PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE
THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
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SUBJECT: Hazing by University Organizations

1. **General Information.** The University of Wyoming is committed to a safe and secure environment for its students. For this reason, the University prohibits any act or failure to act which constitutes hazing.

2. **Purpose.** The directive below outlines the University’s policy related to hazing.

3. **Definitions.**
   
   a. “Hazing” is defined as any intentional or unintentional act that would endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging or associating with, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, seeking and/or maintaining membership in any organization whose membership consists primarily of students. Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to, paddling in any form; creating excessive fatigue; physical and mental shocks; forced road trips; forced consumption of any substance, including alcohol; requirements to publicly wear apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts or buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities prohibited by law, University regulation, and/or University policy.

   b. For the purpose of this policy, “organization” is defined as an intercollegiate or intramural athletic team; recognized student organization; association, order, society or similar group that is officially affiliated with the University and whose membership consists primarily of enrolled students.

4. **Policy.** Hazing is prohibited regardless of location, intent, or consent of participants and will not be tolerated. Hazing is a violation of UW Regulation 8-30 (Student Conduct) and will be addressed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

5. **Responsibility.** The Dean of Students, or designee, is responsible for the administration of this Policy and Directive.

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