

What is a "Tail Twister"  
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The Tail Twister is an elected officer of his/her Lion's Club and as such has voting privileges the same as any other Board member. The duties of the Tail Twister are to promote good fellowship and enthusiasm through tastefully administered fines, stunts and games on club members. The amounts of the fines are often set by the Board or the President and the Tail Twister.

There shall be no appeal of his/her decision in imposing a fine as long the amount & the reason for it are in good taste. The Tail Twister may not be fined except by unanimous vote of all members present. The Tail Twister may be fined by a visiting District Governor or an International Officer.

The position of Tail Twister consists of more than just levying fines. He/she should work with the President in attempting to maintain order and the proper decorum during meetings. In other words fine noisy Lion's. Help the President with providing proper seating for guests and any other details with the meeting that the President may need help with. The Tail Twister should set the standards for meeting decorum.

Suggestions on Fining:

Move around the room.

Stand by or behind the member being fined.

Do not embarrass anyone. Do not fine for irregular attendance.

Make irregular attendees feel welcome.

Generally speaking do not fine guests or potential members.

District Officers may be fined but never heavily or often.

Holding a Raffle at each meeting is a good suggestion, but vary the prizes.

If a member that is present is having a birthday or an anniversary on the meeting night, impose a fine on everyone but the member celebrating.

Remember all funds are turned in to the Treasurer for the Administrative Fund

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Some of the reasons normally used to impose fines:

Arriving late to a meeting.

Not wearing a Lion's Pin

Not wearing a Club Name Tag

Not wearing a Lion's Shirt or Vest

For not addressing someone as "Lion", no Mr. or Mrs. Etc.

For not knowing the answer to a question from "The Lion" Int'l Magazine.

For not knowing the answer to a question from the Lion's State Newspaper.

These last 2 help keep the membership up to date on Lion's events also.

The name of your Zone Chairman

The name of one of your District Vice Governors.

The name of your District Governor.

The name of our International President.

The home country of our International President.

Who was Melvin Jones?

What year was the Lion's Club International founded.

What year was your Club chartered.

Where was the first International Convention held?

Where is the next International Convention going to be held?

Where is our next District Convention going to be held?

Where is our next State Convention going to be held?

Goofy things like socks that don't match, or a certain color socks.

Any information from the Lion's Book Of Information.

What does "LIONS" stand for?

Questions about our emblem – the 2 heads- the colors etc.

Remember your main object to help make the meetings enjoyable.

You can make a difference in increasing attendance at meetings.

Tools;

Lion's Bank. A bell or a whistle whenever you fine someone.

Go ahead enjoy yourself and help your members enjoy the meeting.

Good Luck!! It's the most FUN position on the Board.

If you come up with new ideas, share them with other Tai Twisters.