Optional to all members to participate. If want to participate the member places $2.00 into the kitty. There is a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The member who loses the most weight in a 6 week period receives first place and than on down the line. A member has to loose a minimum of 1 pound in order to be eligible. Our club usually ends up with $18.00 in the kitty so we split the winnings 1st - $9.00, 2nd -$6.00 and 3rd- $3.00. The participating members decide how to split the winnings on the first night of the contest depending on how big the kitty is.