Drexel Student-Athlete
Code of Conduct & Responsibility
Drexel University’s Hazing Policy

Drexel University Student Organizations (e.g. registered student organizations, club, intramural and athletic teams, other student groups, and other persons associated with an organization) and individual Students are prohibited from hazing.

Drexel University does not tolerate hazing. Any [registered student organizations, club, intramural and athletic teams, other student groups, and other persons associated with an organization] found responsible of Hazing, Aggravated Hazing, or Organizational Hazing under this Policy, whether occurring on or off campus, may face disciplinary action from the University, and may also face criminal charges under state law, including The Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law, C.S. § 2801, et seq.
The purpose of this policy is to explain how Drexel University defines hazing, identifies how the University will enforce this policy, and identifies resources for reporting violations of this policy. This policy applies to any acts of Hazing, Aggravated Hazing, or Organizational Hazing occurring on or off campus.

Drexel University adheres to The Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law. The Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law defines hazing to include: Hazing, Aggravated Hazing, and Organizational Hazing. Hazing, Aggravated Hazing, and Organizational Hazing (defined below) are each prohibited by Drexel University’s policy. It shall not be a defense that the consent of a Student was sought or obtained. It is also not a defense that the conduct was sanctioned or approved by the Organization.
Drexel University’s Hazing Definition

**Hazing:** A person commits the offense of hazing if the person, intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, for the purpose of initiating, admitting, or affiliating a Student into or with an organization, or for the purpose of continuing or enhancing Student’s membership or status in an organization, causes, coerces, or forces a Student to do any of the items listed below (1) - (6). Hazing shall NOT include reasonable and customary athletic, law enforcement or military training, contests, competitions or events.

1. Violate Federal or State criminal law;
2. Consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug or other substance which subjects the Student to a risk of emotional or physical harm;
3. Endure brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, branding, calisthenics or exposure to the elements;
4. Endure brutality of a mental nature, including activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment;
5. Endure brutality of a sexual nature;
6. Endure any other activity that creates a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to the Student.
**Aggravated Hazing:** A person commits the offense of aggravated hazing if the person commits a violation of Hazing that results in serious bodily injury or death to the Student; and

1. The person acts with reckless indifference to the health and safety of the Student; or

2. The person causes, coerces, or forces the consumption of an alcoholic liquid or drug by the student.

**Organizational Hazing:** An organization commits the offense of Organizational Hazing if the organization intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly promotes or facilitates a violation of Hazing or Aggravated Hazing.
The University’s Hazing Policy covers a range of hazing behaviors. The following actions and situations are examples of prohibited behaviors that may constitute hazing. Drexel University may consider any of the following behaviors under the definitions of hazing provided by The Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law.
Psychological Hazing

- Activities or behaviors that create a power differential and unhealthy dynamics between new/prospective members and existing members
- Deception
- Interference with academic pursuits
- Name calling
- Line-ups and/or berating
- Personal servitude
- Sexual simulations
- Threats or implied threats

*****This list is not exhaustive
Physical Hazing

- Assignment of duties or tasks not assigned to other members
- Exposure to unsafe environments
- Forcing another person into a shower against their will
- Forced bondage
- Forced branding, tattooing, piercing, or otherwise changing physical appearances
- Forced consumption of alcohol, drugs, food, liquid or vile substances
- Forced or coerced sexual activity
- Forced dress codes
- Forced greetings or titles
- Games or activities that would cause extreme embarrassment or violate city, state, or federal laws
- Kidnapping or abandonment
- Paddling and other physical assault
- Physical or psychological shocks
- Sleep or food deprivation
- Social isolation
- Subjecting others to unnecessary physical activities such as calisthenics, exercises, or games
- Wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste

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Reporting Hazing

Drexel University encourages all members of the University community who believe they have witnessed, experienced, or are aware of conduct that constitutes Hazing, Aggravated Hazing or Organizational Hazing, in violation of this Policy, to report the violation by:

1. Completing an online report using the Incident Reporting Portal
2. Emailing rlsc@drexel.edu
3. Calling the RLSC office directly at 215.895.6074
4. Requesting a meeting with an RLSC staff member
5. Contacting Drexel University Police at 215.895.2222 (in the event of an emergency contact the police immediately)

The report should include the following information, if available:

1. Name(s) of the Student or Student Organization alleged to have violated the Code of Conduct.
2. A description of the incident.
3. Names and contact information of witnesses (if applicable).
4. Names and contact information of the person(s) filing the report.
Disciplinary Actions

University
• Please see the University Student Code of Conduct

Athletic Department
• Loss of athletic scholarship.
• Loss of athletic participation.
• Possible athletic team sanctions.