

# Club Renewal Form and Anti-Hazing Acknowledgement Form 2014-15

In order for undergraduate clubs and organizations to continue their recognized, chartered or secured club status at Brandeis University, we need an active club leader to complete this form each year. If clubs do not have this form on file, the club may be **de-recognized/de-chartered**.

**Club Name:**

**Club Leaders, Titles and E-mail Addresses for 2014-15:**

**My club is:**    ☐ **Recognized**    ☐ **Chartered**    ☐ **Secured**  
                  ☐ **Club Sport**    ☐ **ICC Affiliated**    ☐ **Hillel Affiliated**

**My club website is:**

**My club listserv is:**

**Brief Information about Club Activities** (such as meeting times, practices and programs planned for 2014-15).

## ORGANIZATIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE HAZING LAW OF THE COMMONWEALTH

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the properly elected or appointed head of the recognized Brandeis student organization called \_\_\_\_\_.

I further certify and acknowledge that I have received the statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Chapter 269, as reproduced in the "Rights and Responsibilities" section of the 2014-15 Student Handbook) regarding the practice known as hazing.

I further certify and acknowledge that each member of or applicant to the above-named organization has received a copy of the Massachusetts statute on hazing.

I further certify and acknowledge that the above-named organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Massachusetts statute on hazing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Box number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## APPENDIX A

### Massachusetts Act Prohibiting the Practice of Hazing (Chapter 269 of the General Laws)

**Section 17.** Whoever is principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing as defined herein shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The term “hazing” as used in this section and in sections 18 and 19, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

**Section 18.** Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section 17 and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000.

**Section 19.** Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections 17 and 18; provided, however, that the institution’s compliance with this section’s requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections 17 and 18 to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections 17 and 18 to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections 17 and 18, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections 17 and 18, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections 17 and 18. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections 17 and 18. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections 17 and 18 and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution’s policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.