. Download the nomination form from the National website, **www.nationalexchangeclub.org. and submit a hard copy to district. If the applicant is a winner at the district level, the District Secretary will fill out the application to National**.

> **Note: Section 4 – 2025-2026 Youth of the Year Essay Theme is "In a world that is constantly changing and ever-evolving, our youth play critical roles in shaping the future of their communities. From advocating to leading, young people are taking charge and making significant impacts. How have you personally contributed to society and how do you envision your future in community service?"**

2. Review the completed application and sign; form must accompany the entry packet.
3. Make sure school officials, parent/guardian, and sponsoring club president sign the form from National. Club president and club secretary must sign the form.
4. Include a 5x7 photograph of the nominee, *only if requested by Youth Chair.*
5. Forward the entry forms, required essay, and photograph to the District youth chairperson by April 15, 2026

> # Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award
> ## A.C.E.
> # For Year 2025 - 2026

The A.C.E. award is a National Exchange Club program that recognizes high school students who have made dramatic changes in their attitude and performance some time during their high school years and are now eligible for high school graduation. These "at risk" students have often overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles, yet few receive recognition.

This is a positive program with two key objectives. First, it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma. Second, the award recognizes students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance really do pay.

The Tennessee District A.C.E. winner is chosen from entries submitted by local Exchange Clubs. The District A.C.E. winner will be presented the award and a scholar-ship of **at least $1,000** at the District convention. The District winner will also be eligible to compete for the National Exchange Club A.C.E. award.

To be eligible for the District award, the recipient **must be present at the District convention** to accept the award in person. **Local clubs should verify with their nominee that he or she would be able to attend the District convention and, if required, the National convention before submitting the entry. (PLEASE CONTACT YOY CHAIRPERSON IF THERE IS A CONFLICT).** Accommodations and meals at the convention for the award winner and the parents/guardians will be provided by the District. Travel to the convention is the responsibility of the sponsoring club.

How to enter:

1. Download the entry form from the National website at **www.nationalexchangeclub.org**.
   Complete it and fill out a hard copy for District.
2. **DO NOT SUBMIT TO** National. Do make sure the club president and secretary sign application.
3. A 5x7 photo of the nominee *may be requested* by the Youth Chairperson.
4. Forward the entry form, photo, and required narratives to the District youth chair-person by **April 15, 2026.**

Legacy of the Year Award
For Year 2025 - 2026

The National Exchange Club's Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students who are children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Exchange Club members.

Legacy of the Year Award candidates will submit applications directly to Exchange's National Headquarters by June 1st. This application must be submitted on-line. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

This is a positive program with two key objectives:
- It helps encourages students to continue with community involvement and leadership
- It recognizes students who have knowledge and experience regarding the sacrifices made for community and country

Applications can be found at www.nationalexchangeclub.org
Login / Member Resources / Awards Page

(Note: you must have a Member Login and Password to access the on-line application)

Don Wright Growth Award
NEC President 2013-2014

For Year 2025 – 2026

There will be three Growth Awards presented each year, with competition divided into classifications based on membership growth between **July 1ˢᵗ thru April 30ht** of the award year.

Clubs with 29 or fewer members on June 30 will compete in the small club category, clubs with 30–74 members will compete in the mid club category and clubs with 75 or more members will compete in the large club category.

Growth Awards shall be awarded on the basis of one point per member gain from June 1st through March 31st, using membership figures as listed in the March 31ˢᵗ Membership Report of the National Exchange Club to determine the gain.

