

# AKTION CLUB, THE BASICS

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 11,000 members in 500 clubs worldwide.

## **Motto:**

Where development has no disability.

## **Vision:**

To develop competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service.

## **Mission:**

To provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their communities.

## **Core Values:**

- Character Building: The ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice
- Leadership: The ability to listen, communicate, serve and guide others
- Inclusiveness: Accepting and welcoming differences in other people
- Caring: The act of being concerned about or interested in other people or situations

## **Aktion Club Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** Is there a maximum number of members needed to start an Aktion club?

**A:** No, there is no maximum number of members in an Aktion Club.

**Q:** Is there a minimum number of members needed to start an Aktion club?

**A:** There is no minimum number, but Kiwanis suggests a minimum of ten members.

**Q:** What is the minimum age for belonging to an Aktion Club?

**A:** Members must be 18 years or older.

**Q:** Can a district sponsor an Aktion Club?

**A:** Yes, a district can sponsor an Aktion Club.

**Q:** What is the typical situation for sponsoring an Aktion Club?

**A:** It is usually a Kiwanis Club sponsoring an Aktion Club, and a Circle K or Key Club can co-sponsor along with a Kiwanis club.

**Q:** Can two or more Kiwanis clubs sponsor one Aktion Club?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** What is the cost of sponsoring an Aktion Club the first year and in subsequent years, and what do the sponsor and the Aktion Club get for those amounts?

**A:** The initial charter costs either USD 600 or 400. The USD 600 fee includes an Aktion Club charter banner.

In subsequent years, there is a renewal fee of USD 50, no matter how many members are in the Aktion Club.

The charter fee includes:

- a charter certificate
- a charter patch for the sponsoring club
- member pins for all members as well as officer pins
- member ID cards
- individual member certificates
- a member handbook (in English only currently)
- officer guides (in English only currently)
- officer name table tents
- advisor guides for the Kiwanis club member who is designated by their Kiwanis club and for the facility advisor
- a wooden gavel and block with the Aktion Club name
- a monthly e-newsletter is sent out to advisors (In English only)
- Every March, Aktion Club Week is a time for members to shine: Every day of that week, there are themes and activities whose goals are to educate about Aktion Club.

**Q:** What other costs associated with running an Aktion Club might there be?

**A:** Depending on community service project choices, the Kiwanis club might help with funding. If there are meetings during meals, there might be a need for financial assistance.

**Q:** What does the sponsor's involvement look like throughout a year?

**A:** We suggest that Aktion Clubs meet at least once a month, and the Kiwanis advisor should attend. The advisor and other club members could help during service or fundraising projects. For example, the major service initiative of an Aktion club could be sports competitions, and the sponsors would help during the events. The members could learn how to do fundraising along with the Kiwanis club in order to cover the expenses of the events or sports outfits, transportation, meals, etc.

**Q:** Is there an annual Aktion Club convention?

**A:** No.

Q: what are the procedures for chartering an Aktion Club, what documents need to be provided?

A: There is a petition to charter that needs to be filled out, it includes a list of members that needs to be submitted. And payment of the charter fee.

Q: What are global examples of good practices from Aktion Clubs around the world?

A: Aktion Club members are able to provide services, we encourage them to venture out into the community and help others.

Q: What are safety and privacy considerations to keep in mind?

A: Aktion Club members are protected under Kiwanis' Youth Protection Guidelines (English only).

There are also guidelines related to working with adults with disabilities (English only).