

D217 Pathways Club Challenge — FAQ

2026–2027 Program Year

Q: What is the Pathways Club Challenge?

A: A District 217 PQD initiative that breaks your club's Distinguished Club Program (DCP) Pathways goals into monthly milestones. Complete a month's goal and your club earns recognition — and if you're among the first 25 clubs to do it, \$10 District Store Dollars.

Q: Who is eligible?

A: Any chartered District 217 club that has submitted its 2026–2027 Club Success Plan (CSP) by September 30th. Clubs without a CSP on file by that date aren't eligible — DCP achievements aren't recognized without CSP submission.

Q: How do we sign up?

A: One sign-up per club at tinyurl.com/5yc9ev3j. You'll provide your club name, club number, an officer's name and role, agreement to participate, and a mailing address for ribbons and incentives.

Q: What are our club's actual goals — is there a fixed annual target?

A: No fixed annual total. The ultimate goal is for your club to reach distinguished status or higher. Each month, the PQD announces that month's DCP-aligned challenge and target — watch the District 217 newsletter. Every monthly target scales to your club's active membership, so it's reachable whatever your club's size, and smaller clubs (12 or fewer members) often get a bonus incentive path on top, like October's secondary option below.

Q: What is October's challenge specifically?

A: DCP Goal 1 — 4 Level 1 Pathways completions club-wide. Clubs with fewer than 12 members have an alternative option: 2 Level 1 completions plus 1 new member.

Q: What do we get when we enroll?

A: A 32-ribbon starter kit for your club: 10 "Welcome to Toastmasters," 10 "Ice Breaker," and 12 "Achievement" (Levels 1–4) ribbons — for your club to award members as they hit their own milestones.

Q: What's the incentive for completing a monthly goal?

A: The first 25 clubs to complete that month's goal earn \$10 District Store Dollars. Every club that reaches the goal — not just the first 25 — earns district recognition and a certificate.

Q: Is there a bigger prize for the year?

A: Yes. The club that tops the Challenge leaderboard at the end of the Toastmasters year wins the Pathways Club Challenge Award. Later in the year, there will also be a race to distinguished, where the first clubs to reach milestone distinguished statuses will earn rewards.

Q: How is our progress verified, and who do we tell?

A: Your Area Director checks in during Area Council meetings, club visits, and other check-ins — come prepared with your challenge progress so your club can be celebrated. Support along the way includes club coaches, Pathways training, PQD Officer Hours, and social spotlights (District 217's social media, website, and newsletter).

Q: What if we think we've completed a goal but weren't credited?

A: Reach out to your Area Director or the [PQD](#).

Q: Is this the same as the CSP Early Bird Incentive, the 7×2 Gavel incentive, or the Triple Crown Raffle?

A: No — those are separate incentives in the same 2026–2027 District 217 PQD Educational Incentives program. This FAQ covers the Pathways Club Challenge only.

Q: Who do we contact with other questions?

A: Your Area Director or the [District 217 Program Quality Director \(PQD\)](#).

