2.130.1. **Electronic Voting Pilot**
The general secretary shall arrange for electronic voting to be used wherever a mail ballot is needed in district and zone elections in Philippines and in District 3220 (Sri Lanka and Maldives) as a pilot project for elections held through 2024–25. Districts subject to the pilot should conduct all district elections by nominating committee or electronic voting. *(April 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 125 June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 154)*


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2.130.4. **District Election Governor Selection Pilot**
The RI Board has established a district election governor selection pilot for all districts in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka for a three-year period beginning 1 July 2020 with following provisions:

a. clubs chartered or reinstated during the Rotary year in which the selection takes place, or from January to June of the year prior to the year in which the selection takes place, will be ineligible to participate in any aspect of the selection process;

b. when a club ballot is necessary, the voting strength of each club will be based on the number of members on the July invoice of the year prior to the year in which the club ballot takes place or the July invoice of the year in which the club ballot takes place, whichever is lower. *(June 2021 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 193 June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 153)*


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2.130.5. **District Conference Voting for Club Ballots**
The RI Board has established a voting pilot through 2024–25 for districts in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka in which they are required to use only district conference voting whenever a club ballot is required by the RI Bylaws. *(April 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 125)*

Source: April 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 125

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12.020. **Sponsorship**
1. A Rotaract club is established following the endorsement of the governor and upon certification and recognition by Rotary International. Its existence depends upon continued recognition by Rotary International.

2. A Rotaract club may be organized, sponsored, and counseled by Rotary club(s) or Rotaract club(s) provided that:
a) Rotaract clubs shall be sponsored only by Rotary or Rotaract clubs within the boundaries of the district in which they are located.

b) A Rotaract club may be organized and sponsored jointly by up to three Rotary clubs or Rotaract clubs and may be sponsored jointly by more than three Rotary clubs or Rotaract clubs with the governor’s approval if, in the governor’s considered judgment, the best interests of the district, the sponsor clubs, and the Rotaract club concerned would be effectively served. A joint Rotaract committee should be created with representation from each of the sponsor clubs.


21.020.2. Establishing an Intercountry Committee

Intercountry Committees can be national or sub-national relationships between two countries. National intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts in a country. Sub-national intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts participating in the relationship. An established Intercountry Committee shall inform the Executive Council of its formation.

A. Establishing a national Intercountry Committee

To form an Intercountry Committee between two or more countries, approval from all of the countries’ district governors must be obtained. District governors from a given country who wish to delegate decision-making authority for establishing new national Intercountry Committees may do so with unanimous consent of all district governors in the country.

Interested Rotarians in each country should form a planning committee to establish an Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize an Intercountry Committee from each district’s governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, identifying potential projects, and activities for the ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of an intercountry committee shall be taken from the names of the participating countries. (Refer to the Brand Center for guidance on using a geographic identifier as part of the Intercountry Committee’s name or branding.) Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the relationship shall evolve into a subnational Intercountry Committee.

B. Establishing a subnational Intercountry Committee

To form a subnational Intercountry Committee between two or more districts, approval from all of the district governors must be obtained.

Interested Rotarians in each district should form a planning committee to establish a district-level Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize a subnational Intercountry Committee from each participating district governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, inviting club presidents from each district to participate, identifying potential projects and activities for ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning
meeting. The name of a subnational Intercountry Committee shall be taken from the names of the participating districts. (Refer to the Brand Center for guidance on using a geographic identifier as part of the Intercountry Committee’s name or branding.) Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the name of the ICC shall be updated to reflect the remaining participants. (October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45; June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 159)


31.010.3. Creation of New Committees
Effective 1 July 2022, no new RI committee will be created without the elimination of an existing RI committee.

Decisions creating a new committee or task force lasting beyond the current Rotary year must identify the following at the time of adoption:

a. a defined trial and evaluation period of not more than four years.

b. anticipated impact on Rotary’s resources for the duration of the trial and evaluation period.

c. criteria by which the success or failure of the committee or task force will be measured.

d. dates for interim evaluations and reports to the Board.

e. date of the final evaluation, following which the Board may adopt it as an on-going committee or task force, terminate the committee or task force, or extend the trial and evaluation period as needed.

If the Board does not adopt or extend the committee or task force, it will terminate at the end of the trial and evaluation period. (October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 29; June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 153)


34.030.6. Use of the Masterbrand Signature, Simplified Signature, Mark of Excellence or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities
When used by itself, the word “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem normally refers to the entire organization, Rotary International. It also means the ideals and principles of the organization. All club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects and organizations must include identifiers of the club, district, multidistrict group, zone or other Rotary Entity when using the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks. In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion otherwise in accordance with policy (see Brand Center for guidelines), a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of each club in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district
governors, and/or the club presidents and/or directors. Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks (see Brand Center).

