

CONSTITUTION

and

BY-LAWS

of the

**TORONTO HIGH
SCHOOL CHAPTER**

of the

**NATIONAL SENIOR
BETA CLUB**

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Toronto High School Chapter of National Senior Beta Club.

Article II: Affiliation and Co-ordination

This chapter of National Senior Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of National Senior Beta Club, and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the national constitution of the central organization of National Senior Beta. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of National Senior Beta.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of academic achievement, scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Toronto Jr/Sr High School.

Article IV: Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up among students in the second semester of their ninth grade year, the tenth grade, the eleventh grade, and the twelfth grade at Toronto Jr/Sr High School who, because of their worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the Executive Head of the Toronto Jr/Sr High School and the Beta Club Faculty Council; provided, of course, 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 Senior Beta Club shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer

- The duties of the President shall be to preside at the meetings; attend officer meetings; to represent this organization when necessary; and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution and its by-laws.
- The duties of the Vice-president shall be to preside at the meetings when the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of the office; to attend officer meetings; and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter.
- The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the record of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; and to carry on the necessary club correspondence; to attend officer meetings.

- The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization; to attend officer meetings.

Article VI: Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall be determined by the club meeting schedule.

Special meetings may be called by the president after consultation with the approval of the faculty sponsor of the club, in order to complete a service project or plan an event.

Members are required to attend all meetings unless prior permission to be absent has been granted by the sponsor.

Article VII: Services

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Toronto Jr/Sr High School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of the National Beta Club shall, after consultation with and approval of the club sponsor, undertake at least one worthwhile service project per school year, as designated in the By-Laws appended herein below.

Article VIII: Amending the Constitution

The constitution of this organization may be amended by amended by a majority vote of the membership any time there is a quorum present (provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club, Faculty Sponsor, and THS Administration at a previous meeting) , by the Club Faculty Sponsor and Toronto Jr/Sr High School Administration, or when necessary to meet the standards set forth by the National Beta Club.

BY-LAWS

Article I: Time and Place of Meetings

- The time and place of meetings of this chapter of the National Senior Beta Club shall be decided upon by the Club Sponsor and Officers on a yearly basis, and be presented to the executive head of Toronto Jr/Sr High School for approval.
- There will be a minimum of 1 meeting per month.
- Extra meetings may be called, with sponsor approval, for the execution of a project or event.
- Officers of the Toronto Jr/Sr High School Chapter of the National Beta Club have 1 additional meeting per month, when necessary.

Article II: Membership Quorum

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a two-thirds majority of the membership. No action may be taken which is binding unless a quorum of members is present. However, certain matters, such as discussion of service projects, the presentation of a program, and so forth, may be carried out at a special meeting without a quorum being present or may be decided upon by the officers under the leadership of the faculty sponsor.

Article III: Membership Application

- Non-member students in grades nine, ten, and eleven, following the grade reports from the 1st semester, meeting the GPA requirement of the Toronto High School Beta Club (3.0) will be invited to apply for membership.
- Applications for membership will be accepted during an open application period, once during the school year.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Beta Club Faculty Council. The Council will use the application, student attendance record, student discipline record, and teacher recommendations to thoughtfully complete the Beta Club Applicant Rubric. The rubric evaluates students based on the 4 pillars of the Beta Club. A 75% or better rating in each area of the rubric is required for acceptance into the Toronto High School Beta Club.

Article V: Applicant Requirements

Standards of membership in the Toronto High School chapter of the National Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Beta Constitution and in all cases must be approved by the membership, the sponsor, the Beta Club Faculty Council, and the Toronto Jr/Sr High School administration.

- The scholastic requirements for membership in this Chapter of the National Beta Club shall be a 3.0 grade point average with no semester grade below a "C."
- The National Beta Club Constitution states that a student must be working on or at grade level to qualify for membership.
- Service requirements for induction into this Chapter of the National Beta Club are a minimum of 10 logged service hours and a clear dedication to serve the school and community on the application.
- The nonacademic requirements shall be no out-of-school suspension of any type and no major disciplinary referrals resulting from inappropriate behavior throughout grades 9 – 12 (these would include fighting, cheating, unlawful recording, etc). Only 2 minor discipline referrals will be forgiven (these would include detention for being tardy, cell phones, etc). The severity of an infraction is to be determined by the Beta Club Faculty Council.
- Admittance decisions made by the Faculty Council are final. However, students that are not accepted into the Toronto High School Beta Club may reapply in the next school year if their eligibility remains intact. No infractions from a previous school year will affect their acceptance.

