

District 91 Alignment Proposal for 2026-27

District Alignment Overview and Requirements

There are numerous factors to consider when planning district alignment. The most important are the requirements set by Toastmasters International. The alignment of all clubs, areas, and divisions within each district must be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with Toastmasters policies and protocols.

These requirements are mandatory, must be implemented each year, and take effect on 1 July. They are not flexible.

Mandatory Requirements

- Each Area must consist of **4 to 6 clubs**.
- At least **4 clubs in each Area must be in good standing**.
- No Area may have more than **6 clubs at the start of the Toastmasters year**.
 - Clubs not in good standing still count toward this limit.
 - Pre-charter clubs do not count unless they are very close to chartering.
- Each Division must contain a **minimum of 4 Areas**.
- Districts may have **no more than 9 Divisions**.
 - There is currently no upper limit on the number of Areas per Division.

These requirements were strengthened last year, requiring districts to ensure full compliance. Districts are responsible for their own alignment; however, Toastmasters International may intervene if requirements are not met.

The full policy and protocol can be found in the Toastmasters International Governing Documents:
<https://www.toastmasters.org/Membership/Leadership/governing-documents/#Protocol70DistrictStructure567>

Additional FAQ:
<https://www.toastmasters.org/footer/faq/Annual%20District%20Alignment>

Alignment Principles and Considerations

While meeting the minimum requirements is mandatory, operating at the minimum is not ideal. Wherever possible, we aim to create Areas and Divisions that are resilient and sustainable over time. This may occasionally require consolidation as well as expansion.

Our goal is to achieve a balanced structure that:

- Supports clubs effectively
- Enables the district to function efficiently
- Makes it manageable for Area Directors to support their clubs
- For Areas covering large geographical regions, appointing one or more assistants should be considered to help share the workload.

Ongoing Changes and District Responsibility

District alignment is not static. Changes occur throughout the year, and the annual alignment must take these into account.

The alignment committee must consider the **overall needs of the district**, rather than focusing solely on individual Areas or Divisions. A strong and sustainable structure ensures that clubs can:

- Participate fully in the Distinguished Club Program
- Engage in Area, Division, and District events

We recognise that alignment changes can sometimes lead to concern or emotional responses. However, decisions must be made in the best interests of the district as a whole and within Toastmasters requirements.

Wherever possible, we aim to group clubs geographically. However, this may not always be feasible, particularly for fully online only clubs.

Although clubs are independent entities, their placement within the district is ultimately the responsibility of the district leadership. Inevitably, not all alignment decisions will suit everyone, but all are made in accordance with required protocols.

Communication and Process

The proposed alignment changes have been:

- Discussed within the Alignment Committee consisting of Division Directors in individual meetings and Chair Barbara Saph DTM
- Shared through email updates
- Input from Club Growth Director- Lynne Gayer DTM
- Reviewed by District Director – Debbie Williams DTM

Every effort is made to ensure that clubs affected by alignment changes are informed clearly and in good time ahead of the District Council Meeting in May. Information has been distributed via Division Directors and Area Directors.

This proposal was passed by the District Executive Committee (DEC) on April 12th 2026 by Barbara Saph DTM

Detailed proposals for each Division are outlined in the following sections.

Division A

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
A1	4	No change	None	
A17	5	No changes	Ascot and Bracknell	No Alignment issues
A19	Area to be Dissolved	South West Spks to A62 Armada Spks to A62 Casterbridge Spks to A42 Wealth CDIO to A42		Long term lack of sustainability
A42	6	Addition of Wealth CDIO & Casterbridge Spks from A19	CDIO payment issues	
A46	5	No changes	Open Text	No Alignment issues
A62	6	Addition of Armada Spks & South West Spks from A19	Armada: re-building	

Area	Club Name
01	Hamwic Spks
01	Shilling Spks
01	Solent Spks
01	Spinnaker Spks
4 Clubs	
17	Reading Verizon TMs
17	Wokingham Spks
17	Ascot & Bracknell Spks
17	Reading Spks Club
17	Verizon EMEA TMs
5 Clubs	
42	Chaseside Spks TMs
42	Hallmark Spks
42	Ferndown Spks
42	Salisbury Spks
42	Casterbridge Spks
42	Wealth CDIO TM
6 Clubs	

