2026

ROTARY SHOWDOWN

FOUNDATION & MEMBERSHIP   DISTRICT 7210   TOURNAMENT

ROTARY SHOWDOWN: FOUR DIVISIONS. FIFTY-SIX TEAMS. ONE CHAMPION.

GET READY FOR SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION THAT FUELS REAL IMPACT! INTRODUCING THE ROTARY SHOWDOWN — A DISTRICT-WIDE BRACKET CHALLENGE BRINGING TOGETHER 56 ROTARY CLUBS, DIVIDED INTO 4 POWERHOUSE DIVISIONS, ALL COMPETING FOR THE GRAND PRIZE: $1,000 FOR YOUR CLUB'S SERVICE PROJECTS!
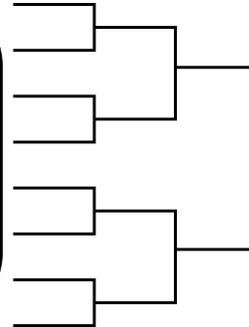
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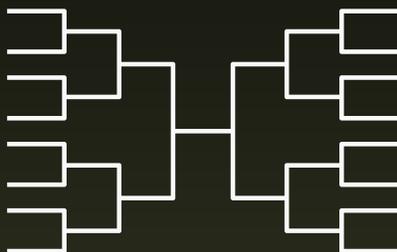
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How It Works

Each club begins in a 14-team division. Every 14 days, clubs advance through the bracket by earning points through two powerful actions that strengthen Rotary.

FIRST PLACE: WINS $1000
SECOND PLACE: WINS $500

Scoring

1 Point for every $1 donated to The Rotary Foundation Annual SHARE Fund

300 Points for a ONE TIME $100 donation to the Polio Plus Fund with the Rotary foundation in honor of your clubs President Elect (this is the PELS challenge)

500 Points for every new member your club brings into Rotary

It's that simple- raise funds, grow Rotary, & climb the bracket

The Rotary Foundation

What's at Stake?

At the end of the every 14(ish) days, the club with the most points in each division advances to a next round, where one ultimate champion will be crowned.
The winning club takes home $1,000 to support their own local or international service initiatives.

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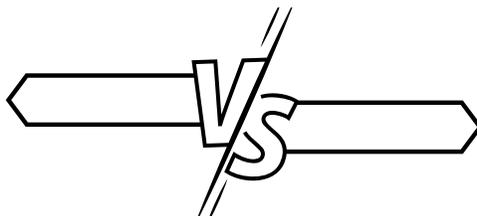
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Rotary
District 7210

Why Participate?
→Strengthen Rotary's impact through Foundation giving
→Energize membership growth
→Build camaraderie and friendly competition across the district
→And most important — help your club create even more good in the world

ROUND 1
Jan. 1st - Jan. 14th

ROUND 2
Jan. 16th- Jan. 29th

ROUND 3
Jan. 31st- Feb. 13th

-halftime break 14th-16th-

ROUND 4
Feb. 17th- March 2nd

ROUND 5
(PELS Month)
March 4th - March 17th

CHAMPIONSHIP
March 19th- April 1st

*Information will be pulled off of MyRotary Reports. Dates of challenges had to end on a weekday to pull most accurate reports.

PELS Challenge

This year the challenge is to give $100 in honor of your President Elect to Polio Plus & donate what you can to the Annual Share Fund.

Teams who do not make the 4th or 5th round will have an opportunity to compete for 1000 Paul Harris Points in the month of March. Any club who is not in the competition who gives to the Foundation Share Fund during March will be entered in a drawing for 1000 Paul Harris points!

RULES TO WIN

This is a friendly competition among our clubs, if you have questions reach out to Beau O'Loendorf at beau.oloendorf@gmail.com.

Rotary Showdown — Official Rules & Guidelines

1. Competition Overview

The Rotary Showdown is a district-wide bracket challenge featuring 56 clubs, divided into 4 divisions of 14 teams each. Clubs compete to earn points through Foundation giving and membership growth. The club with the highest score at the end of each round advances in the bracket, ultimately competing for the $1,000 grand prize.

