

# **GREENE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB**



## **By-Laws**

### **Greene County High School Beta Club Chapter of the National Beta Club**

#### **Article I**

##### **Time and Place of Meetings**

The time and place of meetings of the Greene County High School Beta Club shall be decided upon after consultation with, and upon the approval of the principal of Greene County High School and the sponsor(s) of this club.

Meetings of the Greene County High School Beta Club shall be monthly. The time and place of the meeting will be set by the executive committee with sponsor approval.

#### **Article II**

##### **Quorum**

A quorum of the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club shall be constituted by a majority of the membership. No action may be taken which is binding upon the membership unless a quorum is present. However, certain matters such as a discussion of means of taking in 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**

Standard of membership in the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Constitution and, in all cases, must be approved by the principal of Greene County High School.

The classes from which members may be drawn shall be grades ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12).

The scholastic requirements for membership in the Greene County High School Beta Club shall be a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.000 for the past academic year or receive a combined score of 1,150 on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT).

##### **Academic Probation**

- Members with a 3.2 grade point average out of a possible 4.000 may be invited to participate for a trial period of one semester.
- Junior and sophomore members who fall below a 3.5 grade average will be placed on a trial period of one semester during which they must increase their grade point average to reflect an average of 3.5.
- Seniors who are placed on probation the last semester preceding the graduation date will be withdrawn from the membership role.

##### **Behavior Management**

The behavioral requirements for membership in the Greene County High School Beta Club shall be a minimal number of infractions with no infraction greater than an event equivalent to a tardy.

Students who not meet behavioral requirements for membership may request a hearing from the school's discipline principal.

## **Article IV**

### **Induction of Members**

The induction of new members into the membership of the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club shall be one of dignity and appropriate to the ideals of the organization. No pre-induction or initiation activities are permitted. No induction ceremony shall be permitted that brings physical harm or mental embarrassment to the student, the school, or the community.

## **Article V**

### **Loss of Membership**

A member of the Greene County High School Beta Club may be dropped from membership if he/she is absent without a justifiable reason from three (3) consecutive meetings.

A member of the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if his/her scholastic record falls below a 3.5 average.

A member of the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if his/her behavioral record indicates that the member lacks acceptable standard social ethics.

A member of the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if he/she does not fulfill his/her service projects.

A member of the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if he/she does not return the appropriate amount of funds for a fundraising event.

No member may be dropped from membership for scholastic or behavioral deficiency without being accorded a probationary period of one semester to raise scholastic and/or behavioral deficiencies above the minimum required for membership.

The principal of Greene County High School may drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons that are deemed to be sufficient.

A student who has been dropped from membership may be reinstated provided he/she meets the requirements laid down in this Constitution and By-Laws of this chapter of the National Beta Club.

If a member who has been dropped is later reinstated, he/she will not be required to pay the National Beta Club fee again, but he/she will be required to pay the local fee again.

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

Members who are dropped from the Greene County High School Beta Club chapter of the National Beta Club and are not reinstated will not be able to list the Beta Club as an extracurricular activity on any kind of application.

## **Article VI**

### **Service Project**

As soon as possible after its activation in the *fall* semester of the school year, the Greene County High School chapter of the National Beta Club will undertake a program of service which will be of benefit to the Greene County High School. This project shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and approval of, the principal of the school. Members of the Greene County High School Beta Club must earn a minimum of five (5) service points per year or five (5) hours of service that contributes to the growth of the Beta Club.

## **Article VII**

## **Local Dues and Assessments**

New members are required to pay membership dues to the National Beta Club and will be assessed in accordance with the membership fee established by the National Beta Club, and new members will pay the minimum renewal fee set by the Greene County High School chapter of the National Beta Club.

The local dues of the Greene County High School chapter of the National Beta Club shall be a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00) per year with annual renewal fees set by the executive officers.

Assessments may be made upon the membership from time-to-time to defray costs of special events such as conventions, field trips, or a desired event.

## **Article VIII**

### **Amending the By-Laws**

The **By-Laws** of Greene County High School chapter of the National Beta Club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club at a previous meeting.

### **Appendix/Committees**

#### **Executive: President**

- Carry out the By-Laws established for the organization.

#### **Program: Vice President**

- New member invitation: Distribute invitations and collect new member response.
- Induction ceremony: Establish date, time, and place for the ceremony.

#### **Convention: Appointed by Executive Committee**

- Inform membership of all decisions.
- Investigate convention cost each year.
- Decide upon initial down payment to reserve space for convention housing and transportation.
  - Inform membership of due dates to reserve space
- Decide which events club members should participate in for each year.
  - Decide upon competitors for competitive events
  - Arrange for practice of the event.

#### **Fundraising: Appointed by Executive Committee**

- Establish time and place for new members and old members to pay dues.
- Follow proper procedure for fundraising events.
- Present a calendar-year request with dates listed and events named.

#### **Publicity: Appointed by Executive Committee**

- Assist in keeping the school community informed of Beta events, especially academic and service events.
- Assist in preparing the print and electronic scrapbook.

#### **Service: Appointed by Executive Committee**

- Meet with other club officers, the school council, and Greene County High School Beta Club membership to determine acceptable service projects for the school.
- Develop a plan of action to complete the service project.
- Present the plan of action to the club sponsors and principal for review, changes, and approval.