



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 55 clubs and 7 club-level foundations for a total of 62 organizations tracked by the compliance committee. The latest check of all available databases was performed on October 29, 2019. Lions District OH-5 had the following compliance:

IRS Compliance

- 74% (46 out of 62) have filed an IRS return for the current year.
- 5% (3 out of 62) have had their tax-exemption revoked. This is a serious issue and needs addressed. These 3 clubs are: Circleville, Columbus Inner City, and Columbus Northern. Columbus Northern reports they are working on their application.
- 21% (13 out of 62) have not completed their return as of 10/29/2019. The deadline to file is November 15th.

Attorney General Compliance

- 79% (49 out of 62) have filed their Ohio Attorney General return for the current year.
- 21% (13 out of 62) have not completed their return as of 10/29/2019. The deadline to file is November 15th.

Incorporation Compliance

- 97% (60 out of 62) are incorporated and up-to-date with this important protection.
- 3% (2 out of 62) are not incorporated. Although this is not mandated, it is strongly recommended for the club's protection. The 2 clubs not incorporated are Columbus Southern Pines and Green Camp.

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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