

Instructions and Definitions

- New Group:** For any group that has never registered with the WSO, complete sections A through G on the reverse.
- Change:** To change current group information, complete sections A, B and any other applicable section on the reverse.
- Cancellation:** To remove group from WSO registration, complete sections A, B, C, and D (city and country only) on the reverse.
- LSB:** Service board providing services to members with a common language (for groups outside the US only).
- NSB:** Service board providing services to members in a particular country or group of countries (for groups outside the US only).
- Open Meeting:** Open to OA members and non-OA visitors. All meetings are considered open unless otherwise indicated.
- Closed Meeting:** Restricted to those who desire to stop eating compulsively (OA members and others who think they may have a problem with food).
- Special Focus/ Topic Meetings:** *Special Focus* meetings (gay and lesbian, women’s, 100-pounders, maintainers, anorexic/bulimic, etc.) are composed of individuals who feel they can more readily identify with fellow OAers with similar attributes. *Special Topic* meetings (Big Book Study, Lifeline, Speaker, Newcomer, etc.) have a defined topic of discussion. According to the Traditions, bylaws and policies of OA, the only requirement for OA membership is the desire to stop eating compulsively. We ask each person attending a meeting to respect the meeting’s group conscience. All registered meetings welcome and give a voice to any person who has the desire to stop eating compulsively.

- Please print clearly with dark ink. Keep one copy for your records; make an additional copy for your intergroup/NSB/LSB if required.
- Please provide the full address of your meeting location.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you are the contact for your meeting, be aware that only your first name and phone number will be listed on the WSO Web site. Please select another contact person if you do not want to be listed online, or list the local intergroup/NSB/LSB phone number. Every group must have a contact person.
- Please include the group secretary’s full name and address. Full names and addresses are published within the Fellowship only and will not appear online. The WSO needs this information so that vital OA correspondence can be mailed to registered groups.
- Use this form for all future changes to your group’s information. The form is also available on OA’s Web site at http://www.oa.org/registration_forms.html.
- All group registration or changes are made in the order in which they are received. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing. Thank you.
- If you have questions about filling out this form, please contact the WSO Group Registration Coordinator.

By submitting this form to the WSO, your group is agreeing to comply with Tradition Three and OA Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V as stated below.

Tradition Three:

The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

OA Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V—OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS GROUPS

Section 1 — Definition

- a).
 1. As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.
 2. All who have a desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
 3. No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
 4. As a group, they have no affiliation other than OA.
- b). Virtual groups (groups which replicate face-to-face meetings through electronic media) may be Overeaters Anonymous groups if they:
 1. otherwise meet the definition of Overeaters Anonymous groups;
 2. are fully interactive, and;
 3. meet in real time.

Section 2 — Composition

- a). A group may be formed by two (2) or more persons meeting together as set forth in Article V, Section 1.

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