The Rotary Marks must always be reproduced in their entirety. No alterations, obstructions or modifications of the Rotary Marks are permitted. The simplified wheel is to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the simplified signature lock-up or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the simplified signatures. RI allows for overwriting of the Rotary emblem or other Rotary Mark (watermarked, printed, screened or embossed), provided the Rotary emblem or other Rotary Mark is not otherwise partially covered and/or obstructed.

For correct color reproductions of the Rotary emblem or other of the Rotary Marks, current guidelines are found in the Brand Center at https://brandcenter.rotary.org which gives further specifications for reproducing the Rotary emblem and guidelines for maintaining a standardized, coordinated identity for all Rotary materials. Rotarians are reminded that Rotary is both a local and a global organization and even local uses may enjoy global recognition through the use of the Internet and other electronic communications. Different cultures have different standards and different sensitivities. Any use of the Rotary Marks under these guidelines should attempt to be culturally sensitive and in concert with the Object of Rotary. RI reserves the right to review and approve any uses of the Rotary Marks.

The Rotary Marks may not be depicted in combination with images of guns, weapons, or other armaments. (February 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 76; June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 159)


34.040.6. Use of Name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities
When used by itself, the word “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem normally refers to the entire organization, Rotary International. It also means the ideals and principles of the organization. All club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects or organizations must include identifiers of the club, district, multidistrict group, zone or other Rotary Entity when using the name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks. In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion, otherwise in accordance with policy (see Brand Center for guidelines) a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of each club in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district governors, and/or the club presidents and/or directors. Such identifier must immediately follow or precede “Rotary.” Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks.

The Rotary Marks must always be reproduced in their entirety. No abbreviations, prefixes or suffixes such as “Rota” are permitted, except for use in “Interota” for the periodic Interota meetings. No alterations, obstructions or modifications of the Rotary Marks are permitted. The simplified wheel is to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the simplified signature lock-up or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the simplified signatures. RI allows for overwriting of the Rotary emblem or other Rotary mark
(watermarked, printed, screened or embossed), provided the Rotary emblem or other Rotary Mark is not otherwise partially covered and/or obstructed.

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Rotary Entity activities, projects or organizations that are to include the name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks without a further qualifier, must first seek an exception to policy from the Board. Rotarians coordinating existing activities, projects and organizations should review and make necessary changes consistent with this policy. (February 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 76; June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 159)


34.040.12. Use of the Name “Rotary,” the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks in Multidistrict Activities

All club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects and organizations must include identifiers of the club, district, multidistrict group, zone or other Rotary Entity when using the name “Rotary,” the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks. In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion otherwise in accordance with policy (see Brand Center for guidelines), a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of each club in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district governors, and/or the club presidents and/or directors. Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks (see Brand Center). In order to clarify that the activity, project or organization is not one of RI or TRF, its promotional materials, printed and electronic, and especially on any donation page, shall state that the activity, project or organization is one of a local nature.

The Rotary Marks must always be reproduced in their entirety. No abbreviations, prefixes or suffixes such as “Rota” are permitted, except for use in “Interota” for the periodic Interota meetings. No alterations, obstructions or modifications of the Rotary Marks are permitted. The simplified wheel is to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the simplified signature lock-up or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the simplified signatures. RI allows for overwriting of the Rotary emblem or other Rotary Mark
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(watermarked, printed, screened or embossed), provided the Rotary emblem or other Rotary Mark is not otherwise partially covered and/or obstructed.

Rotary Entity activities, projects or organizations that are to include the name “Rotary,” the Rotary Emblem, or other Rotary Marks without a further identifier must first secure an exception to policy from the Board. Rotarians coordinating existing doctor banks and similar club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects or organizations should review and make necessary changes to the activity, project or organization names and materials, consistent with this policy. (October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 57; June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 159)


34.040.13. Use of the Rotary Marks by Rotary Alumni Associations
When used by itself, the word “Rotary” refers to the entire organization, Rotary International. It also means the ideals and principles of the organization. Rotary Alumni associations that are chartered by the general secretary are permitted to use the name “Rotary” in their organizational name but only together with identifiers of the Rotary district or Rotary zone. Such identifier must immediately precede or follow “Rotary.” An acceptable example would be “Rotary District XXXX Alumni Association.” In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion otherwise in accordance with policy (see Brand Center for guidelines), a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of the alumni association in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district governors. Such identifier must immediately follow or precede “Rotary.” Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks. (October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 29; June 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 159)


69.030.1. Rotary Funding for Governors
Governors are provided with funding to reimburse a portion of their reasonable and necessary expenses in carrying out their mandated responsibilities related to club visits, training, office expenses, which may also include other special factors related to multiple countries, languages and/or large geographical distances. (April 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 162)


69.030.2. Schedule of Reimbursement to Governors
Rotary funding for governors will be disbursed in local currency when RI holds that currency. When RI does not hold the governor’s local currency, RI will select a reasonable, cost-effective alternate currency. All disbursements are subject to random audit.
Payment is made directly to a district overseen by the district finance committee, unless the district governor requests payment to his or her personal account at least 18 months before disbursement and provides documentation of legal or other restrictions that do not allow for payments to district accounts. These requests will be approved by the general secretary based on established criteria for exceptions.

