

## Hazing Policy

According to the University Student Handbook under Section 6C5-7.007 Disruptive Conduct, Hazing is prohibited. Attention is called to Presidential Policy Memorandum 59 for guidelines defining actions by students or other persons associated with any University organization which actions are prohibited by Florida Statutes.

"Hazing" means any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution.

Such term includes, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity which would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student.

Penalties for hazing may include the imposition of fines; the withholding of diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with the rules or pending payment of fines; and the imposition of probation, suspension, dismissal, and any other sanctions the Office of Greek Affairs deems appropriate.

In the case of a university organization which authorizes hazing in blatant disregard of such rules, penalties may also include rescission of permission for that organization to operate on campus property or to otherwise operate under the sanction of the university. **Prohibited Activities:** The following is a list of example activities classified as hazing and should not be allowed by any chapter. Actions and activities that are explicitly prohibited include, but are not limited to:

1. Calisthenics such as sit-ups or push-ups.
2. An undue delay between the conclusion of pre-initiation week and the actual initiation ceremony.
3. Total or partial nudity at any time.
4. Staging mock or local initiations prior to the initiation ceremony.
5. Wearing or carrying items for no purpose, such as coconuts, helmets, burlap bags, bricks, paddles, rocks, etc.
6. Pledges versus members in athletic contests or other competitions, except for balanced teams composed from both groups.
7. Dropping food (eggs, grapes, liver, etc.) in the mouths of pledges.
8. Requiring pledges to wear unusual, embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing.

9. Paddle swats.
10. Pledges expected to do anything that the active members will not volunteer to do with them.
11. Throwing whipping cream, water, paint, etc., on a pledge.
12. House duties not also shared by initiated brothers.<sup>17</sup>
13. Extremely loud music or many repetitions of the same music played during pre-initiation week and/or between portions of the ritual.
14. Pledges expected to do anything exclusively "for the fun or entertainment of the members."
15. Pushing, shoving, or tackling pledges.
16. Pledges awakened repeatedly during the night.
17. Rat court, kangaroo court, or any individual interrogations.
18. Lengthy work sessions.
19. Forcing drugs or alcoholic beverages in any amount by threats or peer pressure on a pledge.
20. Yelling or screaming at pledges.
21. Line-ups of pledge class.
22. Deception prior to the ritual designed to convince a pledge that he will not be initiated or that he will be hurt.
23. Pledges not permitted adequate time for studies during pre-initiation or initiation periods.
24. Memorization of stories, poems, or information not directly related to your fraternity.
25. Less than six continuous hours of sleep for pledges each night during pre-initiation and initiation.
26. Required eating of offensive foods such as raw onions, spoiled foods, pet foods, etc.
27. Calling pledges "scums" or similar names.
28. Road trips, kidnapping of pledges or members.
29. Members intentionally littering or jumbling the house or a room for pledges to clean.
30. War games.
31. Assigning vandalism "pranks" such as stealing, painting objects, panty raids, harassing another organization.
32. Errands run by pledges for the actives members or any personal servitude.

33. Putting pledges in a room which is uncomfortable (temperature, noise, small) during pre-initiation activities or between portions of the ritual.

34. Feminine apparel of any kind.

35. Physical mutilation of the body via "branding" or tattooing - pledges or active

#### Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in or on Campus Recreation Facilities. It is the Club's responsibility to monitor all Club events (including the actions of spectators) to assure that alcoholic beverages are not on site. Games may be delayed until the problem is corrected or may be canceled if the situation is not addressed