

About the Membership Recognition Program 2011-2012

The Membership Recognition Program (MRP) is a program established by the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Board to recognize members throughout the District that go above and beyond in service, leadership, and fellowship. Members that qualify to be recognized can achieve four different levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Who is eligible?

Any dues paid member from clubs in good standing throughout the Cal-Nev-Ha District is eligible. A member may not start counting service hours or other MRP requirements until dues are paid. Those who transfer schools may also have their hours transferred over to the new school that they attend.

When is the MRP applicable?

All Circle K sponsored activities held from March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012 qualify for the 2011 MRP award.

How do I keep track of my members' statuses?

Please utilize the MRP log that is available on the District website. Instructions for the log are located on the first page of the Excel spreadsheet. This MRP log is designed to make determining the appropriate status of each Circle K member easier for the District and also for each respected club.

Can a single event be counted within two different categories?

Yes. Some events fall under multiple categories. For example, if your club hosts a beach clean-up service project with your local Kiwanis Club, this would count towards both "service hours" and "Kiwanis Event", and maybe even "Interclub". More times than not, a single event will fall under more than one category.

How do I submit the MRP statuses for my club?

The club's individual MRPs should be submitted electronically by a single club representative. Verify that the cover sheet is completely filled out and that all events are up to date. Once verified, please email the entire file to mde@cnhcirclek.org. Contact the District MD&E Chair, Jackelyn Rivera, with any questions.

Can any of the forms be submitted by the individual member?

No. All forms should be sent by a single club officer. This will be easier to keep each school's MRP awards together and more organized.

Should the forms be completed on the computer, or should it be handwritten?

Since the forms are submitted electronically, it should be completed on a computer. Please use the log provided on the District website. You can find the log under the "Resources" tab and click on "Membership Development and Education". If you are unsure how to use the log, or have any questions or concerns, contact your MRP Representative or your District MD&E Chair.

What if I can't submit the form electronically?

Please contact the District MD&E Chair as soon as possible, no later than March 2nd, 2012.

When should I start filling out the MRP log?

Please start filling out the MRP log as soon as possible. It is important to keep track of your members' hours so that they will know where they stand at all times. This will help encourage and motivate more members to set a higher goal and to strive for something bigger than what they thought they could accomplish.

Okay, I already know all of the above, what's NEW?

There are several changes to the Membership Recognition Program for 2011-2012:

Service Hours:

For the Silver and Gold levels of the MRP, the service hours have been raised. To achieve Silver standing, a member must accomplish 100 hours of service. To achieve Gold standing, a member must accomplish 150 hours of service. This change was to keep the hours consistent across each level of the MRP. The service hours for each level are now as follows:

Bronze: 50 hours

Silver: 100 hours

Gold: 150 hours

Platinum: 200 hours

International Events (INT):

We have opened up this category for both the Bronze and Silver levels because we want to encourage more members to attend International Events. By opening this, members have another way to achieve a MRP level. With that, members will need to achieve 6 out of 11 for Bronze and 8 out of 12 for Silver. This change pays directly in favor of the members because it allows them another chance to fulfill one of the MRP requirements.

Fundraising (FR):

For each level of the MRP, the Fundraising requirement has been raised by one. Bronze now requires 2 events, Silver requires 3 events, Gold requires 4 events, and Platinum requires 5 events.

Membership Development (MD):

For each level of the MRP, the Membership Development requirement has been raised by one. Bronze now requires 2 events, Silver requires 3 events, Gold requires 4 events, and Platinum requires 5 events.

Social Events (SE):

For each level of the MRP, the Social Events requirement has been raised by one. Bronze requires 3 events, Silver requires 4 events, Gold requires 5 events, and Platinum requires 6 events. This change has been made to further challenge the clubs of our District to further develop the fellowship tenet.

What is the difference between a Social Event (SE) and an MD&E Event (MD)?

There also might be confusion about what defines a Social Event (SE) and what defines a MD&E (MD) event. There are examples below clearly defining Social Events and MD&E Events.

Examples of Socials events:

- Food Socials
- Bowling
- Board Game Night
- Hiking
- Pizza Night
- Scavenger Hunts

Examples of MD&E events:

- Fall, Winter Installs/Induction
- Anything related to member of the month, member of the week, etc.
- Workshops/CKI 101
- Anything related to educating members about Circle K, leadership training, etc. could be considered an MD&E event

Example of both MD&E and Social events:

- Family Socials/Activities
- Anything related to family gatherings and/or mentoring programs

Chair an Event

Members must now chair a project in order to qualify for any of the levels of the MRP. The number of projects that a member needs to chair has only changed for the Platinum level. To receive Platinum, a member must chair at least 2 events. This change has been made to encourage newer or less active members to develop their leadership and organizational abilities to prepare for future leadership roles within the club.

If there is a member who is not a dues paid member but has been in the club for three months and pays after the three months, should I calculate her or his hours during the time he was not a dues paid member? Or do those hours get cancelled?

A member that is not a dues paid member has a limit on when to pay their Circle K dues. There is a three month grace period that will allow potential members to get involved in the club. This limit could start when they attend their first event (this could be service or social) then it could last until three months after the three month grace period, if they still have not paid their membership dues, then their hours could potentially 'expire' or get cancelled. The reason for this new rule is to encourage members to pay so they can reap the benefits of being a paid member.

How does the dues paid members process work during elections?

We also want to avoid members who pay their dues only to get special privileges that long time dues paid members already get, for example, voting. A member must be a dues paid member at least 1 month before an election. In order to avoid grey areas like candidates friends who are none members pay, become a member to just vote and never come back to the club. This waists everyone time so we want to avoid that. Also in order to qualify for nominations or become a candidate running for an executive board position, Lieutenant Governor, etc. a candidate must be a dues paid member at least 1 month before elections. This will reduce the grey area of elections and it will give those who are dues paid members

the ability to run for an elected position as well as gain the privileges of being a paid member.

Why should I fill out the MRP log?

Filling out the MRP log is another way to recognize the members in the District and in your own respected clubs for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Each member who reaches a MRP level will receive an individual certificate in his or her name along with a pin from the District. This is a huge accomplishment because it is more individual based and members can feel a sense of pride if they achieve such a feat. As a District, we want to pay tribute to the individuals who have helped make their club and the District better organized.

Questions?

Contact your MRP Representative or your District MD&E Chair Jackelyn Rivera at mde@cnhcirlek.org

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