

**Constitution  
Of the Union Grove High School  
National Beta Club**

**Article I**

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Union Grove 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 the promotion of scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Union Grove High School and within the community.

**Article IV**

Membership

The membership of this organization shall be composed of Union Grove High School students of the tenth through twelfth grades who have been approved for membership by the executive head of Union Grove High School because of their worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude. An additional provision of membership is 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 the National Beta Club shall be Senior Co-President, Junior Co-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Committee Coordinator.

The duties of the Senior Co-President are the following: to attend meetings and club activities, to preside at meetings, to prepare agendas for the officers' meetings, to collaborate with the officers to prepare agendas for all general Beta meetings, to represent this organization when necessary, to arrange guest speakers, to facilitate club endeavors, and to administer the policies as laid down in the constitution and by-laws.

The duties of the Junior Co-President are the following: to attend meetings and club activities, to preside over meetings in the absence of the Senior Co-President, to collaborate with the officers to prepare agendas for all general Beta Club meetings, to manage fundraising activities, to organize competition aspects for the state convention, and to coordinate assistance with special events at UGHS, and to assist in the administering of the affairs of the chapter—serving on committees as designated by the by-laws.

The duties of the secretary shall be to attend meetings and club activities, to keep the records of new and continuing memberships, to record minutes of the meetings, to collaborate with other officers to prepare the agenda for all general Beta meetings, to type the agenda for the regular meetings, to carry on the necessary club correspondence, and to administer the affairs of the chapter as designated in the by-laws.

The duties of the treasurer shall be the following: to attend meetings and club activities, to maintain accurate records of attendance and funds, to report each six weeks to the club any expenditures and a balance of the club's account, to disseminate club magazines, and to administer the affairs of the chapter as designated in the by-laws.

The duties of the historian shall be to attend meetings and club activities, to assist in the keeping of the historical records of the club whether in writing or in pictures, to collaborate with other officers to prepare the agenda for all

general Beta meetings, to coordinate the inspiration for the general meetings, to maintain an updated system of announcements, and to serve on the necessary committees as designated in the by-laws.

The duties of the committee chairperson shall be to attend meetings and club activities; to manage the committees of this chapter: service, convention, fund raising, and executive and to report in a timely manner to the sponsor the progress of committee's activities.

#### **Article VI** Meetings

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

The Co-Presidents after consultation with and the approval of the executive committee and the faculty sponsor of the club may call special meetings.

The public may be invited to attend any regular or special meeting of this organization if approved by majority vote at any previous meeting with a quorum present.

#### **Article VII** Services

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Union Grove High School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of the National Beta Club shall after consultation and approval of the executive head of the school and faculty sponsor undertake some worthwhile service project(s) as designated in the by-laws herein below.

#### **Article VIII** Amending the Constitution

The constitution of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous meeting.

#### **Article IX** Committees

The committees of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be service, convention, fundraising, and executive/induction.

The duties of the service committee activities of this organization are to cooperate with the executive head of the faculty sponsor in selecting and promoting those service projects selected by the club, to maintain accurate records of participation, and to direct any necessary disciplinary action such as dropping a member from membership or placing him on probation as a result of lack of participation in activities.

The duties of the convention committee shall be to assist the sponsor in developing and administering the necessary tests for convention competition, to assist the sponsor in the development of policies and procedures pertaining to the convention attendance, to oversee the disciplinary action for failure to follow convention policies of the local chapter and/or the National Beta Club, to assist in the promotion and development of any other competition in which members participate at the State or National Convention, to assist in the decisions to be made in reference to necessary funds for the State or national Convention, and to assist the sponsor with any convention matters deemed necessary by the organization.

The duties of the fund raising committee shall be to select the possible means of fund raising for the organization, to meet with the representatives of companies promoting products for the organization to sell, to establish policies and procedures for club members to follow in the activities selected, to oversee the disciplinary action for failure to follow the policies/procedures and deadlines in reference to fund raising, and to assist the sponsor in decisions to be made in reference to fund raising for the organization.

The duties of the executive committee shall be to assist the officers in carrying out the policies of this organization, to cooperate with the sponsor in creating a roster of qualified students to invite into membership, to assist in the organization of the induction ceremony and all paperwork included, to direct any necessary disciplinary action such as expulsion or probation from the club.

**By-Laws  
of the Union Grove High School  
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 decided upon only after consultation with and upon the approval of the executive head of Union Grove High School and faculty sponsor.

The time of the meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be 7:45 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. The place of the meetings and the dates will be announced at the first general meeting of each school year.

**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, and the like 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 Union Grove High School 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 executive head of the high school.

The classes from which members may be drawn shall be rising tenth graders and first semester tenth graders.

The scholastic and behavior requirements for membership in this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be the following:

- A 3.5 weighted GPA in all preceding class work from the fall session of the ninth grade to the point of induction.
- No previous in school or out of school suspension.

Membership induction will be during the spring session of each school year. A pre-induction meeting with the officers, the sponsor, the executive head of the high school, and all new inductees will be held prior to the date of the induction. All materials such as policies, procedures, the constitution and the by-laws will be distributed to the inductees. All new members will sign as a record that he/she has received the information and understands all policies.

**Article IV  
Maintaining membership**

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club must maintain the following requirements for each school year from the first day of the fall session until the last day of the spring session.

