Multiple District 5M Privacy Policy
Collection and Use of Personal Membership Data by Multiple District 5M

Purpose:

Multiple District 5M (MD5M) recognizes the importance of protecting the private information of our members. MD5M is dedicated to preventing the unauthorized data access, maintaining data accuracy, and ensuring the appropriate use of information.

Access to private information collected by MD5M is limited to Lions, Lions Clubs, and authorized organizations that will use the information to further Lions’ causes.

Access to information requires the agreement and compliance with the Lions’ privacy policies and practices.

This privacy policy shall apply to all information maintained by MD5M in whatever format, physical or electronic.

Privacy Policy:

1. MD5M collects personal information about Lions Club, Lioness Club and Leo Club members to facilitate communications with and between our members. This information is used solely to further MD5M’s Purposes including that "to unite the clubs in bonds of friendship good fellowship and mutual understanding" and to conduct its necessary operational activities including:

   - Dues and other billings
   - Distribution of MD5M Newsletter and membership/officer information and updates
   - Compilation of membership profiles and trends to support membership growth, extension and retention programs
   - Meeting planning as to facilitate MD5M events and training
   - Furtherance of Public Relations activities and Cooperative Alliances
   - Support of Lions Clubs International Foundation and other adopted service programs
   - Special advertising, non-dues revenue programs or other purposes in accordance with the Purposes and Objects as determined by the MD5M (eg: Midwest Breakfast, ID banquet, other events)
   - Disclosure of information as required by law or that is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations

2. MD5M protects personal information by using password-protected member only areas and by restricting access to such information. It is expected that you will exert due diligence in your password security.
3. Any payment information collected shall be protected by software during transmission, which encrypts all your personal information so that it can be safeguarded over Internet channels. We reveal only a limited part of your credit card number when confirming an order. At the present time, MD5M uses PayPal.

4. MD5M has a yearly information opt in form distributed by the Executive Secretary to all District Governors and COG chairpersons, for completion by all district cabinet members/chairpersons and submission back to MD5M. No member information will be posted or distributed until written authorization is received.

5. You should be aware that when you are on the website, you could be directed to other websites beyond our control. If you visit a website that is linked to our website, you should consult the privacy policy of that website before providing any personal information.

6. The content of this website may not be retrieved, displayed, modified, copied, printed, sold, downloaded, hired, reverse engineered or transmitted in any way without the prior written permission of MD5M. The content of our website including without limitation all information, text, photographs, and graphics are protected by copyright, trademarks or other proprietary rights of others or ourselves. An exception is specifically granted to all Lions and Lions Clubs that will use the content absent any contact information to further Lions’ causes.

7. The Council of Governors of MD5M shall determine what constitutes an authorized organization. MD5M shall establish a list of authorized organizations and this list shall be reviewed annually and approved by the Council of Governors. Organizations requesting authorization will complete a written request for approval to solicit as per Mailing List requirements.

8. **Mailing Lists**

MD5M prohibits furnishing any list of Lions’ contact information to any person/organization for personal advantage or gain.

The COG will review requests from organizations and allow the furnishing of mailing lists by the Multiple Office to individuals or groups using the lists for approved fundraising or informational purposes.

List Requests must include the following:
- Name, address, phone number and email of person or organization requesting the list
- Purpose for which the mailing list is to be used
Written assurance that the list will be used one-time only for the stated purpose and will not be given or sold to others

An exact copy of the material being mailed

Requests for lists not conforming to the above minimum standards will be returned to the submitter noting that COG action will not be taken on incomplete requests.

The following do not require COG approval to receive available contact information for Club Presidents and Secretaries:

- Clubs bidding for statewide events
- Individuals seeking International office
- Multiple District Projects or Programs
- MD5M Convention

- Available Information - Only contact information listed in the MD5M Directory is available and will only be provided electronically. Any approved requests for lists not obtainable from the MD5M Directory will be referred to the organization that, in the COG opinion, has the information available.

- Request Fulfillment - Multiple Office Staff will download the most recent contact information and supply it electronically to the requestor within 15 days of the request being approved.

9. In compliance with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA), site operators should never knowingly request personal information from anyone under the age of 13. If such personal information is inadvertently collected, it will be deleted from the systems.

10. Lions/Leo/Lioness Clubs, District, Multiple District and/or Foundation should consider your privacy practices and follow similar guidelines when using the personal information of members, donors, recipients of your humanitarian assistance, or that of other individuals obtained in the course of conducting your activities. You should consider obtaining written permission before disclosing any personal information including names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, medical information, financial information, etc. You should also be cautious when posting any personal information on the Internet or sharing email addresses with third parties.

11. It is recognized that MD5M is an international district and acknowledges the privacy policies of Ontario and Manitoba however this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Any legal action concerning this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction nearest the head office of Anoka County, Minnesota.

Any cause or claim must be commenced within one (1) year after the cause or claim arises.
MD5M’s failure to insist upon or enforce strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any provision or right.

Neither the course of conduct between the parties nor trade practice shall act to modify any provision of the Agreement.

MD5M may assign its rights and duties under this Agreement to any party at any time without notice.

If you have any concerns or questions about these policies, please contact MD5M MD5M.ExecutiveSecretary@gmail.com