2. Divisions & Bracket Structure

The district will divide all 56 clubs into four divisions.

Each division will have its own bracket, seeded by predetermined criteria (giving and membership growth from July - Oct.)

The winner of each division will advance to the final showdown.

The overall champion will be the club with the highest cumulative points in the championship round.

3. Scoring System

Points are awarded based on two measurable outcomes:

A. Foundation Giving

Clubs earn 1 point for every $1 donated to The Rotary Foundation (ANNUAL SHARE FUND) and 300 points for a $100 (one time donation) to Polio Plus Fund. Donations must be made during the competition period for each round to count.

B. Membership Growth

Clubs earn 500 points for each new member officially added to Rotary's membership database on ClubRunner.

New members must be recorded in ClubRunner during the competition period for each round.

Transferring members do not count as new members.

4. Competition Period

The start and end dates will be clearly announced before the Showdown begins (look at page 3)

Only donations and new members added within the competition dates will count for scoring.

Bi-weekly score updates will be shared on the website and with Club Presidents.

5. Advancement in the Bracket

Clubs face off head-to-head according to the bracket schedule.

The club with the higher point total at the end of each round advances.

In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker will follow this order:

 a. Total number of new members gained

 b. Total Foundation dollars raised

 c. Coin flip conducted by the District Governor

6. Division Winners & Final Round

The top club from each of the four divisions enters the Final Four Showdown.

Scores will continue onto each round, but reset to zero for the championship.

The champion will be the club with the highest round score each round.

7. Prize

The winning club receives $1,000 to use for a club service project, community event, or another approved Rotary initiative. Funds will be distributed by the district within 30 days after the winner is announced.

8. Eligibility & Integrity

All Rotary clubs in the district are automatically entered.

Clubs are responsible for accurately submitting their membership additions and for ensuring Foundation donations are credited properly.

The District Governor and Foundation Chair reserve the right to verify records to maintain fairness.

Any attempt to manipulate scoring or misreport data may result in disqualification.

9. Updates & Communications

Regular updates will be sent to club presidents, secretaries, and Foundation chairs.

Leaderboards may be shared via email, social media, or district website.

10. Final Authority

All rules, scoring interpretations, and decisions are ultimately governed by the District Governor , District Membership Chair, and District Foundation chair and are final.

People of Action Division

1 Wallkill East
14 Poughkeepsie Arlington
3 Lagrange
12 New Paltz
5 G. Newburgh
10 Spring Valley
7 Lake Mahopac
8 New City
6 Sullivan Central
9 Wappingers Falls
4 Liberty
11 West Point
2 Kingston
13 Carmel
BYE

