HAZING POLICY

Clemson University's core values are Integrity, Honesty and Respect. Hazing is not consistent with these core values. Therefore, all Clemson University community members/organizations are expected to refrain from hazing.

Hazing is any situation created or action taken -- for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in an organization -- which meets one or more of the criteria below. Hazing can be intentional or unintentional, and can occur with or without consent.

Situations/actions that constitute hazing are:

- Negligent or reckless in nature; or
- Potentially harmful to
    - Physical safety/health
    - Psychological well-being
    - Opportunities for Academic Success; or
- Not reflective of the University's mission, purpose or values.

Such activities and situations may include, but are not limited to:

- paddling;
- physical or psychological shocks;
- forced (whether explicit or implicit) consumption of food, water, alcohol or drugs;
- kidnapping or abandonment;
- line-ups and berating;
- morally degrading behavior;
- any form of personal servitude;
- forced (whether explicit or implicit) wearing, publicly or privately, of inappropriate costumes;
- interference with academic pursuits; or
- forced (whether explicit or implicit) participation in activities that are illegal, or violate University policy.

Any member of the University community, including a victim, participant, or witness, with knowledge of hazing should report the hazing to the Office of Community and Ethical Standards or Clemson University Police.