

The Governing Council of Chi Omega Policy on Hazing

WHEREAS, hazing is defined as any action or situation with or without consent which recklessly, intentionally or unintentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person, or creates risk of injury, causes discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to, creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and jokes; participating in treasure or scavenger hunts; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late-night sessions which interfere with scholastic activities or normal sleep patterns; and any other activities which are not consistent with the Ritual, policies or procedures of Chi Omega Fraternity or the educational institution; and,

WHEREAS, within the membership of Chi Omega, there is no place for personal degradation.

WHEREAS, the prevention and elimination of hazing are the responsibility of all members and new members of the active chapter, the Executive Board, and the chapter advisors.

BE IT RESOLVED

That the following statements are adopted and incorporated into the Governing Council's Policy on Hazing:

That each member of Chi Omega must assume the obligations to help prevent and eliminate this destructive activity and in no way perpetuate nor condone it within Chi Omega or within any other organization.

That each new member and member of Chi Omega must refuse to participate in any hazing activity.

That Chi Omega's membership program is directed toward the realization of Chi Omega's purposes and policies which give new members and initiated members the opportunity for self-improvement and self-actualization.

That the officers, members and new members of each chapter bear personal responsibility to abide by applicable state and local laws and applicable college/university and Chi Omega rules and regulations. This is a personal responsibility which each member, new member and officer accepts as a condition of membership in Chi Omega.

That the Governing Council of Chi Omega will respond quickly and decisively to any allegation or practice of hazing.

The "Whys" Behind This Policy:

Chi Omega membership supports personal growth and offers positive experiences. There is no place for hazing in Chi Omega. Hazing is the antithesis of what is found in our Chi Omega Ritual and teachings. Members and new members must thoughtfully and deliberately avoid conduct that could negatively impact others in any way. This holds true within Chi Omega and beyond our Sisterhood circle.

Visit the Chi Omega Learning Center — Womanly Always site to see ways you can incorporate this policy into your everyday life.