

The first LAN Academy Topic was our first topic where we gathered information about how our LEGO communities establish membership and the rules/guidelines that are used for membership. The intention of this article is to be a working reference where LEGO communities can go to for information and inspiration about how to successfully run a registered LEGO community.

We had 80 communities respond. The following is a brief summary of that information.

Question 1:

What qualifications does your community have for becoming a member?

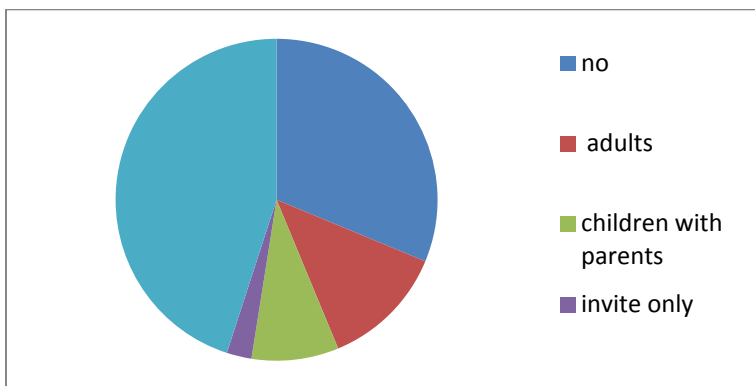
25 groups responded no qualifications

10 groups responded must be an adult

7 groups responded children are allowed with parents in attendance

2 groups are by invite only

36 groups have a requirement



Question 2:

Does your community have an event/meeting participation requirement before becoming a member? And what would those be specifically?

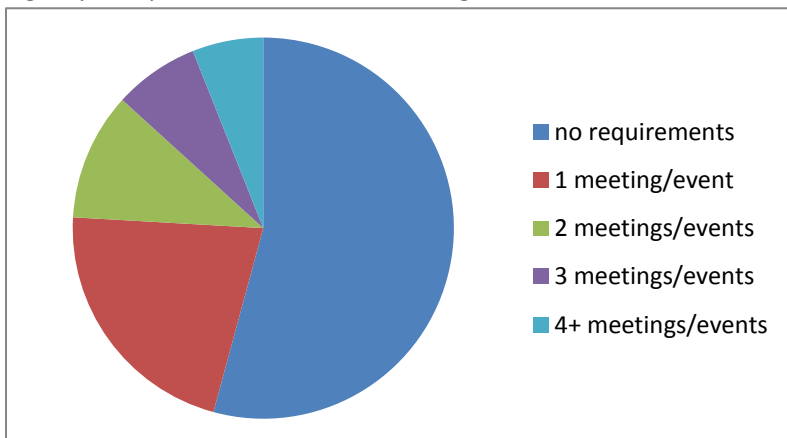
45 groups responded no requirement

18 groups responded 1 meeting/event

9 groups responded 2 meetings/events

6 groups responded 3 events/meetings

5 groups responded 4+ events/meetings



Question 3:

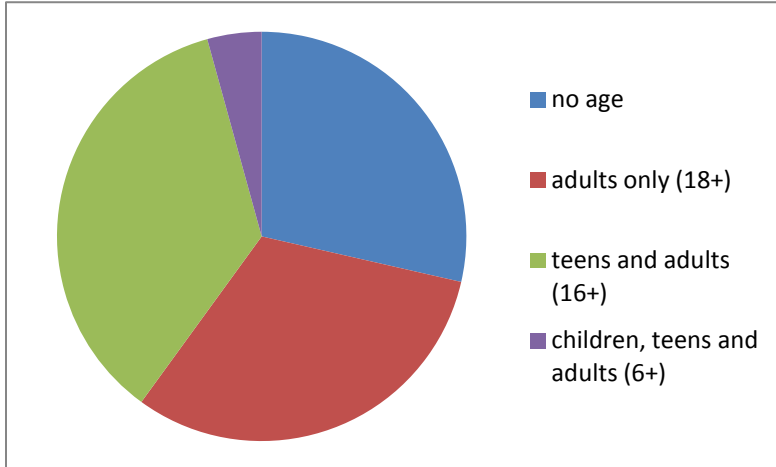
Does your community have any age requirements/restrictions?

20 groups responded no age

22 groups responded adults only (18+)

25 groups responded teens and adults (16+)

3 groups responded they allow children with parents (6+)

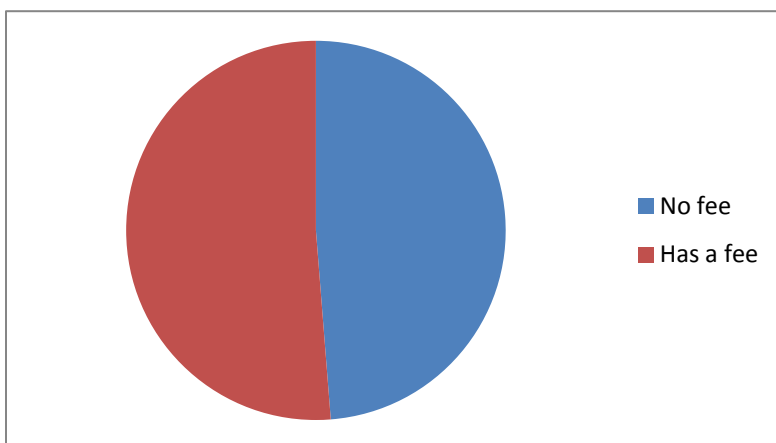


Question 4:

Does your community charge fees/dues? If so what are they?

