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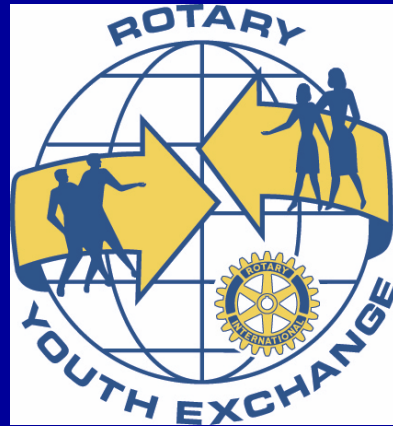
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Rotary Youth Exchange Certification

RI Board Decision (Feb 06)

- Reaffirms the district certification program set forth in Board decision 108, November 2004;
- Reaffirms that the policy allows for local variation that maintain intent of guidelines;
- Provides for provisional certification

Certification Application

- Contains all requirements for certification
- Four required elements:
 - Completed Application
 - Youth Protection Policy
 - Incorporation
 - Insurance
- Allows for local variation

Certification Application

- Completed Application:
 - Completed checklist & original signatures
 - OR
 - Explanation and proposed alternatives for any items not checked & original signatures
 - OR
 - Explanation of progress toward meeting requirements, expected timeline for completion, & original signatures

Certification Application

- Youth Protection Policy:
 - Sample District Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy (including appendices)
 - Contains all required elements
 - An example only
 - Districts may choose to create their own policy that maintains intent of guidelines

Certification Application

- Incorporation:
 - Requirement can be met by:
 - Youth Exchange program incorporation (or incorporation of youth programs)
 - District incorporation (RCOP 17.020)
 - Multidistrict incorporation
 - Contact RI Club and District Support for guidance on district incorporation

Certification Application

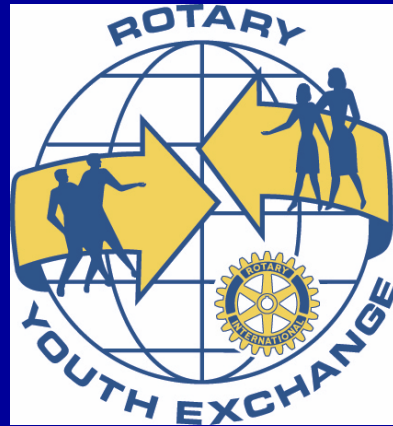
- Insurance
 - U.S. Rotary Club & District General Liability Program
 - Cross-border districts will need to obtain separate insurance covering Youth Exchange activity of clubs located outside of U.S.
 - RI Risk Management:
insurance@rotary.org

Certification Review

- Certified District
 - Implemented all requirements for certification as stated on application OR
 - Implemented all requirements for certification by enacting alternatives that maintain intent of policy
- Provisionally Certified District
 - Is working toward full certification AND has informed RI of progress by sending a certification application by 1 July 2006
- Non-Certified District
 - No application by 1 July 2006 OR
 - Incomplete application and unresponsive to RI requests for more information

Certification Timeline

- 24 March 2006:
 - Deadline to send applications to RI to ensure full review by 30 June
- 1 June 2006:
 - Deadline for RI to receive applications in order to be listed in July directory
- 1 July 2006:
 - Final deadline for 2006 certification / provisional status
- 30 June 2007:
 - Final deadline to achieve full certification



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Questions?