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Phil Howard Good News Award
Phil Howard Good News Award **NEC President 2017 - 2018**

For Year 2025 - 2026

<u>Entry Form</u>

Exchange Club of _____

Number of Members on July 1: _____

Public Relations Chairperson: _____

Requirements:
1. Articles must be sorted by month (minimum of 6 articles published)
2. Articles must be clipped (each article & pictures if used)
3. Award submission must be presented in a folder

_____   **Club has shown the Exchange identity video to club members, a nonmember group or through a local media outlet, such as Facebook page.**
List Dates shown, Attendance, Station, and Estimated Media Audience.
(5 points for each listing)

_____   **Club has used Child Abuse Prevention print or video public service announcements one or more times.**
List Dates of Air.
(5 points for each listing)

_____   **Club uses Exchange Club sign or banner at sponsored events.**
List Event, Dates and Estimated Attendance.
(5 points for each listing)
Attach Photo

_____   **Club has a sign displayed at its meeting place that reads "The Exchange Club of** _____**Meets Here."**
Attach Photo.
(10 points)

_____   **Club uses the national recruiting video or brochure and/or a locally produced recruiting brochure.**
Attach copy of brochure.
(10 points)

_____   **Media coverage of a club member or club event with "Exchange Club" printed in the article (copy to accompany entry).**
(5 points for each)

_____   **Total Points**

_____   _____
Club President Signature   Club Secretary Signature

_____   _____
Club President Name (PRINT)   Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

_____   _____
Club President phone number   Club Secretary phone number

Date: _____
(Entry deadline is April 30, 2026

John Hood Exchange Club Member of the Year
NEC President 1980-1981
For Year 2025 – 2026

This award is given annually to the Exchange Club Member who best typifies the ideals of Exchange by involvement in his/her club, community, and country during the award year. The winner will be recognized at the District convention only.

Name_____

Member of Exchange Club of_____

Date joined Exchange_____

Offices held this club year_____
_____

Number new members sponsored this club year_____

District activities attended this club year_____
_____

Attendance records this club year (%)_____

List all Exchange Club projects in which the nominee participated in this club year, and describe his/her involvement in each (e.g., chairman, number hours worked, amount of money raised, etc.):

1._____
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2._____
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3._____
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4._____
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6._____
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8._____
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(use additional sheet, if needed)

List all civic, church, school, or other community activities in which the nominee was involved during the club year:

1._____
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2._____
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3._____
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4._____
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5._____
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(use additional sheet, if needed)

We, the undersigned, attest that the information on this entry form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

_____
Nominee Signature

_____   _____
Club President Signature   **Club President phone number**

_____
Club President Name (PRINT)

_____   _____
Club Secretary Signature   **Club Secretary phone number**

_____
Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

Date: _____
(Entry deadline is April 30, 2026

| **Fred Harron Attendance Award** |
| **NEC President 1984-1985** |

For Year 2025 - 2026

During the opening session of the District convention, registration will close for a short period for a roll call of those in attendance.

To determine the winner of the Attendance Award, the number of members from each club present at roll call will be divided by the number of members of the club on May 31st, and then multiplied by the number of miles from the club's home city to the convention site (for clubs in whose home city the convention is held, this number will be 1). The club with the highest point total will receive the Attendance Award.

To be eligible for the award, a club must be in good standing with both National and District and must have a minimum membership of 15. All clubs in contention for the award must verify the roll call by attesting that those members in attendance are in good standing (dues paid).

The convention secretary's member attendance count at roll call will be the sole determinant of the number of members present from each club. Members registered at the convention but not present and answering at roll call will not be counted in the club's total for award purposes.

E.W. Sprague Award
NEC President 1937-1938
For Year 2025 – 2026

The E.W. Sprague Award is given annually to the Exchange Club in the Tennessee District that is judged to have had the greatest impact on its community through its programs of service.

Requirements

Section 1:
In order to be eligible for the E.W. Sprague Award, a club must meet the following minimum standards:

1. Complete an **Americanism** project.

2. Complete a **Community Service** project.

3. Participate in a local or National Foundation **Child Abuse Prevention** project.

4. Complete a **Youth** project.

5. Complete a **Fund-Raising** project.

Note: The reported completion of items 1-4 plus any two additional reported projects will result in the club also receiving the National Service Award for the club year.

Section 2:
The club must complete the attached **entry form**.

Scoring

1. **National service requirements, maximum 100 points:**
   20 points per project will be awarded for completion of projects in Section 1. In the   event a club completes a project required under Section 1 multiple times, the first   completion will be awarded 20 points and each subsequent completion will be listed in Section 3 as a Local Service Projects and additional occurrences of projects.

