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## NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

### Nebraska-Iowa District Bylaws 2025-2026 Amendment 1

**Purpose:** To be in compliance with Kiwanis International's Standard Form For District Bylaws, the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis delegates are asked to amend the District Bylaws as follows:

- 1) change wording on background checks for district officers and lt. governors from "clear" to "satisfactory. A background check need not be entirely clear to be acceptable. Satisfactory is a more accurate term; and
- 2) provide a more in-depth and encompassing definition of conduct unbecoming of a Kiwanian by including the updated definition in Kiwanis International Policy.

**Recommended by:** Kiwanis International and Nebraska-Iowa District Board

**Effective Date:** Oct. 1, 2026

**Financial Impact:** N/A

#### Proposed Amendments to Article 3, Article 7, Article 9

Deletions as indicated with ~~strikethrough~~ and additions as indicated by underline.

#### Article 3, Section 2

- d. The Governor, Governor-elect, Vice-Governor, Administrator, Treasurer, Regional Trustees and Lieutenant Governors shall have and maintain a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

#### Article 7, Section 4

- c. Qualified candidates for Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice-Governor shall:
  - Submit a signed agreement provided by Kiwanis International to fulfill the duties of office.
  - Have a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

#### Article 9, Section 2

- a. "Conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family" is defined in Kiwanis International Policy as any conduct that:
  - ~~is incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or~~
  - ~~tends to harm the standing of Kiwanis in the local or global community.~~
  - Constitutes harassment of another individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity; or

- Constitutes a criminal act that is clearly incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or
- Constitutes repeated offensive or obnoxious behavior at Kiwanis events and activities as determined by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors of a club or district as it relates to conduct unbecoming charges at the club or district level.

On Oct. 4, 2025, the Nebraska-Iowa District Board met and voted unanimously to support the passage of this amendment. This amendment now advances to the Nebraska-Iowa House of Delegates for a vote at its annual meeting on Aug. 8, 2026 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

*Lisa Brichacek, district administrator, Oct. 4, 2025*

*Reviewed by Erica Gould, KI governance, Sept. 25, 2025*