

CLUB TYPES, FORMATS, AND MODELS



All Rotary and Rotaract clubs share similar values and a passion for service, but each offers a unique experience. When you start a club, you'll need to choose a club type, a meeting format, and a club model. Look at the needs of your community and the club's prospective members to decide which kind of club would be best.

CLUB TYPE: First, determine whether your new club will be a Rotary club, a Rotaract club, or a satellite Rotary or Rotaract club.

Club type	Description	Appeals to	Charter member minimum
Rotary club	Professionals and other leaders who meet regularly for service, connection, and personal growth Read about a successful Rotary club.	People who are looking for friendship and service opportunities Learn more in the Starting a Club online course.	20 required
Rotaract club	Adults who take action through community and international service, learn leadership skills, and develop professionally Read about a successful Rotaract club.	People, especially younger professionals and university students who want to develop leadership skills, find innovative solutions to pressing issues, and have fun through service Learn more in the Rotaract Handbook .	12 recommended
Satellite club	A section of a Rotary or Rotaract club that has its own meetings, projects, bylaws, and board, run in collaboration with its sponsor club Read about a successful satellite club.	Those who want a club experience or a meeting format or time other than what's offered by other clubs in the area but also appreciate the support and partnership of another club Learn more in the Guide to Satellite Clubs .	8 for a satellite Rotary club; no minimum for a satellite Rotaract club

MEETING FORMAT: Next, determine whether your club will meet in person, online, or both.

Meeting format	Description	Appeals to
In person	A club that meets in person	Those who consider face-to-face interactions an important part of the meeting experience or who aren't comfortable with or don't enjoy online meetings
Online	A club that meets primarily online Read about a successful club that meets online.	People who travel frequently, have circumstances that make it difficult to meet in person, or prefer an online experience Learn more about online club meetings .
In person and online	A club that holds some meetings in person and others online, or one that holds in-person meetings that some members attend virtually Read about a successful club that meets in person and online.	Those who have various needs or who want a mix of experiences

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CLUB MODEL: Finally, determine the approach or elements your club will offer. You can choose a model below or design your own.

Club model	Description	Appeals to
Traditional	The traditional club experience includes having a meal, hosting a speaker, and practicing traditions that members value; traditional clubs often have higher dues because of venue and meal costs Read about a successful traditional club.	People who want to socialize over a meal while learning about a new topic or an opportunity to serve the community
Passport	A club that allows members to attend other club meetings frequently as long as they attend a specified number of its own meetings each year Read about a successful passport club.	People who travel frequently or who enjoy trying a variety of club experiences and meeting lots of people Learn more in the Guide to Passport Clubs .
Corporate	A club whose members (or most of them) work for the same employer Read about a successful corporate club.	Employees of one organization who want to do good in their community
Cause-based	A club whose members are passionate about a particular cause and focus their service efforts in that area Read about a successful cause-based club.	People who want to connect with others while addressing a particular set of problems
Alumni-based	A club in which a majority of members (or a majority of charter members) are former Rotary program participants, or former Rotaractors or Rotarians Read about a successful alumni-based club.	People who have participated in Rotary
Interest-based	A club that focuses on a particular interest or hobby Read about a successful interest-based club.	People who want to enjoy Rotary in a specific way or focus on a shared interest or activity, such as professional development for members
International	A club whose members are expatriates or who speak a common language other than the primary language of their district, or an online club whose members are from different countries Read about a successful international club.	Expatriates who want to connect with each other using a common language, or those who want to connect with people from all over the world or want other international experiences from their club meetings