

Recognized Social Greek Organization Agreement

This Recognized Social Greek Organization Agreement Recognized Student Organization Agreement (Agreement) formally establishes _____ as a Recognized Social Greek Organization (RSGO or organization) at the University of Colorado Boulder (University or CU Boulder) for 2017. Being recognized gives your organization official recognition with the Center for Student Involvement (CSI), which allows your organization to operate on campus and gain certain benefits given by the institution. RSGOs are separate entities from the University; their activities, events and operations are not classified as official University business and they do not represent or speak on behalf of the University in any capacity. Official recognition of a student organization does not constitute any type of endorsement by the University of the organization's purpose, mission or principles, and it does not constitute any assumption of responsibility, liability, or sponsorship (fiscal or otherwise) by the University for the organization's message or activities.

The RSGO agrees that CSI is authorized to review and require compliance with this Agreement and any University policies and procedures affecting the RSGO's existence on campus. By completing and submitting this Agreement, the RSGO understands and agrees to abide by all the terms set forth in this Agreement, as well as all CSI and University policies in effect or hereafter established. The RSGO agrees and understands that abiding by the terms of this Agreement is a condition of recognition of the organization and associated benefits.

I. Expectations

1. In order to start and maintain the status of a RSGO, the organization shall:
 - Complete required registration information as needed.
 - Update and/or confirm contact information for the communicator and the signer at least once a year which must include a phone number and a valid Colorado.edu email address for student organization business communications.
2. RSGO leadership shall:
 - Maintain a minimum of three student members and total membership should be comprised of at least 2/3 fee paying students.
 - Identify 1-3 signers that should be decision-makers for the organization and must be fee paying students that will be verified with a valid Student Identification Number.
 - Ensure that if a RSGO chooses to set up a financial account with CSI that the organization follows all financial policies and procedures prescribed by the University.
 - Assure the University that the RSGO objectives are educational, charitable, cultural, social, or recreational and will not result in personal, private or commercial gain or profit for individual members.
3. The RSGO agrees to comply with all University policies and procedures, which include but may not be limited to the following:
 - Campus Use of University Facilities (CUUF Policy)
 - CU-Boulder Discrimination and Harassment Policy
 - University Sexual Misconduct Policy
 - The Student Code of Conduct
 - The CU Boulder Licensing Policy
 - The Acceptable Use of CU Boulder IT Resources Policy
 - International Travel and Programs Policy

- Any and all other applicable policies and procedures, including, but not limited to policies for scheduling, conducting activities, and fundraising on campus and all local, state, and federal laws.
4. The possession, use, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages during any RSGO sponsored event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the RSGO, must be in full compliance with any and all applicable state and local laws and policies of the University.
 5. The possession, sale, and/or use of any illegal drug or controlled substance in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the RSGO is strictly prohibited.
 6. The RSGO, at its sole cost and expense, shall insure its activities in connection with this agreement and obtain, and maintain insurance as follows:
 - a. Commercial form general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000
 - b. Indemnify and hold the Regents of the University of Colorado, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense, or claims for injury or damages but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorneys' fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts of the RSGO.
 - c. The RSGO agrees to submit a Certificate of Insurance to have on file in the Office of Greek Life. Additionally the RSGO will provide an updated Certificate upon the chapter's respective policy renewal date.

II. Benefits

1. In support of Recognized Student Organizations, the University provides the following benefits:
 - Limited office space/locker space that may become available through the space allocation process governed by the UMC and CSI Boards cooperatively
 - An official RSGO Colorado.edu email address
 - A organization website if the RSGO identifies and works with a faculty/staff advisor
 - The ability to apply for student fee funding for approved activities and travel
 - Access to free or reduced rates for space for meetings, activities, and events
 - Opportunities for fundraising which could include crowdfunding
 - Support from an assigned CSI Liaison to help with budgeting, event planning and organizational management
 - Access to the CSI Resource Room
 - Utilization of a financial account that facilitates the management of organizational funds
 - Ability to market for events using resources like chalking, signage, etc.
2. If a RSGO plans to fundraise on campus and/or reserve space that may have a cost associated with rental fees, set-up, security, etc., the RSGO must establish a student fund account through the CSI. Fund accounts will be established through and monitored by the CSI. Additionally, the CSI account shall include:
 - A minimum of one and a maximum of three signer(s)
 - No person shall be a signer on more than one CSI RSGO account
 - Elected CUSG officials may not be signers on any CSI RSGO account
 - There shall be no more than 3 (three) signers on any CSI RSGO account and all signers must be fee paying students only.

3. Use of University name, logos and other marks may be used only if the RSGO agrees and strictly follows University branding guidelines set forth on the CSI website. Additional training on the use of the University brand may be required as needed.

III. Limitations

1. RSGOs are not considered departments of the University and will not have access to other University services and benefits, including but not limited to the following:
 - Procurement Service Center
 - Office of University Counsel
 - Payroll and Benefits Services
 - State of Colorado entity recognition and Federal tax-exempt status
 - Governmental Status
2. For avoidance of doubt, RSGOs are not covered by the University's liability insurance and are not otherwise protected by the University from being liable for RSGO debts, violations of the law, or contractual obligations; the RSGO shall be solely responsible for such liabilities. The University has no duties other than those identified in this Agreement and does not assume liability as a consequence of this agreement. The University does not assume responsibility for supervision, control, safety, security, or services with respect to the RSGO.
3. The RSGO shall not hold itself out as being part of, controlled by, or acting on behalf of the University as a legal entity. The RSGO shall take affirmative steps in all of its recruitment, business, and other dealings with third parties (including, for example, prospective members and businesses) to explain its relationship as independent from the University.

IV. Violations

1. The CSI Director (or designee) shall have the authority to make findings of violations of this agreement and impose sanctions. If an RSGO is found to be in violation of this Agreement, including all policies and procedures cited herein, such a finding may result in sanctions by CSI, which include, but are not limited to: loss of RSGO status and its associated benefits, revocation of funding, loss of office space and scheduling privileges, or suspension/termination. Depending on the circumstances, the matter may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct or the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance.
2. RSGO shall act consistently with the Sexual Misconduct Policy and the Discrimination and Harassment Policy and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, political affiliation or philosophy, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or veteran status in any of its activities or when determining its membership. The RSGO President is encouraged to report any allegations of discrimination, harassment, or sexual misconduct to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance. Depending on the circumstances, the RSGO and/or the individuals therein may be held accountable for violations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy or Discrimination and Harassment Policy, including, but not limited to, termination of this Agreement and recognition of the RSGO.

The University recognizes that pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 social fraternities or sororities are exempt from the prohibition against discrimination of sex in membership practices.

It is, therefore, understood and agreed that failure to comply with the provisions set forth in this Agreement could result in the loss of recognition as an RSGO and associated benefits.

V. Term

This Agreement expires on and must be renewed by January 31st of each year. The University of Colorado Boulder has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time due to breach of the terms of this Agreement. The RSGO may terminate this Agreement upon Sixty (60) days written notice to the CSI. RSGO status and its associated benefits will be withdrawn upon receipt of written notice. Written notice may be accomplished via e-mail.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I certify, as an authorized representative of this organization, that I have read and understand the above information and all policies cited therein, and that I and the RSGO agree to abide by this Recognized Social Greek Organization Agreement, the policies and procedures of The University of Colorado, and all local, state, and federal laws.

Name

Title

Date

Signature