

How is Your Club Doing?

The purpose of a Toastmasters club is to provide an environment in which members learn communication and leadership skills. The Distinguished Club Program (DCP) helps clubs accomplish this. Here's why focusing on your club's performance in the DCP should matter to every Toastmasters member:

The DCP promotes club quality. A club that performs well in the DCP provides a higher-quality club experience for all of its members. Each aspect of the DCP, from membership to education awards to club officer training, is designed to enhance the enjoyment and reinforce the supportive atmosphere for each member, every time the club meets.



The DCP ensures productive meetings. Focusing on the educational goals of the DCP will keep members moving through the education program. When people earn communication and leadership awards, they gain much more than just a certificate or points toward the DCP; they gain the satisfaction and confidence that comes from completing a goal. They also provide an inspirational example for other club members, who can see the transformation that has occurred as a direct result of Toastmasters training. Other aspects of the DCP help keep meetings productive, too. Keeping club membership at or above 20, for example, will fill club meeting roles and maintain the energy level needed for a successful meeting.

The DCP provides structure and guidance. Clubs that perform well in the DCP always know who should be doing what and when they should be doing it. The club officer training requirements of the DCP, for example, help ensure that club business is conducted fairly, efficiently and in accordance with Toastmasters policy. Similarly, the educational goals of the DCP provide direction and incentive for all members to achieve individually as well as collectively.



The DCP increases the enthusiasm of the club. The goal is not for clubs to compete against one another; it's for all clubs to strive to achieve the same standards of excellence. Nonetheless, striving for achievement in the DCP program is a way to engage the spirit of friendly competition that can help motivate club members to perform their duties with gusto.

So remember: When you work hard to help your club achieve goals in the DCP, you're not only helping your club – you're helping yourself as well.



DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM GOALS

Toastmasters Year: _____

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENT

To be considered for recognition, your club must either have 20 members or a **net growth** of at least five new members as of June 30. Transfer members do not count toward this total until their membership has been paid and is current in their new club at which point they will be considered a renewing member.

GOALS TO ACHIEVE

Following are the goals your club should strive to achieve during the year:

Distinguished Club Program Goals

EDUCATION

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

TRAINING

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

ADMINISTRATION

10. 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 and on-time submission of one club officer list

MEMBERSHIP

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

RECOGNITION

When your club meets the **qualifying requirement** and also does the following, it is eligible for Distinguished Club recognition at year-end:

Achievement	Recognition Earned
Achieve five of 10 goals	Distinguished Club
Achieve seven of 10 goals	Select Distinguished Club
Achieve nine of 10 goals	President's Distinguished Club

Check your progress at www.toastmasters.org/distinguishedperformancereports.