

**By-Laws of the Lewisburg Middle School (LMS) Junior Beta Club 2010-2011  
Chartered November 2009**

**Article I. 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 and transition to high school.

**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 discussion of taking in new members, the presentation of a program, etc. - may be carried on at a regular or special meeting and without a quorum's being present.

**Article III. Standards of Membership**

1. All new and current members must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades and must maintain a 93 or above (no rounding) overall average. Averages are calculated using all academic subjects.
2. Members must be present for at least 50% of all called meetings. Further, members must also be present for all events for which they volunteer.
3. Member service to the club will be enumerated in points. Members must accrue at least ten points per year to maintain membership.
4. Students are eligible for new membership only during the fall semester. Initial invitations to membership are determined by first nine-weeks grade averages at which time 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are notified of their eligibility and invited to join.
5. Any student who transfers to LMS from a school in which he or she was a member in good standing of a Beta Club chapter may transfer membership to the LMS chapter.
6. Induction is mandatory for new members.

**Article IV. Loss of Membership**

**Scholastic Probation and Suspension**

1. The term "probation" will be defined as a period during which a student may attend meetings but may not participate in any other Beta activities. A student who has been suspended will be stricken from the membership rolls both locally and nationally and may not attend meetings or activities as a member of the club.
2. If a member has less than a 93 average at the end of a 9 weeks grading period, he or she will be put on probation for one 9 week period. If grades are not improved, the student will be suspended from the Beta Club. Students are allowed to seek reinstatement after one 9 weeks period if grades have improved. Students who desire reinstatement should approach the sponsors to that end.
3. No member may be dropped from membership for scholastic deficiency without being accorded a probationary period of one 9 week period to raise his scholastic record above the minimums in Article III.
4. A member whose grades drop below the requirements due to a long illness or serious injury shall not be dropped until he or she is back in school and given a reasonable time to meet scholastic requirements.

**Disciplinary Probation and Suspension**

Members in violation of school policy which results in ISS for more than one day or OSS will be placed on immediate probationary status for 45 school days. All other offenses will be handled at the discretion of the sponsors. If during the probationary period, the student is again assigned to ISS or OSS, his or her membership in the club will be terminated. If, after the probationary period, the member has exhibited appropriate behavior and has had no further infractions, said member may be reinstated.

### **Attendance Probation and Suspension**

1. Members who fail to attend at least 50% of all called meetings for the school year will be placed on probation.
2. In the event that a member cannot be present at an event for which he or she has volunteered, the student must inform a sponsor in person or by phone before the event is to take place.

### **Article V. Meetings**

1. Regular meetings shall be held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:15 a.m., barring special circumstances.
2. Committee meetings will be held as needed, and members must be given at least 24-hours' notice of a meeting.

### **Article VI. Service Projects**

1. Each year this chapter of the Beta Club will undertake a program of service to the community. The nature and requirements of the projects will be decided upon by the sponsors and the principal; however, members are invited at the beginning of the year to make suggestions as to worthy activities.
2. A list of service projects will be available to the membership.

### **Article VII. Dues**

The sponsor and the National Beta Club office will determine the local dues of this chapter of the Beta Club.

### **Article VIII. Committees**

This chapter of the Beta Club will be served by five committees: the Project Committee, the Fundraising Committee, the Events Committee, the Scrapbook Committee, and the Attendance/Calendar Committee. Each committee will be headed up by an officer and a co-chair and consist of at least 5 additional committee members.

### **Article IX. Officers**

Officers will be elected in the Spring for the following academic year. The five officers are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

### **Article X. Amending the By-Laws**

The by-laws of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds 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.