

15th October, 2018

Presidents and Club Youth Officers

The YEP Committee acknowledges the work and support done by clubs by hosting Inbounds and sponsoring Outbound students. Thanks to the clubs who have returned the Hosting Form which is also attached for those clubs who have not responded. I encourage clubs who have responded to perhaps reconsider their decision if the following in any way adds a perspective which was needed by your club.

The YEP Committee has resolved to adapt a few changes to our process that are student based and student welfare oriented, these include:

1. We no longer offer a 6-month exchange to a club, as we find that students especially as they are much younger than in previous years, now form a strong association with their club which is well entrenched, develop strong relationships with host families, settle into school and form a strong friendship base and are extremely reluctant and anxious to move to another area. This causes problems between the Committee, host clubs and most importantly the Inbound student themselves. Taking into account these factors and experience tells us that the students are best placed with one club. However, we recognize that the possibility exists when neighbouring clubs combine and form a partnership to host a student where the student will not need to be dislocated from the host school and friendship base. We as a Committee support this concept and leave it to the clubs to organize.
2. In an attempt to ensure support and equity for clubs across the District we now offer the following to all clubs for the 2019/20 Hosting Cycle. If your club hosts an Inbound student, the Committee will cover the registration cost of both Tocal weekends and District Conference somewhere between \$350 to \$400 in that cycle approximately. The Committee will also cover the cost of the jacket for an outbound student in 2020 which is around the \$450. In essence the Committee will support your club for both an Inbound and Outbound student to the value of approximately \$800 or more.

This is a supportive initiative on behalf of the YEP Committee to better place clubs to financially meet their hosting responsibilities into the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the email address below or give me a phone call.

Cheers

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