

TOASTMASTERS
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Distinguished District Program

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Recap. On Distinguished Club Program (DCP)



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Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

- Established by Toastmasters International as a general measure of club success
- Includes:
 - ❖ Training
 - ❖ Education
 - ❖ Administration
 - ❖ Membership



Recognition

DISTINGUISHED

5 out of 10
Goals Achieved

SELECT
DISTINGUISHED

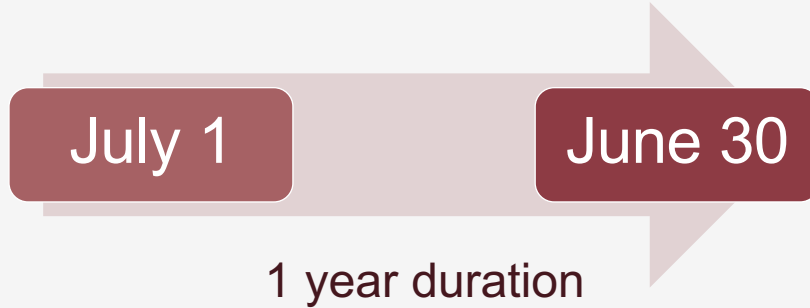
7 out of 10
Goals Achieved

PRESIDENT'S
DISTINGUISHED

9 out of 10
Goals Achieved



Program Duration



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Qualifying Requirement

- Having either 20 members or a net growth of at least five new, dual, or reinstating members as of June 30

Membership	
Base	To Date
13	9
Required 18	
20 members or a net growth of 5 new members	

Membership	
Base	To Date
20	19
Required 20	
20 members or a net growth of 5 new members	



Check your
membership base

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Education

Goals #1-6

- #1. Four Level 1 awards achieved
- #2. Two Level 2 awards achieved
- #3. Two more Level 2 awards achieved
- #4. Two Level 3 awards achieved
- #5. One Level 4, Level 5, or DTM award achieved
- #6. One more Level 4, Level 5, or DTM award achieved

Note: A club receives credit for one type of education award per member, per year. This encourages all members to progress in the education program, not just a few.

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Membership

Goals #7-8

- #7. Four new, dual, or reinstating members
- #8. Four more new, dual, or reinstating members

Note: Transfer and honorary members do not count towards your club's membership goals.

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Training

Goal #9

#9. A minimum of four club officer roles trained during each of the two training periods.

1 st Training Period:	June 1 and August 31
2 nd Training Period:	November 1 and February 28

Administration

Goal #10

- a. On-time payment of membership dues accompanied by the names of eight members (at least three of whom must be renewing members) for one period

Membership Dues:	On or before October 1
	On or before April 1

- b. On-time submission of one club officer list

Submission Timeline:	On or before June 30	(For all clubs)
	On or before December 31	(For clubs that holds semi-annual elections)

Distinguished District Program (DDP)



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Distinguished Area Program (DAP)

- No net club loss
- Submit the Area Director's Club Visit Report for 75% of club base
 - First round visits by November 30th
 - Second round visits by May 31st
- Net club loss occurs when the total number of clubs at year-end (June 30) falls below the base amount.

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Distinguished Area Program (DAP)

- Area Directors Club Visit Report
- <https://toastmasterscdn.azureedge.net/medias/files/department-documents/district-documents/1471-area-directors-club-visit-report.pdf>

Area Directors Club Visit Report

CLUB NO.	VISIT DATE	AREA	DIVISION	DISTRICT

Club visits are opportunities for the District through the Area Directors to support clubs and improve club quality. The Area Director's Club Visit Report guides Area Directors in evaluating club quality during these visits by assessing the club at each of the **Moments of Truth** from 2010. Area Directors identify opportunities for improvement and specify the support that clubs need from the District, helping clubs retain and build membership through positive member experiences. This important contribution on the part of Area Directors helps clubs earn Distinguished recognition.

First Impressions
First impressions are important to club success because guests' positive experiences and observations determine if they return and become members.

