



The Johnsonville High School Chapter of THE NATIONAL BETA CLUB



CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Johnsonville High School Chapter of the National Beta Club.

Article II

Affiliation and Co-ordination

This chapter of the National Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Beta Club and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the national constitution of the central organization of the National Beta Club. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of the National Beta Club.

Article III

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote service, leadership, character, and academic achievement at Johnsonville High School.

Article IV

Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students of the ninth (9th), tenth (10th), eleventh (11th), and twelfth (12th) grades of Johnsonville High School who, because of their worthy character, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the advisory of the Johnsonville High School chapter, provided, of course, that these students meet the requirements as set forth in the By-laws of this organization as appended herein below.

Article V

Officers

The officers of this chapter of National Beta Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary. In order to run for office, a member must be in good standing with the organization, meet the academic, service hours, and behavioral requirements of this organization, and may not owe any fees to the organization.

The duties of the President shall be to preside at the meetings; to represent this organization when necessary; to help assist with State and National Convention projects; and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution and its By-laws.

The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at the meetings when the President is absent

or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office; to help assist with State and National Convention projects; and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep attendance at all meetings; record the minutes of the meetings; to help assist with State and National Convention projects; and to carry on the necessary correspondence.

Article VI

Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall be designated in the By-laws.

Special meetings may be called by the President after consultation with and the approval of the sponsor of the club, or the sponsor may call a special meeting.

Article VII

Services

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Johnsonville High School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of the National Beta Club shall - after consultation with and upon approval of the advisor of the high school - undertake some service projects, as designated in the By-laws appended herein below.

Article VIII

Amending the Constitution

The constitution of this organization may be amended during the school year, as defined by Florence School District Five (generally August – June), by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting.

The constitution of this organization may be amended outside of the school year, as defined by Florence School District Five (generally June – August), by the advisor of this chapter of the National Beta Club. Any changes made to the constitution must be reviewed during the first meeting of this organization.

BY-LAWS
of the Johnsonville High School
Chapter of The National Beta Club

Article I

Time and Place of Meetings

The time and place of meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be scheduled only after consultation with, and upon the approval of, the advisor of the Johnsonville High School chapter.

The time of the meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be 3:35pm.

The place of the meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be the Johnsonville High School's cafeteria or sponsors' classrooms.

Article II

Definitions

Advisor

The advisor shall be defined as the faculty or staff advisor(s) of this chapter of the National Beta Club.

Quorum

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a majority of the membership. However, certain matters – such as a discussion of the determination of selection of new members, the presentation of a program, etc. – may be carried on at a regular or special meeting without a quorum being present.

Article III

Standards of Membership

Standards of membership in the Johnsonville High School chapter of the National Beta Club must conform to the general features set forth in the national constitution, and in all cases must be approved by the advisor of the high school chapter.

The classes from which members may be invited shall be the Freshman (9th grade), Sophomore (10th grade), Junior (11th grade), and Senior (12th grade) classes. The scholastic requirements for membership in this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be an overall average of 90.00 (without rounding) with no major discipline referrals to the administration within the previous school year. Freshmen shall be invited for membership in this chapter based on their eighth (8th) grade overall year averages of 90.00 (without rounding) from English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors shall be invited for membership in this chapter based on their overall average of 90.00 (without rounding). A student must maintain an overall average of 90.00 (without rounding) throughout his/her remaining school years. Membership will be established at the beginning of each school year. New members will not be allowed to join during second semester. Former members may be able to be reinstated during second semester.

Members of the Johnsonville High School chapter of the National Beta Club must complete a total of twenty (20) hours of approved service to the school, the community, or a combination of the two per academic school year. Five (5) hours must be completed during the Fall semester and five (5) hours must be completed in the Spring semester. The remaining ten (10) hours can be completed any time during the academic school year. Service hours cannot be completed for family members.

Members of the Johnsonville High School Beta Club are responsible to ensure that they are regularly checking the school email to ensure that they are receiving all individual communications about their memberships.

Article IV

Induction of Members

The induction of new members into the membership of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. New members are expected to attend the induction ceremony. The officers of this chapter are required to attend the induction ceremony. Returning members are encouraged to attend the induction ceremony.

Article V

Loss of Membership

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be put on probation for a period of one semester if he/she does not attend at least one (1) in-person monthly meeting per semester. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If he/she fails to attend one (1) in-person monthly meeting during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be put on probation for the remainder of the semester if he/she does not attend the induction ceremony. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If he/she fails to complete any of the membership requirements during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and also from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be put on probation for a period of one semester if his/her scholastic average falls below 90.00 (without rounding). During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If he/she fails to raise his/her scholastic average during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and also from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be dropped from membership if he/she does not pay his/her yearly dues by the date set forth by the advisor. A member will be given a probationary period of ten (10) school days to pay his/her dues from the date set forth by the advisor. If the dues are not paid during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and also from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be put on probation for a period of one semester if he/she does not complete five (5) approved service hours per academic semester as determined by the by-laws of this organization. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If he/she fails to complete the five (5) approved service hours during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be put on probation for a period of one semester if he/she does not complete twenty (20) approved service hours per academic school year as determined by the by-laws of this organization. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If he/she fails to complete the twenty (20) approved service hours during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be put on probation for a period of one semester if he/she does not participate in fundraising activities set forth by the organization. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. Fundraising funds may be used for service projects, transportation, representation by this chapter of the National Beta Club at state and national conventions and competitions, and chapter ceremonies.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be put on probation for a period of one semester if he/she does not participate in this chapter's service project per academic semester as determined by the by-laws of this organization. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If he/she fails to participate in this chapter's service project during the probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and from the National Beta Club roll.

