

SAMPLE BYLAWS



ARTICLE I: TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

The time, day, and place of meetings of National (Junior/Senior) Beta club will be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon the approval of, the principal of _____ (name of school).

National (Junior/Senior) Beta club meetings are at _____ (specify time and place decided upon).
The meetings will occur every _____ (specify the meeting frequency).

ARTICLE II: QUORUM

A quorum of this organization 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

Standards of membership in the _____ (name of school) National (Junior/Senior) 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 the school.

The grade levels from which members may be drawn are _____ (specify what grade levels).

All students must be performing at or above grade level in order to be eligible for membership. The academic requirements for membership in the National (Junior/Senior) Beta club are _____ (specify your academic requirements approved by principal).

The service requirements for membership in the National (Junior/Senior) Beta club are _____ (specify your service requirements approved by principal).

The character and behavioral requirements for membership in the National (Junior/Senior) Beta club are _____ (specify your character and behavior requirements approved by principal).

ARTICLE IV: INDUCTION OF MEMBERS

The induction of new members into this National Beta (Junior/Senior) club will be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the principal of _____ (name of school). It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the initiate.

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 _____ (specify the number) regular consecutive meetings.
- If his/her academic record falls below _____ (specify academic minimum).
- If he/she fails to attain at least _____ (specify service minimum) service hours without a justifiable reason.
- If his/her character and behavior record falls below _____ (specify character and behavior requirements).

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.)

ARTICLE VII: LOCAL DUES

National Beta is for qualifying students in grades 4-12. There is a \$15 national fee for each division:

- Elementary (grades 4-5)
- Junior (grades 6-8)
- Senior (grades 9-12)

The local dues of this club of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be _____ (specify amount) per year. Local dues are used for _____ (specify how the local dues will be used). The cost of local membership in the club will be kept at an absolute minimum, so that no worthy student is unable to become a member for financial reasons.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDING THE BYLAWS

The bylaws of this National (Junior/Senior) 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.