2. **Other National service projects:**
   10 points will be awarded for the first completion of each of the other National program of service projects as described in the Leadership Manual. In the event a club completes a project required under Section 2 multiple times, the first   completion will be awarded 10 points and each subsequent completion will be listed in Section 3 as a Local Service Projects and additional occurrences of projects.

3. **Local service projects:**
   5 points will be awarded to small clubs (fewer than 29 members as of July 1st) for completion of any local program that meets a community need or Child Abuse Prevention project and is identified by the public as an Exchange Club activity.

   3 points will be awarded to mid-size clubs (30-74 members as of July 1st) and large size clubs (75+ members) as of July 1st) for completion of any local program that meets a community need or Child Abuse Prevention project and is identified by the public as an Exchange Club activity.

4. **Fund-raising activities:**
   10 points will be awarded for each funding raising activity not listed in Section 1.

5. **Membership:**
   5 points will be added for each net membership gain.

6. **New club building:**
   20 points will be awarded for each new Traditional club, Excel or Collegiate Club chartered during the award year.

7. **Club Publicity:**
   10 points will be awarded if the club publishes a bulletin at least once a month or maintains information on club website or official social media site.

8. **District Conferences:**
   5 points each will be awarded for each club member in attendance.

9. **District convention (previous year):**
   5 points will be awarded for each club member in attendance at roll call.

10. **Inter-club activities:**
    10 points will be awarded for the completion of each qualifying inter-club activity. Examples of qualifying activities are" participating in "Traveling Gavel" program, co-sponsorship of a service project, co-sponsorship of an inter-club social, or co-sponsorship of a fund raiser.

Deadline for entry:
The entry form must be submitted at District convention registration prior to roll call. **Any entry not received by roll call will not be eligible.**

Examples of proper and improper scoring:

- Example A: The Exchange Club of Rocky Top presents a Blue & Gold Award. It is decided to list the Blue & Gold as the club's "Community Service" project in *Section 1 as a National Program (20 points).*
  Therefore, the same Blue & Gold Award may NOT be entered in *Section 2 as Other National Programs of Service (10 points).*
  However, if two different Blue & Gold Awards were presented as two separate projects on two different dates, the second award would be listed in *Section 3 as Additional Occurrences of Projects already listed in Sections 1 or 2 (5 or 3 points depending on club size).*

- Example B: The Exchange Club of Rocky Top receives permission to hand out American flags at the County Fair. There are 4 entrances to the Fair and 2 Exchangites cover each entrance. This is one (1) project, not four. The project may be entered in *Section 1 as the Americanism project (20 points).*
  If listed in Section 1, the project may NOT be listed as GIVEAKIDAFLAGTO -WAVE in *Section 2 as Other National Programs of Service (10 points).*
  If the same project is repeated at a different location and date, it may be listed in *Section 3 as Additional Occurrences of Projects listed in sections 1 or 2*
  (5 or 3 points depending on club size).

- Example C: The Exchange Club of Rocky Top presents Youth of the Year scholarships at their annual YOY Banquet. It is decided to list the YOY Banquet as the club's "Youth" project in *Section 1 as a National Program (20 points).*
  Therefore, the same YOY Banquet may NOT be entered in *Section 2 as Other National Programs of Service (10 points),* even though there were four scholarships presented at the same YOY Banquet.
  However, if four different YOY Scholarships were presented at four separate YOY Banquets on four different dates, the second, third, and fourth scholarship would be listed in *Section 3 as Additional Occurrences of Projects already listed in Sections 1 or 2 (5 or 3 points depending on club size).*

- Example D: A "speaker" without member training or action is not a project of service.

- Example E: A donation without member involvement is not a project of service.

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Entry Form
(Note: Clubs should complete seven pages for this application)

Exchange Club of _____

Section 1: National Programs
Score 20 points for each of these completed projects.

