

JCHS National Beta Club Constitution and bylaws

We determined that the purpose of the JCHS chapter of Senior Beta shall be synonymous with the National Senior Beta Organization's purpose.

National Beta Club

Club Goals or Purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be: to promote the ideals of honesty, service, morality, ethical conduct, and leadership among secondary school students, to reward meritorious achievement, and to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school.

The Motto of the National Beta Club shall be: "Ducamus aliis serviendo" ("Let us lead by serving others.")

Community Engagement:

Students in Beta Club are required to perform community service in the form of donating to a cause, working with the elderly, working with and volunteering for community organizations, and volunteering for various community events.

It was determined by the committee that each James Clemens High School Beta Club member would perform a minimum of 30 individual hours of community service/volunteer work per year. This is not inclusive of the club community service projects that the club will complete as a whole group.

Procedures for the collection and disbursement of club funds in accordance with the National Board Policies: See excerpt from National Beta Constitution concerning collection of fees.

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Section 4. Membership Fees

Subsection A - *National Fees*

There are no charter charges to establish a chapter of the National Beta Club. The per student membership fee for entry into the Beta Club is a one-time payment of thirty two dollars for entry as a senior member. This is the only *membership* fee the student pays to the national organization. There will be no refund of membership fees after the student is certified for membership. The membership fee is payable by each student regardless of the date of affiliation with the organization.

Subsection B - *Local Fees*

Additional assessments may be made by local clubs for purposes of carrying on their work locally. The cost of membership in the club should be kept at an absolute minimum, so that no worthy student is unable to become a member for financial reasons.

It was determined by the committee that the one-time fee for membership into the James Clemens High School Senior Beta Club would be \$70 for each new inductee. \$32 dollars would go toward the National fee and would include each student's receipt of (1) a membership certificate, (2) a membership card, (3) an official pin, (4) a subscription to the member's only website betaweb.org for the time the member is in school, and (5) a seal for the senior high diploma of each student upon graduation. \$38 would be retained locally in a chapter account to cover the cost of operating the club locally. Local operation cost would include items needed for the official induction ceremony, receptions, purchasing paper for club business and other costs the club might incur in order to operate.

Membership and Grades:

It was determined by the committee that membership would be based on the goals and purpose set forth by the National Beta Club Board policy concerning integrity, honesty, leadership and so forth as mentioned above. Interested students would be required to present letters of recommendation and/or a list of interested students would be submitted to the faculty for approval or disapproval based on the qualities and characteristics mentioned above. In addition to that, **a GPA of 3.0** would be required to attain and maintain membership for the James Clemens High School chapter of Senior Beta Club.

It was also determined that any school disciplinary issues and/actions could be grounds for removal from Beta Club as in accordance with the National Bylaws and Constitution. See below.

Section 8. Disqualification and Reinstatement

Since the National Beta Club is a merit organization, members who fail to maintain an exemplary record, or who engage in personal conduct unbecoming members of the Beta Club, may be disqualified from membership pursuant to policies developed by the National Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP A member of this National Beta (Junior/Senior) Beta club may be put on probation or dropped from membership for the following reasons; • If he/she is absent without a justifiable reason from 3 regular consecutive meetings. • If his/her academic record falls below 3.0. • If he/she fails to attain at least 30 service hours without a

justifiable reason. • If his/her character and behavior record falls below the characteristics specified in the National standards of membership.

If and when a member is put on probation, they have the opportunity to be added back on the active school roster. If and when a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the National Office of National (Junior/Senior) Beta immediately. (Specify your policy.)

Concerning chapter meetings:

It is a requirement that each local chapter meet at least once a month. It was determined that the James Clemens High School chapter of Senior Beta would meet once each month and that each member may have no more than 3 excused absences from club events and meetings within a calendar school year. Club events, meeting times and dates would be determined each calendar year to best accommodate the schedules of the group as a whole.

Concerning the state convention and attendance:

Each year, each state holds an annual state convention of the state's chapters. Students come together in one location to compete academically, artistically either as solo performers or as group performers, and to run for state office. It was determined by the committee that any student who wishes to attend the annual state convention must compete in a competition of some form or campaign for state office.

National convention is by invitation only to those students who win the top levels of competition on the state level or are elected to hold a state officer position.

Summary of membership requirements:

Students grades 9-12

3.0 GPA

New membership dues of \$70 (one-time payment)

30 individual hours of service/volunteer work within the community per year and turned in by deadline

Member in good standing and within the school community

Attendance and participation to all meetings and club events/ 3 excused absences allowed in 1 calendar year.