



Compliance Committee

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The mission of the Ohio Lions Compliance Committee is to effectively educate, encourage, and assist Ohio Lions Clubs and Foundations to meet their fiduciary duties and filing requirements. Our goal is to achieve 100% compliance with the filing requirements of the IRS, Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Secretary of State, and the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Lions District OH-5 has 50 clubs and 7 club-level foundations for a total of 57 organizations tracked by the compliance committee. The latest check of all available databases was performed on August 13, 2021. Lions District OH-5 had the following compliance:

IRS Compliance

Last year, the district stood at 96% compliant (55 out of 57). All OH-5 clubs and foundations filed their IRS returns except for Marion Evening and West Milton. All clubs that use the standard fiscal year (ending June 30) are now due to file for 2020-2021.

Attorney General Compliance

Last year, the district stood at 98% compliant (56 out of 57). All OH-5 clubs and foundations filed their Attorney General returns except for Marion Evening. All clubs that use the standard fiscal year (ending June 30) are now due to file for 2020-2021.

Incorporation Compliance

The district stands at 93% compliant (53/57). It is strongly recommended that all clubs maintain incorporation status to increase the protection of their members. All OH-5 clubs and foundations are incorporated except: Columbus Southern Pines and Green Camp which have never incorporated; and Marion Evening and Mount Gilead whose incorporation was recently cancelled. Also of note are renewal due in 2021 for Columbus Northeast, London, Milford Center, Prospect, and Saint Paris.

Department of Taxation Compliance

All 501 c 4 organizations, such as Lions Clubs, must collect and submit sales tax from the public when selling taxable items as a fund-raising project. Currently there is no searchable database to monitor compliance. However, the state is preparing to crack down on non-compliant organizations. Clubs are strongly encouraged to get compliant now.

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