

Olathe Club of the Deaf, Inc.

Constitutions

Revised February 2025

CONSTITUTION OF THE OLATHE CLUB OF THE DEAF, INC.

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization – of, for and by the deaf, exclusively, shall be THE OLATHE CLUB OF THE DEAF, INC. a non-profit organization with IRS 501 (c)3 status.

ARTICLE II – Object

The object of the Organization shall be:

- A) To promote and maintain good fellowship among the membership.
- B) To serve the deaf community with special emphasis on the needs of the aged and the young.
- C) To stage social, civic, and cultural activities for the good of the deaf community.
- D) To foster athletic teams so fielded for competition in the city leagues and in the tournaments sponsored by any regional or national association of the deaf.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Membership shall be open to deaf persons and to hearing spouses of deaf members – regardless of race, creed, or nationality. Any graduating senior from high school in Kansas is automatically a member from the date of graduation to the end of the year. Hearing persons may be admitted into the organization as associate members, and they will have all the privileges of the membership.

ARTICLE IV – Dues

The OCD members may set a fixed amount for the organization membership (or any applicable) dues to be levied on active and associate members from time to time to keep the financial status solvent for the Olathe Club of the Deaf, Inc. New officers shall pay their membership by the 2nd Saturday of January.

ARTICLE V – Officers

The officers of the Organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Events Director, and two (2) Board Member-at-Large. The elected officers shall be a bona fide member of the Organization for at least one-year immediately prior to the election. The term for the Board of Directors shall be a three-years term.

ARTICLE VI – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) voting members **elected by the members of the Organization**. The Organization's immediate Past President shall be an ex officio and non-voting member serving on the Board as its advisor.

ARTICLE VII – Dissolution

Members may decide to dissolve the organization by a 3/4 vote of all members present at a meeting. Upon the dissolution of the Olathe Club of the Deaf, (if this ever be), the Board of Directors shall, after paying off debts of the said Organization, dispose of all the assets of the Organization in favor of the **Kansas School for the Deaf Endowment Fund after a 5 year waiting period**. No assets in the process of this dissolution shall accrue to the benefits of the Officers and memberships.

ARTICLE VIII – Revision of the Constitution

Section 1 Amendments to the Constitution of the Olathe Club of the Deaf, Inc. may be changed, revised, or added as long as proposed inclusions and exclusions are submitted in writing at the regular meeting for distribution at the next meeting. The secretary shall distribute the notice of such proposed amendment to members within five (5) days of its introduction.

Section 2 The passage of any such proposed changes shall be contingent on 3/4 vote of all members present at the meeting.