**The Pennsylvania State University – Antihazing Report**

**Time Period Covered: January 1, 2020 to December 23, 2024**

This report is published in accordance with Act 80 of 2018, the Timothy J. Piazza Antihazing Law, 18 Pa.C.S. § 2809 *et seq.*

This report covers all campuses of the University. Certain University campuses are not identified in the chart below because they reported no hazing violations for this time period.

| **Campus** | **Date Charged** | **Date Resolved** | **Description** | **Sanction(s):** |
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| **2020** | | | | |
| Altoona | 3/4/2020 | 5/21/2020 | **BASEBALL TEAM**– At an annual party celebrating the start of the season, veteran members of the PSU Altoona Baseball team shaved the rookie players’ hair in various designs. Rookies, while being less than 21, were provided with alcohol during the celebration. | The team and coaching staff were required to complete educational programs related to hazing and alcohol. |
| University Park | 8/17/2020 | 11/20/2020 | **ECLIPSE WINTER GUARD** – The organization required exercises that were unreasonable and caused risk to the health and safety of members, including concerns of mental distress. | The organization was suspended by the University for two years with the condition that no current members or leaders can be part of the organization in the future. |
| University Park | 9/16/2020 | 10/1/2020 | **SIGMA TAU GAMMA** – The organization furnished alcohol to underage individuals as part of the new member education process. New members were also required to perform acts of servitude for members. | The University and fraternity headquarters collaborated to suspend the fraternity for four years. |
| **2021** | | | | |
| University Park | 3/31/2021 | 4/8/2021 | **PI KAPPA PHI** – A member of the organization was restrained to a flagpole on the front lawn of the chapter house in his boxers for a short period of time. | The University placed the organization on conduct probation until May 31, 2022, and, in conjunction with the national organization, mandated educational intervention and ongoing meetings with University staff. |
| University Park | 4/22/2021 | 9/23/2021 (updated) | **DELTA PHI** – As an expectation of continued membership, two new members exited a vehicle on campus that was driven by a third new member and tackled a member. The three then walked to the car together, and all left the area. Delta Phi is not a recognized student organization at the University. | University Police issued all four students summary citations for PA Crimes Code 2802 (a) (1) Hazing. The University’s Office of Student Conduct held four students accountable and assigned probation and education around decision making and hazing. (updated) |
| **2022** | | | | |
| University Park | 12/17/2021 | 1/7/2022 | **CHI PHI** – At the direction of members, new members were instructed to engage in line-ups where they were subjected to forced calisthenics and other behaviors. In addition, new members, at the directions of members, were forced to consume alcohol. | The organization accepted responsibility, and in partnership with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the National Headquarters there was a full membership review, probation through fall 2025, and educational initiatives. The chapter has been placed on a cease operations through fall 2022 as the remaining organization members engage in education related to hazing, alcohol use, leadership development, recruitment, risk management, and organizational management. The organization will have continued oversight through alumni advising. The educational plan spans through fall 2025. |
| University Park | 5/12/2022 | 5/16/2022 | **ZETA TAU ALPHA** – At the direction of members, new members were required to engage in an activity of a sexual nature (i.e., sexual touching) in partnership with Tau Kappa Epsilon. | The organization accepted responsibility, and in partnership with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the International Headquarters the organization is on probation through spring 2023. The organization will engage in comprehensive educational sanctions to address organizational leadership, hazing, risk management, recruitment, and organizational management. This will be at the co-direction and oversight of the International Headquarters, the advisors, and the University. The organization will provide monthly updates to the University. Failure to complete the educational initiatives will result in consideration of a suspension for the organization through a conduct process for failure to comply with sanctions. |
| University Park | 6/16/2022 | 6/17/2022 | **TAU KAPPA EPSILON** – At the direction of members, new members were required to engage in forced consumption of alcohol and an activity of a sexual nature (i.e., sexual touching) in partnership with Zeta Tau Alpha. | The organization accepted responsibility, and in partnership with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the International Headquarters the organization is on probation through spring 2023. The organization will engage in comprehensive educational sanctions to address organizational leadership, hazing, risk management, recruitment, and organizational management. This will be at the co-direction and oversight of the International Headquarters, the advisors, and the University resources. The organization will provide monthly updates to the University. Failure to complete the educational initiatives will result in consideration of a suspension for the organization through a conduct process for failure to comply with sanctions. |
| University Park | 8/10/2022 | 8/17/2022 | **DELTA SIGMA PHI --** New members were directed by members to participate in a scavenger hunt as a part of their new member process. The scavenger hunt included underage consumption of alcohol, sexual exploitative behaviors, and other behaviors that endangered the new members’ health and safety. | The organization accepted responsibility, and in partnership with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the International Headquarters, the organization is on probation through summer 2023. The organization will engage in comprehensive educational sanctions to address organizational leadership, hazing, risk management, recruitment, and organizational management. This will be at the co-direction and oversight of the Headquarters, the advisors, and the University. The organization will provide monthly updates to the University. Failure to complete the educational initiatives will result in consideration of a suspension for the organization. |
