



STUDENT ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

Please fully read the Student Organization Registration Agreement (SORA) and all hyperlinked documents, for all currently recognized student organizations, including Registered Student Organizations (RSO), University Chartered Student Organizations (UCSO) and University Student Life Programs (USLP) at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (herein referred to as Virginia Tech).

By indicating that you accept the terms and conditions at the bottom of this agreement on GobblerConnect, on behalf of your organization and all the members of your organization, you agree to abide by student organization policy and guidelines based on your organization's type starting on today's date and extending throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

If your organization is found in violation of any of the following statements, it may be considered for sanctions, including but not limited to loss of recognition.

The SORA is broken up into three parts:

1. Definition of Organization Types
2. Finance and Liability
3. Organization Operations
4. Applicable Virginia Tech Policies and Laws

Definition of Student Organization Types

Student Engagement and Campus Life recognizes three types of organizations on the Blacksburg Virginia Tech campus, including:

- A university student life program at Virginia Tech is defined by [Policy 8011](#) and the following definition: "A **University Student Life Program (USLP)**: an organization comprised primarily or exclusively of students whose activities, operations, and decision making processes are directly governed by academic or administrative departments and for which the university is ultimately responsible. Examples of USLPs include the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Hokie Ambassadors, and Club Sports.
- A University Chartered Student Organization is defined by [Policy 8012](#) and the following definition: "A **University Chartered Student Organization (UCSO)** is an organization that has significant campus impact through providing resources and/or services that are best delivered by students in conjunction with their sponsoring campus department. This classification of organization must align with, and is integral to, departmental and university missions to create robust student experiences. The impact and resources must meet a recognized institutional and student need."

- A registered student organization at Virginia Tech is defined by [Policy 8013](#) and the following definition: “A **Registered Student Organization (RSO)** is a voluntary association of Virginia Tech students that has no direct relationship to the university but upon completion of registration documents is entitled to certain privileges to include operating, meeting, advertising, and participating in activities on the Virginia Tech campus in accordance with Policy 5000, “University Facilities Usage and Event Approval.” These organizations would be affiliated “at” Virginia Tech, such as Car Club at Virginia Tech.”

Our organization understand the type of organization assigned to our organization and is familiar with the corresponding policy defining and describing our organization type.

Finance & Liability

- Our organization agrees that Virginia Tech is not responsible for the debts of the organization.
- Our organization may be required to provide a general comprehensive or public liability policy for bodily injury and property damage for any activity held on campus. Verification of coverage will be made to the University and Office of Risk Management through a certificate of insurance. This certificate must require a cancellation of coverage to party of the second part.
- Our organization agrees to ensure we pay all invoices and financial balances by stated deadlines. If we do not, we understand that our organization may be placed on a financial hold which would impact the functions and activities of our organization.
- Our organization will be financially responsible for repairs and/or replacements of property in and on the facility that may be damaged by actions beyond the normal use category. Student Budget Board funds cannot be used for this purpose.
- In consideration of these agreements, our organization agrees to release Virginia Tech from any and all claims and/or damages that may arise from or incident to this registration and any rental use of university facilities including, but not limited to, any and all claims for personal injury, bodily injury or damage to property. Our organization further agrees to hold Virginia Tech harmless and indemnify the university against all loss and damages arising from the use, misuse, or abuse of university facilities. This release agreement shall apply to the university and all of its agents or employees.

Organization Operations

- Our organization, nor the officers or members acting on behalf of the organization, will not represent itself, or themselves, as official “agents” of Virginia Tech. This includes the

use of “VPI&SU” or “Virginia Tech” preceding the organization name and/or the use of “Hokies” in any part of the organization name, except for University Student Life Programs.

- As a Registered Student Organizations (RSO) may only use "Virginia Tech" following the organization name and only after the word "at" as outlined in Policy 8013. For example, The Cool Club at Virginia Tech. University Chartered Student Organizations (UCSO) can indicate affiliation through the use of “with” or “of” Virginia Tech such as Student Government Association of Virginia Tech as outlined in Policy 8012. Only University Student Life Programs (USLP) shall be permitted to represent itself as an agent of the university and use names, logos, and symbols of the university in accordance with university policies.
- Our organization agrees to meet all requirements for membership, as reflected on our official GobblerConnect roster. All organizations must meet the following membership requirements:
 - The officers of this organization are currently enrolled Virginia Tech students, and that voting membership is limited to Virginia Tech students, faculty, and staff members.
 - Membership of this organization is comprised of at least 75% currently enrolled Virginia Tech students.
 - Organizations are required to have at least 5 active members to be recognized by Virginia Tech.
 - You must have a President, Treasurer, and 3 additional members (general or exec).
 - Your organization must maintain a minimum of 5 members for the entire academic year.
- Our organization is not solely designed as a class project or with a class for which we’re receiving credit.
- Following each election, new officers will be submitted to Student Engagement and Campus Life via the GobblerConnect "Roster" feature.
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Virginia Tech Policies and Local, State, & Federal Laws

- All Registered Student Organizations must abide by university policy, including [Policy 1025](#). Membership and participation in a student organization at Virginia Tech must be open to all students without regard to age, race, color, national origin, disability, religious status, or historic religious affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or gender, unless exempt under Title IX.

- The University reserves the right to withdraw recognition of a student organization due to violations of any local, state, or federal law, and university policies or guidelines, including those outlined in the Student Code of Conduct
- If recognition of your student organization status is lost, organizations who seek to be reinstated:
 - must be certified by the Student Conduct Office that all required sanctions are complete, as applicable.
 - must be certified by the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office to ensure that the governing council has reinstated the organization, as applicable.
 - must be certified by Student Engagement and Campus Life that all outstanding concerns are rectified, as applicable.
- If the student organization is not certified by any of the aforementioned offices, Student Engagement and Campus Life will notify the organization president via email that their registration is denied.
- Our organization will abide by all university, local, state, and federal policies, regulations, and laws. The president of the organization and other executive officers can be individually or collectively held responsible by the Student Conduct Office and Student Engagement and Campus Life for their actions and the actions of their club members at the organization's meetings, events, or activities.
- Our organization agrees to not post or share any payment links or payment acceptance links on our GobblerConnect page.

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