

Pledging Contract for Prospective and Current Club Members

I, the undersigned, understand that in order to participate in the pledging process, all prospective and current club members are required to sign the Pledging Contract for Prospective and Current Club Members contract with Abilene Christian University (ACU). By signing below, I am stating that I have read the information and documents detailed below, I understand what they require of me, and I will fully comply with the responsibilities and requirements set out in them:

1. The Texas hazing law;

Specifically, I understand that hazing is illegal in Texas. (Under the Texas statute, hazing is defined as “any intentional knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.”) I also understand that **anyone who witnesses or experiences hazing activities and does not report them and the individuals committing the activities is in violation of the statute.**

2. The ACU Student Organization and Social Club Handbook
(www.acu.edu/studentorganizations; www.acu.edu/socialclubs)

3. The ACU Student Guide
(www.acu.edu/campusoffices/studentlife/studenthandbook)

Specifically, I understand that all club activities, including pledging, will conform to the community standards of ACU as underscored by its mission statement and set forth in the current Social Club Handbook and Student Guide.

I realize that any violation of this contract may result in a disciplinary response and my removal from pledging activities.

In consideration of ACU’s recognition of social clubs and for being permitted to participate in those clubs and in the pledging process, **I hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify Abilene Christian University, its officers, trustees, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, costs, and charges, in connection with or arising out of the pledging process or travel and transportation to and from pledging activities including, but not limited to, serious bodily injury to myself or others or property damage.** The obligations of the immediately foregoing sentence will not extend to any injury, loss, damage or expense that is caused solely by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the University, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents or representatives.

I further state that I have signed voluntarily under my own free will, and I am of legal age and legally competent to execute this agreement. I have read this agreement, I understand it, and I agree to be bound by all the terms.

Your signature

Printed Name

Date