GOES AGAINST RW DIVISION

Rotary Wheel Division

GOES AGAINST POA DIVISION

Warwick 1
Nyack 14
Millbrook 3
Ramapo Valley 12
Patterson 5
Walden 10
Coxsackie-Athens 7
Highland 8
Goshen 6
Pawling 9
Suffren 4
Pearl River 11
Rhinebeck 2
North Rockland 13
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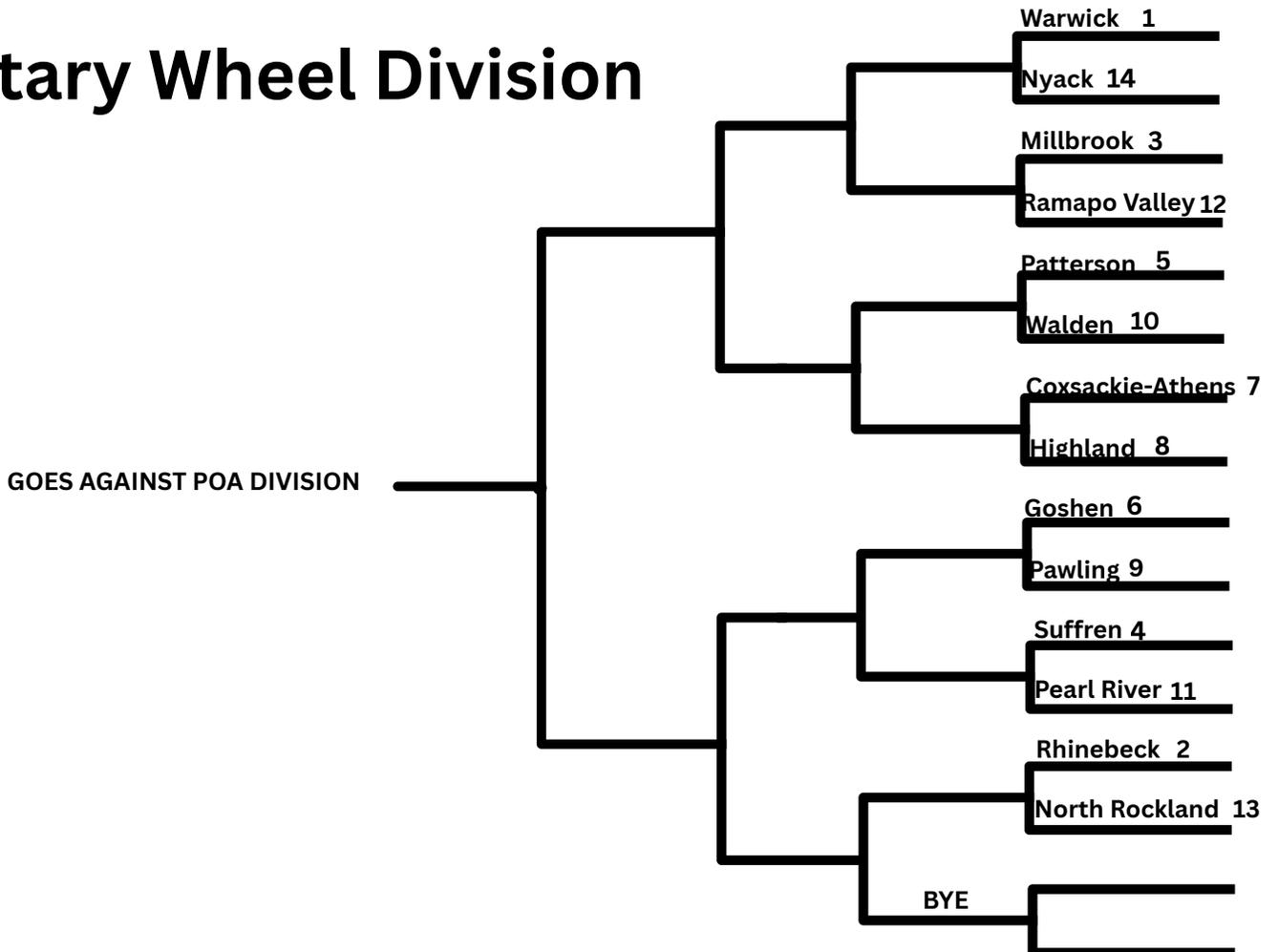
Service Above Self Division

1 Cairo
14 Clarkstown
3 Brewster
12 Minisink Valley
5 Pleasant Valley
10 Windham
7 Middletown
8 Kinderhook
6 Red Hook
9 Hudson
4 N. Columbia
11 Hyde Park
2 East Fishkill
13 Passport
BYE

GOES AGAINST FWT DIVISION

Four-Way Test Division

GOES AGAINST SBS DIVISION

Fishkill 1
S. Orangetown 14
Monticello 3
Monroe-Woodbury 12
Port Jervis 5
Phoenicia 10
Southeast 7
Livingston Manor 8
S. Ulster 6
Greenville 9
EClub 4
Poughkeepsie- South 11
Catskill 2
Nanuet-West Nyack 13
BYE