

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

New Member Bill of Rights Confirmation Form

Due October 1st and March 1st

Instructions: Each new member is to read this document (or the document may be read to them) and sign their name below.

New Member Bill Of Rights

There are a number of activities that are constructive parts of new member education and will contribute to your becoming a more active and productive member of your Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Greek organization. However, there are other activities in which you might be asked to take part that are a violation of the TAMU-CC Student Code of Conduct, policies and/or inter/national fraternity/sorority regulations (where applicable). These activities may constitute hazing.

Listed below is a **New Member Bill of Rights** that specifically outlines activities that fraternity/sorority members **cannot** require of you. If they do so, the fraternity/sorority and the individual member(s) in question may be subject to severe penalties up to and including permanent removal of University recognition for the organization, suspension/removal from the University for the individuals involved, and possibly removal of the chapter's national charter. New members participating in hazing activities may also be subject to judicial sanctions. Please study your rights and make certain that they are not violated.

No new member shall be required by any person or persons to perform any act which:

1. Interferes with the academic process – causes a new member to miss or be ill prepared for classes, labs, study sessions, or tests
2. Causes the new member to violate the TAMU-CC Student Code of Conduct, policies, or reflects negatively upon the reputation of TAMU-CC, the participants or the organization
3. Requires or pressures a new member to consume alcohol
4. Prevents a new member from securing normal amounts of sleep (no activities between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m.)
5. Requires a new member to perform personal services for collegiate or alumni members (including, but not limited to, driving around members and/or their guests, including members of other organizations, “shopping” for members, etc.)
6. Is sadistic – treats a new member in a “sub-human” manner
7. Is illegal – including the use of drugs and alcohol or committing a crime such as stealing or vandalism
8. Is immoral
9. Places a new member in physical danger or in jeopardy of losing his or her life
10. Places severe emotional stress upon a new member
11. Requires a new member to be present at activities for unreasonable periods of time
12. Requires more than six hours a week on new member activities
13. Coerces new members to attend meetings/activities through fines/sanctions that are not also levied against initiated members
14. Requires a new member to participate in a “Kangaroo” Court or other individual questioning activities
15. Prescribes the wearing of anything to identify new member status(exception: badges) (this includes new member T-shirts, or wearing of required clothing unless it is the same clothing for all members)
16. Requires a new member to carry items that they would not normally bear (including paddles, bricks, signature books, etc.)
17. Requires a new member to answer the telephone in a manner unlike a member would answer it
18. Prevents a new member from speaking for a period of time
19. Involves the abandonment of new members or organization members thereby requiring them to find their own way back to campus

20. Requires the blindfolding of a new member (exceptions: during low ropes course with trained facilitator, or as prescribed in writing for Ritual)
21. Requires only new members to stand when a collegiate or alumna/us member enters a room
22. Requires a new member to intentionally deface a house/chapter room/suite/apt. etc.; or requires a new member to clean the house/chapter room/suite/apt., etc. of others
23. Requires calling other new member derogatory "names" or actives referring to new members in a negative or derogatory manner.
24. Requires a new member to enter a house/suite/building only from a specific door
25. Requires new members to eat meals together, attend unscheduled "call-down" meetings or sleep in a house/suite/apt. together for any length of time without prior, written permission from Student Activities
26. Requires a new member to address or refer to members in a manner different from how they are addressed (i.e. Mr./Ms. Smith for members, Pledge Jean for new members)
27. Requires new members to participate in scavenger hunts or similar activities by any name that involves taking of items, time deadlines, etc.

THIS LIST IS IN NO WAY INCLUSIVE.

The following new members of _____ *organization* have read and understood the New Member of Rights for the TAMU-CC Greek community. By signing below, these members agree to exercise these rights and uphold our zero tolerance for hazing by reporting questionable activities to the Greek Life Advisor at 825-2707 or Student Affairs at 825-2612.

_____ Date signed

Legibly PRINT LEGAL first and last name. No abbreviations or nicknames.	Signature
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By signing below, we attest that the new members have read and understand the New Member Bill of Rights.

_____ Signature of Organization New Member Educator

_____ Signature of Organization President

_____ Signature of Chapter Advisor

Please attach additional page(s) if necessary.