MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT ACCEPTANCE BINDING AGREEMENT

CONTINUOUS OPEN BIDDING

NAME: ____________________________________________________

VIP ID: ____________________________________________________

CHAPTER ____________________________________________________

ACADEMIC RECORD RELEASE: I understand that to apply for Recruitment, I must be a regularly enrolled, full-time student in good standing with the University of South Carolina. I authorize the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to verify my academic eligibility. I also understand that my academic information will be released to the organization that I join during the remainder of my undergraduate career and by agreeing to these terms I have provided a waiver under FERPA.

HAZING POLICY: I understand and will adhere to the following policy as a condition of membership in a Greek organization:

No organization, registered or otherwise, officially or in fact, may participate in the activity of hazing. Hazing is any activity undertaken by a group or organization or a member of that group or organization in which members or prospective members are subjected to activities which harass, intimidate, physically exhaust, impart pain, cause undue mental fatigue or mental distress, or which cause mutilation or alteration of the body or parts of the body. Such activities include but are not limited to, tests of endurance, submission of members or prospective members to potentially dangerous or hazardous circumstances, activities which have a foreseeable potential for resulting in personal injury, or any activity which by its nature is so profound that it would have a potential to cause severe mental anxiety, mental distress, panic, degradation, or public embarrassment.

Registered organizations and groups shall be permitted certain initiation ceremonies and activities, which when examined by the ordinary University student, would seem reasonable under the circumstances and justified in view of the purpose for which they are conducted. It shall not constitute a defense to the charge of hazing that the participants took part voluntarily, that they voluntarily assumed the risks or hardship of the activity, or that no injury in fact was suffered. For information on the South Carolina Hazing Law, the USC Hazing Policy, or to initiate a complaint for alleged hazing, contact the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at 803/777-5782.

NPC CALENDAR YEAR RULE: Once I sign this Agreement, I am bound by the National Panhellenic Conference calendar year rule. This rule states that if I receive an invitation to membership from any group I have listed and I choose not to accept it, I am ineligible to be pledged to any other inter/national fraternity on this campus for one calendar year.

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: _______________