

UAA HAZING POLICY

The University of Florida Athletic Association, consistent with Florida State Statutes and University of Florida rules, prohibits student-athletes from engaging in any activity that may be considered hazing. Hazing is defined as any intentional or reckless action or situation that 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 at the University. Such an organization or group would include any athletic team.

Hazing includes actions which do not contribute to the positive development of a person, which inflict or intend to cause emotional, physical, or mental harm and anxieties, which demean, degrade, or disgrace any person regardless of location, intent, or consent of participants, and/or which produces emotional or physical discomfort, harassment, humiliation, or ridicule for the purpose of "testing" the student prior to becoming or as a member of a group. Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to: striking a student, sleep deprivation, coercing a student to eat or drink any substance, preventing/restricting normal personal hygiene, applying a substance to a person's body, or requiring uncomfortable, ridiculous or embarrassing dress.

Allegations of hazing will be investigated and student-athletes found to have engaged in hazing activities will receive sanctions which may include, but are not limited to: suspension from practice and/or competition, removal from the team, cancellation of athletics financial aid, and University penalties, including suspension or expulsion from the institution.

All coaches and staff are expected to be familiar with this policy and ensure that their team members are familiar with the policy. Coaches and staff found to have had knowledge of hazing without reporting it to the proper authorities are also subject to penalties which may include, but are not limited to: official reprimand, fines, suspension, and termination.