Points   **Project**

_____   **Americanism (Identify, date, # of members participating):**
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_____   **Community Service (Identify, date, # of members participating):**
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_____   **Child Abuse Prevention (Identify, date, # of members participating):**
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_____   **Youth (Identify, date, # of members participating):**
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_____   **Fund-Raising (Identify, date, # of members participating):**
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_____   **Subtotal, Section 1, National Programs**

Section 2: Other National Programs of Service

Score 10 points for each of these completed projects. *Note that projects listed in Section 1 may not be re-listed here. Multiple occurrences of Section 1 or Section 2 projects should be listed in Section 3 as a Local project or additional occurrences.*

Points	COMMUNITY SERVICE Projects

Points   <u>**COMMUNITY SERVICE Projects**</u>

_____ **Book of Golden Deeds:**

_____ **Crime Prevention:**

_____ **Family Days:**

_____ **Firefighter of the Year:**

_____ **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year:**

_____ **National Day of Service:**

_____ **Service to Seniors:**

_____ **My Day in Court**

_____ **Other Community Service Project**

Section 2: Other National Programs of Service

Score 10 points for each of these completed projects. *Note that projects listed in Section 1 may not be re-listed here. Multiple occurrences of Section 1 or Section 2 projects should be listed in Section 3 as a Local project or additional occurrences.*

Points   **<u>AMERICANISM Projects</u>**

_____   **Freedom Shrine (new or re-dedicated) :**

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_____   **GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE:**

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_____   **One Nation under God:**

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_____   **Proudly We Hail:**

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_____   **Display of 10+ American Flags in Public area for a minimum of 24 hours**

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_____   **Other Americanism Service Project**

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Section 2: Other National Programs of Service

Score 10 points for each of these completed projects. *Note that projects listed in Section 1 may not be re-listed here. Multiple occurrences of Section 1 or Section 2 projects should be listed in Section 3 as a Local project or additional occurrences.*

Points **YOUTH Projects**

_____ **A.C.E:**

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_____ **EXCEL Club Sponsorship or Financial assistance**
(note: list new club building in Section 4)

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_____ **Scholarship:**

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_____ **Young Citizenship:**

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_____ **Youth of the Month/Year:**

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_____ **Other Youth Service Project**

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Points **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Projects**

_____ **Child Abuse Prevention:**

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_____ **Subtotal, Section 2, Other National Service Projects**

Section 3 - Local Service Projects and additional occurrences of projects listed in Sections 1 or 2.

Please describe each activity and how it is related to Exchange (category of service). Describe how the activity meets a need of the community or Child Abuse Prevention project.

Additional local projects or additional occurrences of projects are limited to a total of 50. All projects listed over 50 will <u>not be</u> awarded any points.

Small clubs (29 or fewer members) will be awarded 5 points for each project.
Mid clubs (30-74 members) and large clubs (75+ members) will be awarded 3 points for each project.

Points	Project
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(use additional sheet if needed)

_____   **Subtotal, Section 3**

Section 4 - Refer to Scoring section of instructions

Points

Fund Raising Activities (not previously listed):
Date: _____ **Amount Raised:** _____
Description: _____
Date: _____ **Amount Raised:** _____
_____ **Description:** _____

Membership:
Number of members, July 1 _____
Number of members, May 31 _____
_____ **Net gain/loss in membership** _____

New club (Traditional or Excel) building:
New club name_____
_____ **Number of charter members** _____ **Date Chartered:** _____

_____ **Club bulletin (published at least once a month.**

_____ **District Conference attendance**

_____ **District Convention attendance**

Inter-Club Activities
Function: _____ **Date:** _____
Clubs involved: _____
Function: _____ **Date:** _____
_____ **Clubs involved:** _____

_____ **Subtotal, Section 4**

Summary of Points

_____   **Subtotal for Section 1**

_____   **Subtotal for Section 2**

_____   **Subtotal for Section 3**

_____   **Subtotal for Section 4**

Total Points

_____

Child Abuse Prevention Information

Please describe your club's involvement with a local Child Abuse Prevention Center or another child abuse prevention activity:

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We, the undersigned, attest that the information contained in this entry form is true, complete, and accurate, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

_____   **Date**_____

Club President Signature

_____

Club President Name (PRINT)

_____   **Date**_____

Club Secretary Signature

_____

Club Secretary Name (PRINT)

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