



Worldchefs Young Chefs Clubs (YCC) Guidelines

Worldchefs Mission Statement

The World Association of Chefs' Societies (Worldchefs) is a non-political, professional organization, dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisines. We accomplish these goals through education, training and professional development of our international membership. As an authority and opinion leader on food, Worldchefs represents a global voice on all issues related to the culinary profession.

The objective of this document is to provide a guideline for Worldchefs associations and young chefs who wish to set up a Worldchefs Young Chefs Club in their country or area.

Each and every national association within the World Association has a commitment to develop young chefs; this development is written into their constitutions and by laws and this is also part of the mission of Worldchefs as an organisation.

The recommended upper age limit for members of a Worldchefs associated Young Chef Club is 25 years old. There may be exceptions for Young Chef Club members exceeding the age of 25, as they may still be studying in a culinary institution or serving as a committee member of the club in a mentoring role, although an upper limit of age of 28 is encouraged.

Age may be a barrier to membership in some countries. If a national association feels they need to employ a more flexible approach to the entry level to their young chefs club, it is recommended to base the membership criteria on the number of years worked in the kitchen. If an association feels these criteria will benefit them and encourage people to become members of their association and Young Chefs Club then a limit of no more than 6 years of kitchen experience may be applied. This criteria should be tailored to each association so that membership fees, competition participation or other age related issues are not affected.

With this in mind however, all Worldchefs endorsed culinary competitions classified as Young Chef Competitions enforce an upper age limit of 25 years of age on the day of competing. This criteria is subject to change as per the Worldchefs Culinary Committee.

The club must be formed under the umbrella of the National Worldchefs accredited association; and being recognised and supported by it. The word "Young" must be used as the name of the club and used in all correspondence when referring to young chefs. The Young Chefs Club should report to the Worldchefs Global Development of Young Chefs Committee each quarter of its on-goings. These guidelines are mandatory for the formation of a young chefs club. If senior members of an association wish to be involved in the young

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chef club, which they must be and are encouraged, they can do so by being supporters and mentors to the young club.

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If the association wishes to have a separate charter/constitution etc. for the young chefs club then that is their decision. However it is encouraged that the Young chefs Club falls under the constitution and bylaws of the national association which in turn already adheres to the Worldchefs guidelines and membership by laws etc.

If a young chefs club wishes to have a committee, that structure can be developed in a way that they feel best fits the organisation and in line with the wishes of the national association. It is not mandatory to have a committee but highly encouraged to ensure the club is active, and structured.

Suggested activities for the Young chefs club are similar to those of the senior association and that of Worldchefs as an overall association; education, humanitarian issues should be acted upon, fund raising activities for local community projects, visits to food related industries, involving local educational bodies, development of a social media site through face book, participation on the official Worldchefs Young Chefs Club Facebook page, participation in competitions, both local and internationally The list is endless of what a young chef club can do and is only driven by those willing to take part.

Participation in the Worldchefs Congress every two years is encouraged and supported by all members of the association. During the congress there is the Bill Gallagher Young Chefs Forum which is open to all young chefs of Worldchefs and beyond. It is encouraged that each member country has representation at every congress and young chef forum as this is an ideal opportunity for young chefs to meet their peers and be involved with the senior members.

Activities the Worldchefs Global Development of Young Chefs Committee focuses on and encouraged all to be part of:

- Engagement of Young Chefs through social media platform, i.e. Facebook and Blog
- Sending at least 2 young chefs to the Bill Gallagher Forum from each Worldchefs member country
- Supporting the Young Chef Exchange programme
- Supporting other Worldchefs initiatives (Feed the Planet, Worldchefs Without Borders, Education etc)
- Support and drive the establishment of Young Chefs Clubs in all Worldchefs member countries
- Engaging Young Chefs
- Developing a network of Young Chef Ambassadors, mentoring and supporting them

The Global Development of Young Chefs is a committee within Worldchefs tasked with the development of young chefs around the world. Working with the Worldchefs member associations, they are on hand to help any Young Chef Clubs anyway in the world. The team has a network of carefully selected Young Chef Ambassadors, who acts as conduit between Worldchefs and the young chefs in their region.

The Global Development of Young Chefs Committee encourages senior members or young enthusiastic chefs of the association to contact us for any assistance you may need.