46	Open Text
46	Microsoft Spks Club
46	Wessex Spks Club
46	Newbury Spks Club
46	Basingstoke Spks
5 Clubs	
62	Bristol Central Spks
62	Thamesdown Spks Club
62	Bath Spa TMs
62	Northavon Spks TMs Club
62	South West Spks
62	Armada Spks
6 Clubs	

Division B

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
B06	5	No change		No Alignment issues
B08	5 + 1 Pre-charter club	No changes		No Alignment issues
B09	5 + 1 Pre-charter club	Kings Cross Spks will now align to L16 Society Spks will align in from L16	LHH is still not in Good Standing ? renewing	See NB below
B18	6	No changes		No Alignment issues.
B52	5	Data Science will align to C25	VMO2 not paid	No other Alignment issues

Area	Club Name
06	London Corinthians TMs
06	London Olympians Spks
06	Centurion TMs
06	Polish Your Polish
06	Berkeley Square Spks
06	BBC
6	
08	Tube Talk TMs
08	Experience French
08	Legacy Spks Brixton
08	Clapham Connectors
08	LSBU Bus Sch TM club
08	PC-Excalibur Online
5 - 6	
09	Excalibur Spks
09	LHH TM Club
09	Society Spks
09	Early Bird Spks
09	Central London TMs
09	PC- CISO Avella Security
5 - 6	

18	London Victorians
18	London Cardinals Club
18	Kings Spks
18	104 London Debaters
18	Zig-Zag TMs
18	PA Consulting
6	
52	VMO2
52	GSK House TMs Club
52	Grosvenor Square Spks
52	Holborn Spks
52	Paddington TMs
5	

Division C

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
C02	5	Arthur Gallagher to C25 Deutsche Bank to C58 Markel from C05	Markel	
C05	4 + 1 Pre-charter club		I&C	
C25	6	Data Science aligning from B52 Ion Group aligning to C34 Arthur Gallagher aligning from C02	Springer Nature Angel Speakers	Gallagher definitely renewing
C34	4 clubs + 1 Pre-charter	Ion coming from C25		
C58	5 Clubs + 1 Pre-charter	Deutsche Bank from C02	Speakers Corner	

Area	Club Name
02	Bloomsbury Speakers
02	City Limits Speakers
02	GS London Toastmasters Club
02	LSEG
02	Markel
5	
05	Bloomberg London Toastmasters
05	Accenture Speakers (London)
05	Columbia Threadneedle Investments
05	I&C
05	PC-JP Morgan private Bank
4 to 5	
25	Springer Nature TM
25	Data Science Speakers Club
25	Arthur J Gallagher Lon TMs
25	City of London Toastmasters Club
25	Angel Speakers
25	Wells Fargo
6	

34	St Pauls Speakers
34	Ion Group EMEA TM
	Lloyds Banking Group
34	TMs(London)
34	FTI Consulting
34	Big Commerce
5	
58	1st London Toastmasters
58	Bayes Toastmasters
58	Speakers Corner
	Deutsche Bank Toastmasters
58	London
58	City Women Speakers
58	Insurance Club
6	

NB Contingency: It may be necessary to change the Areas that the Pre-Charter clubs align to if some clubs fail to regain good standing by year end.

Division D

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
D14	5 + 1 Pre-charter club	No changes		No Alignment issues
D20	5	No changes		No Alignment issues
D21	4 + 1 Pre-charter Club	Global Online Toastmasters aligned from J22	BMS & FM Global closed	
D29	5	No change	SAP unpaid	No Alignment issues
D53	5 + 1 Pre charter club	No change		No Alignment issues
D61	5	No change		No Alignment issues

Area	Club Name
14	Woking spks TMs
14	Farnham spks
14	Guildford spks
14	Camberley spks
14	Godalming spks
14	PC-Aldershot
5-6 clubs	
20	London Athenian spks TMs
20	West London spks
20	Medidata EMEA
20	Sustainable spks
	Richmond and Wandsworth Council
20	
5 Clubs	
21	Maidenhead spks
21	Windsor spks
21	Burnham spks
21	Global Online TM
4 Clubs	

29	Trojan spks Club
29	Sky Osterley
29	Riverside Communicators
29	SAP UK
29	JAL Richmond Leaders
5 Clubs	
53	SURBITON spks
53	Sutton Speakeasy
53	Epsom spks
53	The Reigate Rhetoric
53	UK Spks & Leaders
53	PC-Worcester Park
5 to 6 Clubs	
61	Wembley Stadium spks
61	HOD spks Club
61	Harrowian spks TMs
61	TJXpressions
61	Watford spks
5 Clubs	

