

Club Naming Policy

As each club¹ is an authorized affiliate of Zonta International, the organization must assure that each club has a unique name. A name distinguishes a club in terms of where the club operates, how the club operates, and if the club has a special area of focus.

Club Names

This policy applies to naming for Zonta clubs, Golden Z clubs and Z clubs.

New clubs must apply through their district to the Zonta International Headquarters for authorization for their name. A change of the name of an existing club undergoes the same process.

The Naming Convention Must Follow Certain Considerations

- Name shall not conflict with an existing registered club name or create confusion around breadth of operation. As the terms area and region have specific meaning in Zonta, new clubs shall not use these terms in the club's official name.
- Name identifies the city, town or location in which the club meets, when possible, even if its members come from a broader geographic area. An addition to the name for specification is possible. This could indicate a special geographic identification, a special interest or focus or how the club operates and can include the term *e-club* to signify that the members only meet electronically.
- When a club is chartered in a city or location where one or more Zonta club(s) already exist, an addition to the name is mandatory.
- The prefixes *Golden Z club* or *Z club* are regarded as sufficient additions. If a Zonta club sponsors more than one youth club, specification in the names is needed as described.

As a part of the naming process, all clubs are assigned to an area and district as their home and as a result, a unique club number is assigned - a DAC code comprised of district, area and club number.

Name Approval

Districts shall check first whether the proposed name covers a location where clubs are already present, or whether there is any potential conflict with the name, and then send the pre-approved club names as request to headquarters.

Headquarters staff will conduct their own investigation on the name selected, and if it aligns

¹ References to Zonta club(s) or club(s) include e-clubs.

within the policy, will approve the name. If the name is in question, Headquarters staff will forward the information to the Zonta International president-elect for consultation and approval.

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