Article IV: Induction of Members

The induction of new members into this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization.

- Those applicants accepting invitation will be inducted at the annual induction ceremony held during the Spring Semester.
- Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the Club Sponsor. It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the member.
- The induction ceremony will be held in co-operation with the National Honor Society.
- The induction ceremony will be attended by all current members and those being inducted, and will provide an opportunity for the officers to share with the new inductees the key ideals of the Beta Club.
- Inductees families will be invited.

Article V: Loss of Membership

A probationary period or dismissal from the Toronto Chapter of the Senior Beta Club may occur if any member fails to uphold the key ideals of the club or violates the rules of Toronto Jr/Sr High School.

- A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club will receive a warning from the sponsor after being absent from 2 consecutive regular monthly meetings without preapproval or a justifiable excuse. Should a third absence occur, the member will be dismissed.
- A member of this chapter who has a scholastic record that drops below a 3.0 GPA will be placed on probation for a minimum of 9 weeks. If in that 9 week period, the member is unable to return their GPA to the 3.0 scholastic minimum, the member will be dismissed.
- Members of the Toronto High School Beta Club are expected to complete 30 hours of community service annually. A member that fails to meet community service requirements will be placed on probation for 9 weeks and given the opportunity to complete the required amount of community service set forth in the probation; failure to do so will result in dismissal.
- A member that commits a disciplinary infraction will be placed on probation for a minimum of 9 weeks. Failure of that member to meet the criteria of his/her probation set forth by the Beta Club Faculty Council will result in dismissal. Any repeat infractions will result in dismissal.
- Members will be notified in writing of their probation and the expectations of them. The member and their parents will sign acknowledging receipt and understanding of expectations, and return to the club sponsor.
- Members will be notified in writing of dismissal. The member and their parents will sign acknowledging receipt and understanding and return to the club sponsor.
- A member has the right to appeal in writing a dismissal by submitting a letter to the club sponsor within 7 days of the receipt of a dismissal letter. The club sponsor will then set up a meeting in which the member can address the Faculty Council regarding the member's dismissal from this Chapter of the National Senior Beta Club. The Faculty Council will then convene and determine a final ruling.
- If and when a member is dismissed from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the national office of the National Beta Club immediately.

Article VI: Dues

Upon acceptance into the Toronto Chapter of the National Beta Club, a one-time, \$15 dues payment will be collected. This is paid to the National Beta Club. Once payment is received a pin, certificate, and membership card will be provided.

Article VII: Service

The Toronto Chapter of the Senior Beta Club will choose a minimum of 1 service project to complete per school year minimum. This will be decided as soon as possible following the activation of the Fall Semester. The service project will be decided by quorum. All members are welcome to present activities to the membership. Service activities should benefit the Toronto Jr/Sr High School, the Toronto Community, the Ohio Valley, or some nationally established charity or non-profit group. All service activities will be approved by the Club Faculty Sponsor and School Administration.

All members are expected to participate in club sponsored community service when appropriate and able.

Article VIII: Electing Officers

Officers will be elected at the end of each school year, for the year that follows. In order to run for an officer position, a member must:

- Entering into their senior year.
- Be in good standing in this chapter of the Beta Club.
- Complete an officer interest form.
- Obtain the majority of a quorum vote.

Article IX: Graduation Regalia

Members that have remained in good standing throughout their membership will receive recognition for their accomplishments and membership in this chapter of the National Beta Club at graduation. Members will be provided with a stole or chords only if they have maintained the required GPA, demonstrated the key ideals of the National Beta Club, and have completed the community service requirements.

Any student that attends the JVS will be responsible for providing the Club Sponsor with a list of Community Service activities that meet the requirements.

Article X: Amending the By-Laws

The by-laws of this chapter of the National Senior Beta Club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership any time there is a quorum present (provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club, Faculty Sponsor, and THS Administration at a previous meeting) , by the Club Faculty Sponsor and Toronto Jr/Sr High School Administration, or when necessary to meet the standards set forth by the National Beta Club.