

Can your club be Distinguished? Sure can! The Distinguished Club Program (DCP) sets the same 10 goals for every club to achieve each year. Here are some easy tips to make sure your club is Distinguished (or better!) year after year:

1. Focus on achieving the odd numbered goals: 2 x Competent Communicator awards, 1 x Advanced Communication award, 1 x Leadership award, 4 new members, at least 4 executive members trained at each of the 2 rounds of club officer training.
2. Know the goals of your members, and which members will achieve which awards.
3. Attend Club Officer Training. Learn valuable ideas and tips for success. Clubs that have their executive officers trained have a 50% likelihood of becoming a distinguished club compared with only 10% if their officers are not trained.
4. At your next executive meeting, complete your Club Success Plan. You will then know how your club can meet the 10 DCP goals. Use the Toastmasters International handbook *“Distinguished Club Program and Club Success Plan”*
5. Present the Successful Club Series module *“How to be a Distinguished Club”* and share the Club Success Plan with your entire membership. Display the Distinguished Club Program Wall Chart or create your own tracking system.
6. At club meetings, discuss progress in the DCP with the entire membership. Recognise those members who achieve their goals and motivate others to help achieve their goals. Celebrate each time a goal is met.
7. Follow– up with members to help them meet their personal goals– which in turn helps the club meet its goals.
8. Remember to focus on membership. In addition to the 10 DCP goals, your club must end the year at charter strength, 20+ members, or a net growth of five members. Toastmasters International offers several membership building tools free of charge. Visit the international website or D70 Supplies catalog.
9. Ask your Area, Division or District Governor for help, assistance and counsel.
10. Serve your members, have fun and before you know it, your club will be a Distinguished Club. Congratulations!

10 Sure- Fire Ways to Be Distinguished