



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 August 3, 2019. Lions District OH-5 had the following compliance:

IRS Compliance

- 94% (58 out of 62) filed an IRS return last fiscal year.
 - 6% (4 out of 62) have had their tax-exemption revoked. This is a serious issue and needs addressed. These 4 clubs are: Circleville, Columbus Inner City, Columbus Northern, and Larue.
- Note: **All clubs are to be reminded that this is an annual filing and returns are now due for clubs using a fiscal year ending June 30.**

Attorney General Compliance

- 100% (62 out of 62) filed their return last fiscal year.
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Incorporation Compliance

- 94% (59 out of 62) are incorporated and up-to-date with this important protection.
- 6% (3 out of 62) are not incorporated. Although this is not mandated, it is strongly recommended for the club's protection. The 3 clubs not incorporated are Columbus Southern Pines, Delaware (in the process), 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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