



5. GUIDELINES FOR AGORA CLUB GODMOTHER COUNTRIES

1. When the Vice President of Agora Club International (ACI) has made the initial contact with a new Agora country, where the first steps are taken to form a club, the ACI Board nominates a godmother country to this first club. The Godmother Country has to be a Full Member Country.
Within the Godmother Country a local club may be nominated to serve as a Godmother Club. In any case, it is convenient to agree, that the new Agora country sends all its correspondence and communications to one person in the Godmother Country to avoid misunderstandings.
2. The Godmother Country/Club should provide the new Agora country with examples of AC Club rules. It helps with practical questions, gives all necessary information, clarifies and explains the ideas of club life as well as the variations and its limits. The Godmother Club helps the new Agora country to establish its rules. It is recommended that somebody from the Godmother country visits the new Agora country or arranges for the chairman of the new Agora country to visit a club in the Godmother Country.
3. The Agora country in formation sends all its minutes (in English) to the Godmother Country (to the contact person) and to the ACI Board. If a Godmother Club is nominated, a regular communication should be established.
4. The ACI Vice President is responsible for informing the new Agora country about those items that are required by ACI, before the new country can be chartered and accepted as an Associate Member Country by the ACI Board. The Godmother Country gives advice for the arrangements of the charter of the nr 1 club.
5. The Godmother Country has NO financial duties towards the new club.
6. When the function of the nr 1 club is well established, it should be encouraged to form Agora Clubs to other cities in this new country.
7. When there are at least two clubs in the new country, the Godmother Country helps with the formation of the National Board. It takes care that the rules are established and that the rules are accepted by ACI. The Godmother Country advises with the arrangements, when the National Board is chartered.
8. Only the first club in each new country has an official Godmother Club abroad. When the nr 2 club is in formation, the nr 1 club shall serve as a Godmother Club to the second one etc. This is because it is necessary to create a national uniformity and character of all the clubs within the new country. However a second International Godmother Club can be appointed unofficially.