

RSO Accountability Document 2026-2027

Name of RSO _____

Every student organization member has the duty to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent infractions of university rules arising from or related to the organization's activities. It is the responsibility of every organization to proactively create and maintain an environment where the organization and its members operate in accordance with university policies, support one another in meeting shared expectations, and foster a culture of respect, integrity, and accountability. Members are expected to take an active role in addressing concerns rather than remaining bystanders, as misconduct is inconsistent with membership in the organization and its good standing with the university.

This document serves as a resource for RSO members and officers to establish accountability measures, strengthen organizational operations, and prevent violations of university regulations. Organizations are expected to address operational matters within their own governance, such as attendance, officer responsibilities, and membership requirements as outlined in the RSO's governing documents/Constitution. However, student organizations should report allegations involving violations of law, discrimination, sexual misconduct, harassment, retaliation, or other protected class concerns. These matters must be referred to the appropriate university office, including the Office of Community Expectations or the Office for Civil Rights and Compliance for follow up. This RSO Accountability document must be made available to all members through the organization's EngageSC page.

The goal of these expectations is to help organizations build a culture of prevention through proactive leadership, shared responsibility, and appropriate use of university resources, creating a safe, respectful, and accountable community for all members.

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Establishing a Commitment to Shared Accountability:

Establishing Standards:

Member Education Plan:

Responding to Organizational Concerns:

Reporting Options:

Student organizations should ensure members understand when concerns can be addressed through organizational processes and when they must be referred to the university. Allegations involving discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, retaliation, hazing, or other violations of university policy or law should be reported through the appropriate university reporting channels rather than investigated by the organization.

The [USC Report & Response website](#) provides students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors with a centralized portal to report incidents—anonymously if preferred—that may violate [university policies](#) or conflict with USC's [Unifying Values](#). Organizations should ensure members are familiar with this resource and understand when and how to use it.

For events presenting an immediate threat to life or property or if you require emergency assistance, please contact your local law enforcement by dialing 911 or USC's Department of Public Safety (DPS) at the following phone numbers:

- University Park Campus: [213-740-4321](#)
- Health Science Campus: [323-442-1000](#)