1. A member must maintain a 3.5 weighted GPA or above.
2. If the GPA drops below 3.5, the member will have the following semester to raise the GPA to a 3.5 or above or he/she will be dropped from the club without reinstatement.
3. A member must participate in one of the service projects.
4. To maintain membership for the ensuing year, a member must acquire a minimum of **80 points throughout the school year plus 20 points from the previous summer's service for a total of 100 points by the end of May**. If a member fails to obtain their summer points, these points may be made up throughout the school year; however, a member must have a total of 40 points by the end of December including points from the summer and new school year. Students may accrue a maximum of 20 points for summer service, no more. **Seniors must have their points completed by the last week of April.**
5. A payment of \$15.00 dues is to be paid by the October meeting.
6. Club activity points are earned through club projects, meetings, and fundraisers. **Activity points** may be earned through the following:

A. Attending monthly meetings	4 points (5 points with Beta shirt)
B. Convention	
Each general session	3 points
Talent competition	10 points
Banner competition	10 points
Flag competition	10 points
Quiz bowl	10 points
Officer candidate	10 points
Officer's skit	10 points
Scrapbook	10 points
Oratory	10 points
Each academic test	6 points
C. Teacher or Office Assistant	1 per hour worked
D. School service	2 per hour worked
E. Community service-club projects	2 per hour worked
F. Special Olympics	2 per hour worked
G. Donations	
Monetary	2 points per \$5.00
Food	1 point per can
Valentines	1 point per box
Baked items	2 points per dozen

H. Others designated by sponsor, executive committee, or head of the high school

**Individual service points** may be earned through voluntary service which benefits the good of others and entails no payment. These include but are not limited to church related mission activities, food pantry volunteer, work at shelters for the underprivileged, assistance with children's camps, hospital volunteer, and clean-up the environment functions. In order to receive credit for non-club sponsored activities, a member must complete a Beta point sheet. Information needed for this form includes student name, activity's name, number of hours served, a signature from the person in charge of the activity, and an explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the member and how this activity is for the good of others. Two points are earned for each hour of service.

7. Service activities through other clubs MAY count toward Beta hours with PRIOR approval from the sponsor. Donations to other clubs will NOT count for Beta points.
8. Outside-of-the-club points may NOT exceed 45 points.
9. No more than 30 points may be earned from donations to the club.
10. Officers that cannot make it to a meeting must be given prior approval. If they do not, they will be penalized 2 points. Once an officer has been penalized for more than 6 points, he will be removed from office. An officer should not be more than 10 minutes late; otherwise, he is not counted as present to the meeting.
11. Letters of notice will be sent each semester if a member is deficient in any area of attendance or grades. Two consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings will result a notice of probation and warning that an additional unexcused absence will result in termination of membership.

## Article V

### Loss of Membership

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if he does the following:

- Fails to pay his yearly dues by the deadline.
- Fails to participate in one of the club sponsored project/activities.
- Fails to return the funds necessary for the selling of fund raising projects.
- Fails to maintain a weighted GPA of 3.5.
- Fails to maintain good character, creditable achievement, commendable attitudes, or other standards set forth by the club.
- Has three or more consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings.
- Has been suspended. This will result in immediate termination.
- Has served in-school suspension. This will result in immediate probation and possible termination pending a hearing by the sponsors and officers.

The executive head of Union Grove High School may drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons that are deemed by him to be sufficient.

A member dropped for any reason will not be reinstated. If and when a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the National Office of the National Beta Club immediately.

**Article VI**  
Service Project(s)

The service projects for the membership of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be decided on by the sponsor and officers and with the approval of the executive head of Union Grove High School.

The only mandatory project for each member is the one decided at a designated time set by the members of the club.

Other service projects will be available for members to participate and receive activity points according to the standards set by the sponsor and the membership of the club. These may change from year to year and situation to situation.

**Article VII**  
Convention

Each member of the chapter may be afforded the opportunity to attend the State and National Conventions which are held annually. Student members conduct the meetings and activities of these conventions. Usually the convention is a two-day affair with the main features being a talent contest, student led conferences, academic competition, election of state student officers, and a dance. The chapter sponsor or other school official accompanies club members attending the convention.

A code of conduct is presented to each sponsor prior to the convention date. The local chapter of Union Grove High School shall have an additional code of conduct which members attending are expected to follow. Failure to follow these codes of conduct may lead to the termination of a student's membership. The student in question will be brought before the Convention and Executive Committees, the sponsor, and the executive head of Union Grove High School. With proper review, the member may be placed on probation with a time frame being given or may be dropped from the club without reinstatement.

Guidelines will be given to each member for pre-convention business to be handled properly. It is a member's responsibility to read and attend to the business according to the dates, places, and procedures given. Failure to do so may cost the member the opportunity to attend that convention. The sponsor and officers will cover such items as hotel payment, registration fees, room assignments, attendance, and local and national codes of conduct with members.

**Article VIII**  
Local Dues and Assessments

The local dues of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be \$15.00 per year.

Assessments may be made upon the membership to defray the cost of special undertakings.

**Article IX**  
Amending the By-Laws

The by-laws of this 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.

*The above constitution and by-laws of the Union Grove High School chapter of the National Beta Club have been reviewed and approved as written.*

Principal's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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