Reimbursements to governors shall be administered as follows, and reviewed regularly:

a) 100% of the budget is sent to the district at the start of the governor’s year in July (the general secretary is authorized to disburse less than 100% of the budget available to governors if this is necessary to maintain appropriate controls and stewardship over large total funding amounts)

b) For payments sent directly to governors, 70% of the budget is sent in July at the start of the governor’s year

c) Districts are required to submit a DG funding report by no later than 31 July following the governor’s year of service.

d) Use of Rotary funding for governors must comply with all economic and trade sanctions, including those implemented by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Department of Treasury. Governors and districts must ensure that they do not support or promote violence, terrorist activity or related training, or money laundering.

e) Governors that receive funds directly must submit expense reports properly documenting use of their initial 70% payment and up to the remaining 30% of their funding amount in order to receive further reimbursement of up to the remaining 30% of the budget amount

f) upon receipt of a petition explaining extenuating circumstances, the general secretary, acting on behalf of the Board, may extend the deadline for receipt of expense reports from governors or DG funding report from districts to no later than 30 September

g) Districts or governors shall return any unsubstantiated or unused funds to RI no later than 30 September following the governor’s year of service. Governors with unsubstantiated amounts or funding not repaid to RI will be added to the list of Rotarians with Outstanding Obligations to RI and reported to the RI Audit Committee and shall be ineligible for RI or TRF appointments.

h) reimbursement is capped at 100% of the funding amount


70.010.20. Responsible Investment Principles

[Rotary International/TRF] acts responsibly and invests responsibly.

[Rotary International/TRF] recognizes that environmental, social and governance factors are material to the performance of investment portfolios, the objective of generating high long-term returns, and managing investment risk and aligns with its mission to act responsibly and create lasting positive change.

[Rotary International/TRF] will invest its financial resources and:
- promote alignment with its mission to act responsibly and create lasting positive change.
- incorporate environmental, social and governance factors into the investment analysis and decision-making process.
- consider investments which deliver tangible, measurable positive social and environmental impact in addition to the required financial return.
- be active and engaged owners and incorporate environmental, social and governance factors into the exercise of shareholder rights.

Selection and retention of investments
Maximum economic return is the primary criteria for selection and retention of investments, except in cases relating to the disposition of securities in certain circumstances described herein.

At no time will an investment be selected or retained for the purpose of encouraging or expressing approval of specific activities or, alternatively, for the purpose of placing [Rotary International/the Foundation] in a position to contest specific activities.

[Rotary International/the Foundation] will generally invest in companies demonstrating sound business practices, including a commitment to environmental sustainability, progressive workplace policies, responsible business operations particularly in jurisdictions that may not have a well-developed regulatory framework, ethical and visionary leadership, and strong corporate governance practices.

[Rotary International/TRF] will avoid investing in companies that have systematically failed to protect the environment, human rights, workers, or prove unwilling to engage in a meaningful process of change and will typically avoid investment in companies with egregious environmental profiles, direct involvement with severe human rights abuses, pervasive or long-standing patterns of discriminatory behavior, a record of not addressing labor issues, and companies that derive significant revenue from producing, distributing, or marketing firearms, tobacco, pornography, or military weapons systems, cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, and nuclear explosives.

Exercise of shareholder rights
[Rotary International/TRF] will exercise its right to vote on corporate matters and take such action to prevent or correct societal harm or social injury caused by a company’s actions, products, or policies.

Where a finding has been made that a company’s activities cause societal harm or social injury,
[Rotary International/TRF] will vote, or cause its shares to be voted, for a proposition which seeks to eliminate or reduce the societal harm or social injury caused by a company’s activities or develop a risk management regime,

[Rotary International/TRF] will vote against a proposition which seeks to prevent such elimination, reduction, where a finding has been made that the activities which are the subject of the proposition cause societal harm or social injury, except in cases in which the proposition seeks to eliminate or reduce social injury by means which are found to be ineffective or unreasonable.

[Rotary International/TRF] will not vote its shares on any resolution which advances a position on a social or political question unrelated to the conduct of the company’s business or the disposition of its assets.

Divestment (sale) of individual securities held

Where applicable, [Rotary International/TRF] will sell a security in circumstances where a finding has been made that a company’s activities cause grave societal harm or social injury and:

- it is unlikely that, within a reasonable period of time, the exercise of shareholder rights will succeed in modifying the company’s activities sufficiently to eliminate the societal harm or social injury, or
- it is unlikely that modification of the company’s activities will, within the near future, have a sufficiently unfavorable economic impact on the company to cause [Rotary International/the Foundation] to sell the security under maximum economic return criterion, or
- it is likely that, in the normal course of portfolio management, the security in question will be sold before the action initiated by [Rotary International/the Foundation] can be completed.

The office of investment will implement these guidelines in a commercially prudent manner based on its reasoned judgment and consideration of the facts and circumstances. (February 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 110)

Source: February 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 110

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