



## **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. Please remember, that for clubs with a fiscal year starting July 1, 2020, their IRS and Attorney General filings are now due again. Please complete these filings as soon as possible.

Lions District OH-5 has 54 clubs and 7 club-level foundations for a total of 61 organizations tracked by the compliance committee. The latest check of all available databases was performed on August 5, 2020. Lions District OH-5 had the following compliance:

#### **IRS Compliance**

The district stands at 98% (60 out of 61) compliant. Every club filed their IRS return for last year with the exception of Columbus Inner City which 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 100% (61 out of 61) compliant. Well done!

#### **Incorporation Compliance**

The district stands at 97% (59 out of 61) compliant. There are two clubs that are not incorporated. They are Delaware and Green Camp. It is strongly recommended that these two 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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