

Terms and Conditions for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
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Non-Hazing Expectation

No student, registered student organization, group, or other person attending or affiliated with Ohio University shall knowingly commit, participate in, or conspire to commit in any manner, acts of hazing. Hazing is a broad term that means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Hazing is against the law in the State of Ohio (Ohio Revised Code, Section 2903.31).

The Ohio University Student Code of Conduct <www.ohio.edu/judiciaries/conduct.cfm> defines hazing as a Code A offense as stipulated under Section 6, Mental and Bodily Harm. Section 6: Mental or Bodily Harm – (a) intentionally inflicting mental or bodily harm upon any person; (b) taking any action for the purpose of inflicting any bodily harm; (c) taking any reckless, but not accidental, action from which mental or bodily harm could result to any person; (d) causing a person to believe that the offender may cause mental or bodily harm; (e) hazing. Violations of Code A offenses may result in sanctions of suspension or expulsion of the individual or organization from the University.

Non-Discrimination Expectation

No Ohio University student may be denied membership into a student organization on the basis of race, national origin, color, religion, gender, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, and/or ability status unless exempt under Title IX, gender. Those organizations must also be entitled to single-sex membership under the provision of Section 86.14 of the regulations promulgated under Title IX of the U.S. Education Act of 1972. Certain exemptions may be granted for groups such as intercollegiate and intramural athletics, social fraternities and sororities, and girl and boy scouts.

Financial Accountability Expectation

All student organizations must comply with the University policies and regulations related to fiscal accountability. Only student organizations registered with the University through the Department of Campus Life may benefit from the University's tax exempt status. The RSO President/Chair is personally responsible and financially liable for the RSO's fiscal matters.

Membership Requirements

Each of the RSO President/Chair and Treasurer (or equivalent) must be a currently registered student at Ohio University. At least 50% plus 1 of the RSO membership must be comprised of currently enrolled Ohio University students (undergraduate and graduate). All RSO officers must be in good academic standing as defined by Ohio University.

Hold Harmless Agreement

The RSO and its members agree to indemnify, hold harmless, defend, release, and forever discharge the University, its officers, agents, employees, and any person or persons under its direction and control from, and waive any and all responsibility of same, for any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, loss or expense (including costs and attorney's fees), loss or damage of any kind whatsoever imposed by law upon the University for damages because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, or on account of damages to property, including loss of use thereof, arising out of or in consequence of the activities of the RSO, provided such injury to persons or damage to property results from and is caused by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the student organization, its officers, agents, employees, and any person or persons under its direct supervision and control.

Name of Student Organization: _____

Advisor: _____
Name (printed) *Signature*

_____ _____
Ohio.edu email address *Campus Phone and Address*

President: _____
Name (printed) *Signature*

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Ohio.edu email address *Cell Phone Number*