



**Sacred Heart University**

**Greek Life Member Acknowledgement of Anti-Hazing Policy 2009-2010**

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of Greek Life at Sacred Heart University, during the 2009-2010 school year, acknowledges that he or she understands and agrees to the following:

- I. **Hazing is defined as any action taken, or situation created, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities, including but not limited to:**
  1. Forced consumption of food or liquids, including alcohol
  2. Paddling in any form
  3. Interruption or interferences of routine sleep patterns
  4. Physical or psychological shock
  5. Blind folded road trips
  6. Forced wearing of tasteless clothing or apparel on or off Sacred Heart University property
  7. Verbal abuse
  8. Engaging in public stunts and buffoonery
  9. Morally degrading games and activities
  10. The carrying or wearing of items, such as lunch boxes or jackets, without a purpose
  11. Late work sessions which are not consistent with scholastic activities; and
  12. Activities that are not consistent with Connecticut State Law and/or regulations and policies of Sacred Heart Universities.

All of the fore mentioned policies, and others not mentioned herein, are not to be carried on outside or inside the confines of Sacred Heart University.

**II. Connecticut Anti-Hazing Law**

Sec. 53-23a. Hazing.

a. For purposes of this section:

1. "Hazing" means any action which recklessly or intentionally endangers the health or safety of a person for the purpose of initiation, admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a student organization. The term shall include, but not be limited to:
  - A. Requiring indecent exposure of the body;

- B. Requiring any activity that would subject the person to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation or extended isolation from social contact;
  - C. Confinement of the person to unreasonably small, unventilated, unsanitary or unlighted areas;
  - D. Any assault upon the person; or
  - E. Requiring the ingestion of any substance or any other physical activity which could adversely affect the health or safety of the individual. The term shall not include an action sponsored by an institution of higher education which requires any athletic practice, conditioning, or competition or curricular activity.
- b. No student organization or member of a student organization shall engage in hazing any member or person pledged to be a member of the organization. The implied or express consent of the victim shall not be a defense in any action brought under this section.
  - c. A student organization which violates subsection (b) of this section (1) shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars and (2) shall forfeit for a period of not less than one year all of the rights and privileges of being an organization organized or operating at an institution of higher education.
  - d. A member of a student organization who violates subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.
  - e. This section shall not in any manner limit or exclude prosecution or punishment for any crime or any civil remedy.

**III. Affirmation**

The undersigned member of Sacred Heart University Greek Life affirms that he or she has read this document, which includes the Connecticut Hazing Laws and the Sacred Heart University Anti-Hazing Policy, and that he or she fully understands the contents thereof, and verifies that he has not in anyway, form or fashion been coerced, forced or made any promises to sign this document and that he or she has signed the same voluntarily and of his or her own free will.

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Printed Name

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Date

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