Division H

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
H15	4	No changes		
H32	4	No changes		
H35	5	No changes		
H37	5	No changes		
H55	4	No changes		

Area	Club Name
15	Croydon Communicators Club
15	The Speakers of Croydon Club
15	Purley Speakers
15	Liberty Speakers Club
4 Clubs	
32	Arun Speakers
32	Sussex Online Speakers
32	Worthing Speaker's Club
32	County Communicators
4 Clubs	
35	Beckenham Communicators
35	Bromley Speakers
35	Meridian Speakers Club
35	Connected Speakers Bromley
35	Lewisham Speakers Club
5 Clubs	

37	Tunbridge Wells Speakers Club
37	Kent Speakers Club
37	Canterbury Communicators Club
37	Toasted Sandwich Toastmasters Club
37	Experience Yoruba
5 Clubs	
55	Brighton & Hove Speakers Club
55	Eastbourne Speakers Club
55	Lewes Speakers Club
55	Gatwick Communicators
4 Clubs	

Division J

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
J4	4 + 1 Pre-Charter club	No Changes		
J7	5 + 1 Pre-Charter Club	No changes		
J10	4 + 1 Pre-Charter club	No changes		
J11	4	No changes		
J22	4	Global Online Toastmasters to be aligned to D21		

Area	Club Name
04	Aylesbury Spks
04	Berkhamsted Spks Club
04	Chiltern Spks Club
04	Thame Spks
04	Hemel Spks Club
4 to 5 Clubs	
07	Oxford Spks Club
07	North Oxford Spks
07	Oxford Orators Club
07	Bicester Achievers TMs Club
07	Witney Spks
07	Pen Trust Partners
5 to 6 Clubs	
10	Cardiff TMs
10	Voice of Wales Spks Club
10	Valleys and Vale Spks
10	Wye Knot Spks
10	Carmall T1 Club
4 to 5 Clubs	

11	Cheltenham Spks
11	Malvern Spks
11	Worcester Spks
11	Gloucester Spks
4 Clubs	
22	Infineum Milton Hill Spks
22	Toast Titans
22	Melting Pot
22	Abingdon Spks Club
4 Clubs	

Division L

Area	Number of Clubs	Changes	At Risk Clubs	Notes (Area Stability)
L16	4	Society Spks to align to B9 Kings Cross Spks aligning from B9		
L23	5	No Changes		
L27	Dissolved	Clubs merged with L56 due to closure of Tottenham		
L47	6	Db Toastmasters from L 27		
L56	6	Barking TMs from L27 Romford Spks from L27 Woodford Green Spks from L27		

Area	Club Name
16	London Business School Public Speaking
16	Kings Cross Spks
16	Google UK Spks
16	PMI UK TMs Club
4 Clubs	
23	London TMs
23	MLP London Bridge Spks
23	Canary Wharf Communicators
23	HSBC London TM
23	Moody's London
6 Clubs	

47	EBRD
47	London Public Spks
47	Wharf Spks
47	Master Spks
47	db TMs - Canary Wharf
47	JPMC London-Glasgow TM
5 Clubs	
56	Barking TMs
56	Romford Spks
56	Woodford Green Spks
56	Northern Lights Spks Club
56	Winchmore Hill Spks
56	Manor House Spks
6 Clubs	

Summary of Changes

<u>Clubs changing Division</u>			<u>Clubs changing Area</u>			
Club	From	To	Division	Club	From Area	To Area
Data Science	B52	C25	A	Casterbridge Spks	A19	A42
Kings Cross Spks	B9	L16		Wealth CDIO	A19	A42
Society Spks	L16	B9		South West Spks	A19	A42
Global Online TM	J22	D21		Armada Spks	A19	A42
			C	Arthur Gallagher	C2	C25
				Deutsche Bank	C2	C58
				Markel	C5	C25
				Ion Group	C25	C34
			L	DB Toastmasters	L27	L47
				Barking TM	L27	L56
				Romford Spks	L27	L56
				Woodford Green Spks	L27	L56

District 91 – Alignment by Division & Area 2026-27



District 91 – Alignment by Club Name 2026-27

