



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.

Below are the latest numbers and percentages of compliance. Lions District OH-5 has 53 clubs and 7 club-level foundations for a total of 60 organizations tracked by the compliance committee. The latest check of all available databases was performed on November 4, 2020. Zone Chairs and the Governor's Team has been sent individual club identification several times. Non-compliant clubs are contacted by the compliance committee as the deadlines approach.

IRS Compliance

The district stands at 68% (41 out of 60) compliant. Filing deadline is November 15th for the 19 remaining organizations. Columbus Inner City is the one club that had its tax exemption revoked and has not yet filed for reinstatement. This is an urgent matter and must be addressed. Multiple offers of help have gone unanswered.

Attorney General Compliance

The district stands at 78% (47 out of 60) compliant. Filing deadline is November 15th for the 13 remaining organizations. A \$200 fine will be issued for missing the deadline.

Incorporation Compliance

The district stands at 95% (57 out of 60) compliant. There are three clubs that are not incorporated. They are Delaware, Franklinton, and Green Camp. It is strongly recommended that these three clubs incorporate to increase the protection of their club members.

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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