39 groups responded no fee

41 groups responded they have a fee



The fees range from:

In Euros: 5 to 30

In Canadian Dollars: 10 – 20

In Yen: 1500

In NOK: 205

In CHF 30

In US Dollars: 10 to 50

In SEK: 150

In AUD \$50

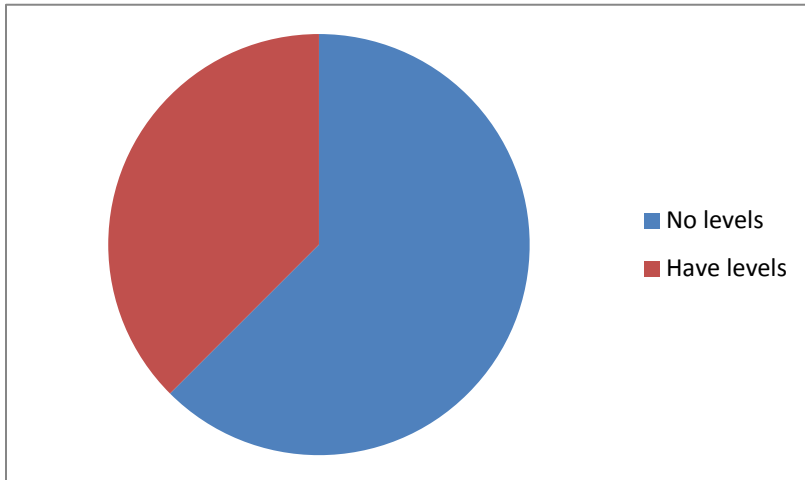
In RSD: 750

Question 5:

Does your community have levels of members? Could you please share those with some detail about each level.

50 groups responded they have no levels

30 groups responded that they have levels



The levels reported were described to be:

Based on level of activity of the member

Staff verses members

Builders verses collectors

Levels based on age (adult, teen, youth)

Online members verses real life members

Family memberships verses single verses youth

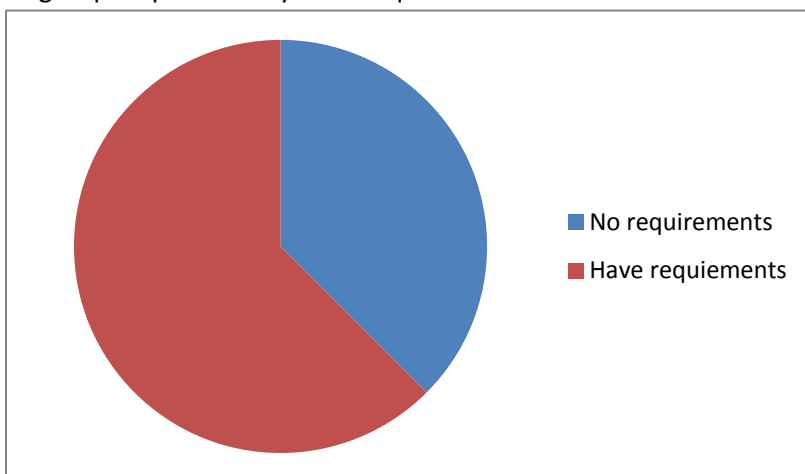
Builders verses exhibitors

Questions 6:

If you have participation requirements, what benefits are received when the requirements are met?

30 groups reported no requirements

50 groups reported they have requirements



The benefits listed were:

Event support

Member engraved brick

LUGbulk

Lug support

AFOL sticker

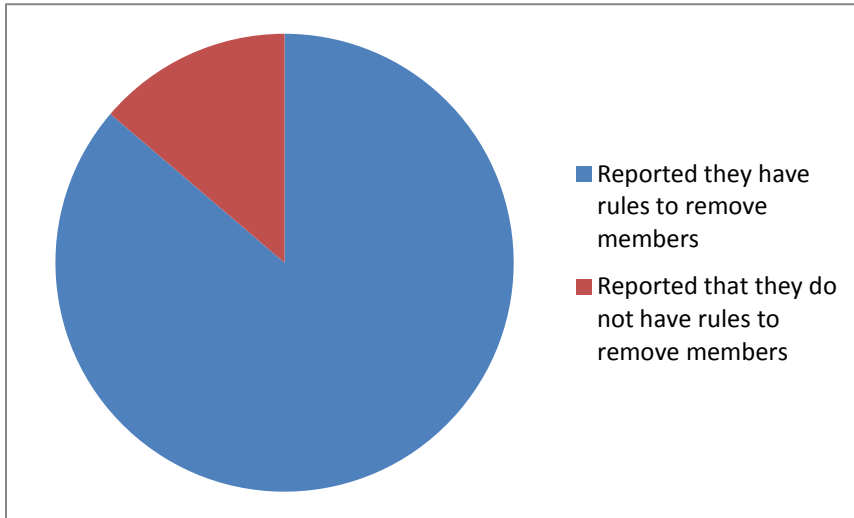
Drafts, workshops, and other LUG events

Question 7:

Are there any specific behaviors, qualities, or activities that your community refuses to allow a person to be a member or removes them from membership? (For example parent/guardian joining for a child, use of alcohol or drugs?)

69 groups reported they have rules to remove members

11 groups reported that they do not have rules to remove members



The rules listed for removal include:

- Inactivity
- Being impolite
- Harming another whether it is physical, mental, or by reputation
- Drug usage
- Discrediting others or the community
- Parents joining for their child because it is an adults only group
- Not paying the required fees
- Illegal activity involving inappropriate behavior involving touching of a child or possession of child pornography
- Strong political opinions/beliefs that are shared repetitively
- Fraud
- Selling of LEGO support
- No businesses
- Inappropriate behavior/actions/communication of a sexual manner toward other members
- Lying
- Bullying
- Profiting from other members
- Religious issues
- Inappropriate material
- Working against the community by taking events and other opportunities instead of sharing with the community
- LEGO Sellers