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be put on probation due to disciplinary measures. If a member receives three (3) or more Level 1 offenses from administration within a semester (excluding tardies), he/she shall be put on probation for a period of one semester. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If a member continues to receive Level 1 offenses from administration during his/her probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and from the National Beta Club roll.

If a member receives one (1) Level 2 offense, he/she shall be put on probation for a period of one semester. During the probationary period, his/her name remains on the roll. If a member continues to receive Level 1 offenses or another Level 2 offense from administration during his/her probationary period, his/her name is dropped from the local chapter's roll and from the National Beta Club roll.

If a member receives one (1) Level 3 offense, a conviction of a crime, a referral to REBOOT for disciplinary reasons, he/she will be immediately removed from the roll of this chapter of the Beta Club and from the roll of the National Beta Club.

In the event that any officer is put on probation, he/she will automatically lose his/her office and an emergency election will be held. If the President is put on probation, the Vice President will

automatically take over the President's position. A new Vice President will be elected. If the Vice President or Secretary is on probation, an election will be held to replace that office.

The advisor of Johnsonville High School may drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons. Any member dropped for disciplinary or moral reasons will not be eligible for reinstatement in the Johnsonville High School chapter of the National Beta Club.

A student dropped from membership may be reinstated provided he/she meets the requirements set forth in the constitution and by-laws of this chapter of the National Beta Club.

If and when a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be reported to the national office of the National Beta Club immediately.

Article VI

Reinstatement

A student who wishes to be reinstated into the Johnsonville High School chapter of the National Beta Club must wait a period of 90 school days.

If a member who has been dropped is later reinstated, he/she will not be required to pay an additional national certificate fee.

Article VII

Service Project

As soon as possible after its activation in the fall semester of the school year, this chapter of the National Beta Club will undertake two programs of service which will be of benefit to Johnsonville High School, the community of Johnsonville, and/or National Beta. One program of service will be in the fall semester and the other in the spring semester. This project shall be determined only after consultation with, and upon approval of, the advisor of the high school chapter.

Article VIII

Local Dues and Assessments

The local dues of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be \$10.00 per year for returning members. A new inductee shall have a due in the amount of \$35.00 to cover his/her national certificate fee. Local dues may be used for Beta Club chapter dues, service projects, transportation, representation by this chapter of the National Beta Club at state and national conventions and competitions, and chapter ceremonies. Dues must be paid to the advisor; dues will not be accepted at the main office. In the case that the sponsor is absent or unavailable, dues may be paid to another sponsor. Assessments may be made upon the membership to defray the costs of special undertakings.

Article IX

State Convention

A member attending the convention must maintain the character of a Beta Club member (see Article IV of constitution) or may be subject to disciplinary action.

Officers of this chapter of the National Beta Club must help assist with the state convention.

A member wishing to attend the state convention will have a separate expense he/she must pay and/or fundraise the funds.

A member of this chapter on probation during the first semester of a school year may participate in meetings and activities for the state convention. However, if he/she has not come off probation by the second semester of a school year, then he/she cannot attend the state convention. Any money paid is forfeited.

The advisor and/or administration of Johnsonville High School may keep a member of this chapter from attending the state convention for moral or disciplinary reasons. Any member who is not allowed to attend the state convention for disciplinary or moral reasons will forfeit any money already paid toward the state convention.

If a member of this chapter of the National Beta Club is placed on probation during the second semester, he/she is eligible to attend the state convention.

National Convention

A member attending the convention must maintain the character of a Beta Club member (see Article IV of constitution) or may be subject to disciplinary action.

Officers of this chapter of the National Beta Club must help assist with the national convention.

A member wishing to attend the national convention will have a separate expense he/she must pay and/or fundraise the funds.

A member of this chapter on probation during the second semester of a school year may participate in meetings and activities for the national convention. Seniors who are on probation during the second semester must be cleared from his/her probationary status in order to attend the national convention. If the senior is not cleared from his/her probationary status, then he/she cannot attend the national convention. The senior must graduate with his/her Beta recognition to be eligible to attend the national convention. If probationary status is not cleared, any money paid is forfeited. Underclassmen on probation during second semester is eligible to attend the national convention.

The advisor and/or administration of Johnsonville High School may keep a member of this chapter from attending the national convention for moral or disciplinary reasons. Any member who is not allowed to attend the national convention for disciplinary or moral reasons will forfeit any money already paid toward the national convention.

Article X

Reserve the Right

All Beta Club by-laws coincide directly with the rules of the National Beta Club, and all members will be subject to both sets of laws.

The sponsors along with the administration reserve the right to address any other situation that may arise which are not specifically mentioned above.

Article XI

Amending the By-laws

The By-laws of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be amended during the school year, as defined by Florence School District Five (generally August – June), by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous meeting.

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