

# **Round Top - Carmine High School Chapter of the National Beta Club Constitution and By-Laws**

## **Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Round Top - Carmine ISD chapter of the National Junior/Senior Beta Club

## **Article II Affiliation and Coordination**

This National Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Junior/Senior Beta Club, and shall be governed by the policies laid down in the national constitution of the central organization of the National Junior/Senior Beta. It's motto, colors, creed, and official insignia will be those of the national organization of the National Junior/Senior Beta.

## **Article III Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is the promotion of academic achievement, character, leadership and service at Round Top - Carmine High School.

## **Article IV Membership**

The membership of this organization will be made up among students in 7th & 8th grade and 9th through 12 grade at Round Top - Carmine High School who, because of their credible achievement, good mentality, worthy character, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the principal of Round Top - Carmine High School.

## **Article V Officers**

The officers of this National Junior/Senior Beta Club will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Student Council Representative. The duties of President will be to

preside at the meetings, appoint the committees of the club, represent the organization when necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in the constitution and bylaws.

The duties of the Vice President will be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office, and to assist in administering the affairs of the club such as serving on committees. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer will be to keep the records of membership, record the minutes of the meetings, to keep a record of membership, to record the individual service hours, to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to the local club, collect and preserve the club's funds, and pay out of the club's funds to meet the financial obligations of the club. The duties of the Historian/Student Council Representative will be to create a digital or physical album of all Beta Club activities, inform the school and community of what is happening in the club, and to represent the club at other school/community meetings.

#### **Article VI Committees**

The permanent committees of the chapter of the National Beta Club shall be (1) Executive Entertainment (3) Publicity. The Executive Committee will consist of the all officers of this chapter, the adult sponsors and the principal of Round Top - Carmine High School. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to arrange the meetings of the club, carry out the policies and activities of this organization, to direct any necessary disciplinary action, and to develop the roster of qualified students to invite to membership and to cooperate with club sponsors in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the club. The duty of the Events Committee will be to look after the entertainment features of the social meetings such as decorations, refreshments, and special features. The duties of the Publicity Committee will be to work with the Historian to arrange for publicity of any activities for the club or it's members in the local paper and social media. In addition, the President may appoint special committees that may become necessary for the club.

#### **Article VII Meetings**

Regular meetings will be held at such times and places as designated in the bylaws.

#### **Article VIII Service Involvement**

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Round Top - Carmine High School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this National

Junior/Senior Beta club shall - after consultation with and upon the approval of the principal-undertake some worthwhile service projects.

## **Article IX Amending the Constitution**

The constitution of this organization may be amended by a two - thirds vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present; provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting.

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I Time and Place of Meetings**

The time and place of meetings for this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be decided upon by the Sponsors and officers after consulting with the principal at Round Top - Carmine High School.

### **Article II Quorum**

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a majority of the membership.

### **Article III Standards of Membership**

Standards of Membership in the Round Top - Carmine High School of the National Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Constitution and in all cases must be approved by the principal of the high school. The requirements for membership in the chapter shall be: Seventh and Ninth grade students eligibility will be determined by averaging their grades from the last six weeks of their previous year in school and the first six weeks of the current school year. The numeric average must be 90 or above. For all other high school students to be eligible for membership, they must have a numeric average of 90 or above in their academic courses for the previous two consecutive semesters of high school. Academic coursework will be in accordance with honor graduate standards and averages calculated for honor graduates. The principal and/or faculty may nominate a member for membership on the basis of outstanding leadership and citizenship. The candidate for membership shall be accepted by a majority vote.

**Article IV**  
**Induction**

Induction of new members into the membership of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any induction activity must be submitted to and approved by the principal of the high school.

**Article V**  
**Loss of Membership**

A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if his/her scholastic record falls below the club's standards. If a member drops below a numeric average of 90, the member will be put on probation for the following grading period. If the grade does not return to standards by the following grade check, the member can be dropped from membership. However, no member may be dropped from membership for scholastic deficiency without being accorded a probationary period of one six weeks to raise his or her scholastic record above the minimum required standard for membership. The principal of Round Top - Carmine High School may drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons. Any behavior resulting in ISS will result in the member being placed on probation and may not be qualified to participate in state or national convention. Any subsequent placement in ISS will result in the member being dropped from membership. Any behavior resulting in suspension or AEP placement will result in the member being dropped from membership. Any student failing to complete the attendance requirements or the appropriate number of service hours per academic year may be ineligible to qualify for participation in the state or national convention and membership the following year.

**Article VI**  
**Service Project**

As soon as possible after it's activation in the fall semester of each year, the Chapter will undertake programs of service that will benefit the community. The service projects will be decided upon after the consultation with and the approval of the high school principal. At a minimum, Round Top - Carmine will sponsor two service projects per year.

**Article VII**  
**Service Hours**

Members of this organization of the National Beta Club are responsible for completing the required number of service hours per academic year, which shall be determined by the Sponsor(s). Each member will be responsible for completing a certain number of service hours

per year. The required number of hours will be decided on within the first six weeks of the school year.

### **Article VIII Local Dues**

The local dues for this organization of the National Beta Club will be \$15.00 per year. The cost of local membership in the club will be kept at an absolute minimum, so that no worthy student is unable to become a member for financial reasons.

### **Article IX Amending the Bylaws**

The bylaws of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be amended by a majority vote.

### **Article X Scholarships**

If monies allow, each graduating Beta Club member will be eligible to apply for a scholarship. Recipients will be selected based on club involvement and the quality of their application. The number and amount of scholarships will vary year to year. The scholarship will need to be redeemed by February 1 of the year following graduation. The student will need to show proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning.

### **Article XI Scholarships**

A member of this chapter is eligible to receive a beta club cord at graduation if they have maintained membership for at least 3 semesters prior to graduation.

### **Article XII Graduation Cords**

A member of this chapter of the Beta Club is eligible to receive a beta club cord at graduation if they have maintained membership for at least three semesters prior to graduation.