

# SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT CLUB SCRAPBOOK RULES

1. **Purpose:** To announce the procedures for and set forth basic suggestions for the makeup and preparation of club scrapbooks by Optimist clubs desiring to enter the District Scrapbook Contest.
  
2. **Contest Entry and Judging Procedure:** Club scrapbooks depicting the previous year's activities and being entered in the District Contest must be delivered to the Optimist registration desk at the First Quarter District meeting no later than 12:00 Noon Saturday. The chairperson of the District Scrapbook Contest Committee will assume custody of all scrapbook entries, placing them on display for all to view, administer the judging procedures, and expedite announcement of the District Awards for the winning entries at the General Session on Sunday.
  
3. **Scrapbook Recommended Contents:** Photographs and printed matter representative of club membership involvement and in illustration of all activities or projects which the club participated in or sponsored during the previous club administrative year are recommended for inclusion in the Club Scrapbook. Coverage considerations are explained in these rules under definitions of book sections A, B and C.
  
4. **Organization of Contents:** The contents of the scrapbook should be organized and arranged according to the three (3) basic sections and categories described below. Each basic section should include a cover page identifying the section as A, B or C. **THERE IS NO LONGER A REQUIREMENT TO NUMBER THE PAGES OF THE SCRAPBOOK.**

## **SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION**

This section should include a page containing:

- (1) The official name of the club
- (2) The club's meeting place
- (3) The meeting day and time
- (4) The number of members
- (5) The club's officers for the scrapbook year
- (6) The club committee chairs (optional)

Photographs of officers, committee chairs, members, and/or meeting place may be included in this section if desired.

## **SECTION B – INTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

This section may include, but is not limited to, the following suggested entries:

- (1) Samples of the club bulletin
- (2) Samples of publicity items (newspaper clippings, radio/TV releases, etc.)
- (3) Meetings, fellowship and facilities
- (4) Programs presented at club meetings, including pertinent photos
- (5) Club social functions, including pertinent photos
- (6) Club anniversary observance
- (7) Installation of officers
- (8) New member inductions and new member training

## **SECTION C – EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

This section may include, but is not limited to, the following suggested entries:

- (1) **Citizenship & Community Improvement** – Projects to improve citizenship and citizen responsibility, such as Youth Appreciation Week, flag display promotions, and sponsorship of youth groups (JOOL clubs, Scouts, Young Texan-Texanne, HOBY or Gold Seminar). Also, projects to improve the community and its facilities, such as L-I-F-E (Life is for Everything), city beautification, conservation, support of parks and recreation facilities and area campgrounds.
- (2) **Culture and Education** – Projects for the raising of cultural and educational levels of citizens such as Stay in School, Remedial Reading, youth mentoring, support of band, orchestral and choral groups, Little Theater, scholarship programs, Optimist Essay and Oratorical Contests, Air Cadets. and Civil Air Patrol.
- (3) **Government Affairs** – Projects to stimulate citizen interest and involvement in the provision of good government, such as Respect for Law Week, voter registration, community forums, Youth in Government Week, and Get Out the Vote campaigns.
- (4) **International Relationships** – Projects to develop and improve relationships with people of other nations and encourage cooperation with international agencies, such as Student Exchange, CARE, UNICEF, support of the Olympic Games, world affairs study groups, United Nations Day, and People to People Ambassador Programs.
- (5) **Health and Welfare** – Projects to improve the health and welfare of all citizens and the living standards of disadvantaged citizens, such as drug abuse prevention programs, Operation Reach Out, physical fitness programs, blood donor programs, medical clinics, Christmas toys and baskets programs, Big Brother and Optimist Uncle programs, and senior citizen activities.

- (6) **Safety** – Projects directed at protecting citizens from personal injury or property damage, such as Optimist Youth Safety programs, fire prevention, first aid, civil defense, firearms safety, hunter safety programs, and safe boating programs.
- (7) **Spiritual and Religious Life** – Projects benefiting the spiritual well-being of citizens of all faiths, such as Go To Church campaigns, prayer cards in restaurants, and Family Week observance.
- (8) **Sports and Recreation** – Projects to provide recreation and activity needs for citizens of all ages, such as Tri-Star Basketball, Little League, Pop Warner Football, girls' fast pitch softball, junior rifle clubs, hobby clubs, Junior and Special Olympics, bridge clubs, and bowling tournaments.

5. **Size of Scrapbook:** **THERE ARE NO SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLUB SCRAPBOOK.** Scrapbook supplies are available through the Optimist Supply House (currently Schumsky), but they are not required.

6. **Categories of Competition:** The competition categories will be determined by the number of members in each club as indicated on the official Optimist International Roster at the beginning of the fourth quarter for the administrative year of the scrapbook.

- (1) Category I ..... 1 to 34 members
- (2) Category II ..... 35 to 74 members
- (3) Category III..... 75 or more members

7. **Contest Judges:** No less than three (3) individuals, Optimists or non-Optimists, shall, with the District Governor's approval, be commissioned to serve on the panel of official contest judges, and these alone shall each have evaluation and voting powers as the sole authorities for final decisions. **NO MEMBER OF AN OPTIMIST CLUB THAT HAS SUBMITTED A SCRAPBOOK MAY SERVE AS A JUDGE.** The District Scrapbook Contest Chairperson shall assist and serve the Official Judges only in an administrative consultant capacity, with no voting powers. The judging panel shall convene no later than Saturday afternoon at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Meeting to review and evaluate each properly entered Club Scrapbook, using the official Judges' Evaluation Sheet (attached).

8. **Scrapbook Awards:** The official award in each category shall be a plaque, appropriately engraved for the Optimist Club having the highest number of points according to the Judges' Evaluation Sheet. No tying total point scores will be allowed, and no duplicate awards are authorized.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Any cover may be used for your Club Scrapbook. For those that wish to use the scrapbook materials available from the Optimist Supply House (currently Shumsky), the following items are available:

Scrapbook (including 50 sheets)	#503	\$19.85
Custom Scrapbook (including 50 sheets & embossed club name, etc.)	#529	\$32.15
Extra sheets (10) with bolt extenders	#528	\$7.05

For those who wish to enhance a plain scrapbook cover with the Optimist Logo, an Optimist Decal (Item # 515, \$3.40 for a package of 10) may be ordered from Shumsky and affixed to the cover. These may also be used by club members as a car window decal.

Shumsky Enterprises may be found at [www.optimiststuff.com](http://www.optimiststuff.com) on the internet or may be telephoned at 1-877-OPTCLUB (1-877-678-2582).

A self-adhesive gold-colored plate engraved with the club name and city may be purchased from most trophy shops for less than \$5.00 and applied to the scrapbook cover.

For those unable to attend next year's First Quarter District Meeting, scrapbooks may be mailed to the Scrapbook Chairperson no later than 15 days prior to that meeting. Clubs submitting scrapbooks by mail must make arrangements with the Scrapbook Chairperson concerning the return of the scrapbook to the submitting club. For those clubs attending the meeting, scrapbooks must be turned in at the Optimist Registration Desk no later than 12 Noon on Saturday, and each of those clubs is responsible for retrieving its scrapbook after the contest has been completed. Judging will take place Saturday afternoon, and winners will be announced at the Sunday session.