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Optimist International COVID-19 Guidance for Club Meetings and District Conventions

COVID-19 conditions vary around the world. Optimist Club meetings must comply with all local government, health agency and business regulations.

Optimist International By-Laws require Districts to hold an Annual Convention between August 1st and September 30th each year, unless they petition for a Special Convention. With varying local regulations and confusion over safe practices for social gatherings, Optimist International provides the following guidance for 2021 District Conventions.

- Virtual Conventions meet the By-Law requirements, and electronic voting is allowed. Districts will determine voting methodology
- In person Conventions must abide by all local government, health department and business regulations
- Districts that wish to postpone District Conventions until after October 1st must petition the Optimist Board of Directors and provide the required notification to the District membership 20 days in advance of the new date when a special convention is approved.
- Safety of our members is the highest priority. Common sense should always prevail amid changing local conditions.

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