In this section, consider the questions as they relate to first impressions.
Describe the atmosphere of the meeting. (Consider meeting set-up, location, friendliness of members, etc.)

Are guests warmly welcomed? Yes No
 Are guests given information? Yes No
 Are guests introduced to club members? Yes No
 Are guests invited to address the club? Yes No
 Are guests invited back? Yes No

What current branded material does the club use? (Consider the meeting agenda, signage, guest packet, banner, etc.)

What does the club do well?
 How can the club improve? Please recommend specific actions.
 What can the District and do to help the club improve?

Membership Orientation
In order to fully receive the greatest benefits from the Toastmasters experience, the club must acquaint new members with the Toastmasters education and recognition programs and make members aware of their responsibility to the club, and the club's responsibility to the member.

In this section, consider the questions as they relate to membership orientation.
How does the club orient new members? (Consider whether the club has a formal induction ceremony, assigns mentors to new members, discusses the education program, assesses the learning needs of new members, etc.)

What does the club do well?
 How can the club improve? Please recommend specific actions.
 What can the District and do to help the club improve?


Distinguished Area Program (DAP)

- All-new Area Director Club Visit Report tool
- Accessed through District Central
- Better usability, easy-to-use, web-based reporting
- Added focus on club support and excellence
- ADs can schedule their visits, automatic emails sent to P and VPE
- Incoming ADs will use new system to schedule their 1st round of club visits
- TI will email incoming Area Directors in July 2021
- Questions? Email districts@toastmasters.org

Distinguished Area Program (DAP)

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[Meeting Observation](#)
[Club Experience](#)
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[Club Concerns](#)
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Meeting Observation


 How well did the club exemplify the qualities of First Impressions? *


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What suggestions do you have to help the club improve? *

600 Characters Remaining.

Club Success Plan

- Club Success Plan
- <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/club-success-plan>



Club Success Plan

Club Number _____

TEAM COMPOSITION
Name the members of the Club Executive Committee (all seven officers and the Immediate Past President)

CORE VALUES
Toastmasters International's core values are integrity, respect, service, and excellence. These values should be incorporated as anchor points in every decision made at all levels within the organization. Toastmasters' core values provide a means of guiding and evaluating the organization's operations, planning, and envisioned future.

What are the Club Executive Committee's values?

TEAM OPERATING PRINCIPLES
What principles does the Club Executive Committee hold? (These principles might include trust, safe learning, collaboration, etc.)

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Area Success Plan

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Area Success Plan Area _____

District Mission and Purpose
 The district mission is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. The district purpose is to enhance the quality and performance and extend the network of the member clubs of Toastmasters International within the boundaries of the district, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters education program by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals.
- Ensuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its individual members.
- Providing effective training and leadership-development opportunities for club and district officers.

Area Director Role
 As area director, you serve as the direct liaison between the district and clubs. You identify opportunities for clubs in your area to improve and provide support from the district, helping clubs retain and build membership through positive member experiences. To do this, you perform club visits, maintain regular contact with club presidents and help your area and the clubs in it earn Distinguished recognition. To accomplish all this, area directors build teams, which often include area council members, among others.

Team Composition

<p>Name the members of the area's core team. (These include the area director, area council members, and others.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Name the members of the area's extended team. (These may include such people as the assistant area director and club-building committee members.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Values
 Toastmasters International's values are integrity, respect, service and excellence. These are values worthy of a great organization and should be incorporated as anchor points in every decision made within the organization. Toastmasters' values provide a means of guiding and evaluating the organization's operations, planning and envisioned future.

What are the area's core values?

Team Operating Principles
 What principles does the team hold? (These principles might include trust, safe learning, collaboration, etc.)

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Stretch and Additional Goals

- Many districts encourage area and division directors to stretch the goals outlined in the Distinguished Area and Division programs or accomplish additional goals.

Conclusion

- The DCP is the foundation of the District Recognition Program.
- The Distinguished Area, Division, and District programs align with the DCP.
- Completing success plans helps clubs, areas, and divisions stay on track.
- There are resources available for tracking Distinguished goal progress.