| University Park | 9/16/2022 | 9/30/2022 | **DELTA SIGMA IOTA** -- New members were directed by members to participate in the following behaviors during their new member process: consume liquor, perform calisthenics and running as punishment, clean members’ apartments, and run errands for members. | The University suspended the organization through fall 2026. |
| **2023** | | | | |
| University Park | 6/8/2023 | 6/12/2023 | **LION AMBASSADORS** – During an organizational retreat at an off-campus location, an active member asked new members to wear t-shirts over their heads and verbally and publicly share a traumatic life experience. Newly initiated members described being in the space for an extended period of time, experiencing embarrassment, and being yelled at. | The University held the individual student accountable, and the Lion Ambassadors imposed independent individual disciplinary action with the student involved. |
| University Park | 8/25/2023 | 9/11/2023 | **KAPPA ALPHA PSI** -- New members were subjected to physical abuse which resulted in visible injuries. Additional hazing behaviors included yelling at and striking a new member for failing to complete an assigned task, requiring new members to wear heavy metal collars, and not allowing new members to shower during the process. | The University suspended the organization for a period of no less than four (4) years. The national organization supported the University’s outcome. |
| University Park | 8/22/2023 | 10/10/2023 | **PHI KAPPA SIGMA --** New members were subjected to behaviors including forced consumption of alcohol and food, forced physical activity, line-ups and forced servitude. | The University suspended the organization which may not request to have the suspension lifted any sooner than 2028. The national organization took similar action. |
| University Park | 10/10/2023 | 11/16/2023 | **ALPHA GAMMA RHO --** The organization furnished alcohol to underage students as part of their recruitment process. | The organization accepted responsibility for the violation. In partnership with the national organization, the University issued a conditionally held suspension for four (4) years, mandated a full membership review, and required educational initiatives related to hazing, alcohol use, leadership development, recruitment, risk management, and organizational management. The organization will have continued oversight through the National Headquarters, being required to submit monthly progress reports. |
| **2024** | | | | |
| University Park | 12/7/2023 | 3/15/2024 | **TAU EPSILON PHI --** The chapter's new member process included underage consumption of alcohol and new members were subjected to servitude and forced physical activity. | The organization accepted responsibility for the violation. In partnership with the national organization, the University placed the chapter on a cease operations through fall 2024, limited operations through spring 2025, and assigned organizational conduct probation through spring 2027. A full membership review and required educational initiatives were also required. The organization will have continued oversight through the National Headquarters staff and will be required to meet regularly with University and National Headquarters staff. |
| University Park | 1/25/2024 | 4/17/2024 | **THETA DELTA CHI --** The chapter allowed ineligible students to participate in the new member process and new members were subjected to hazing behaviors, to include unreasonable risk related to the availability of alcohol to new members, the use of derogatory language against new members, and coerced servitude where new members were threatened with hazing or violence if they did not comply. | The organization accepted responsibility for the violation. In partnership with the national organization and alumni as well as the undergraduate chapter, the University placed the chapter on a cease operations through fall 2024 and organizational conduct probation through spring 2027, required a full membership review, and required educational initiatives. The organization will have continued oversight through the National Headquarters staff and will be required to meet regularly with university and National Headquarters staff to determine readiness to return to operational status. |
| University Park | 2/7/2024 | 4/23/2024 | **PHI KAPPA THETA --** The chapter held a case race for potential new members at the chapter facility. A case race is a drinking game during which teams compete to finish a case of beer first. | The University placed the organization on conduct probation through the spring 2025 semester and mandated educational interventions facilitated by fraternity and sorority life staff to include risk management and recruitment reforms. |
| University Park | 4/17/2024 | 6/26/2024 | **LION AMBASSADORS --** An activity held during the new member education process resulted in a student being subjected to hazing including an activity that could result in extreme embarrassment. | The university held the individual student accountable and found that the organization failed to take reasonable steps to prevent hazing from continuing to occur within the organization. The University placed the organization on a conditionally held suspension through Spring 2025. Additionally, the organization, in collaboration with the Alumni Association, will complete an external review of the organization and create and implement an organizational development plan. |
| University Park | 5/20/2024 | 7/24/2024 | **ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY --** New members were expected to earn a certain number of points during an activity as part of the new member process. These points were earned in part by completing tasks that constitute hazing. Activities included pouring milk over their heads while being videotaped, forced and unreasonable levels of physical activity, and eating a large amount of food in a short period of time. | The University placed the organization on organizational suspension through the spring 2025 semester followed by organizational conduct probation through the spring 2028 semester. Further, the organization is required to complete educational interventions facilitated through the University and/or the National Arnold Air Society Organization. Prior to re-recognition, the organization must meet with university staff and AFROTC Cadre staff to discuss educational outcomes and training program moving forward. |
| University Park | 10/23/2024 | 10/31/2024 | **ZETA BETA TAU** – In Fall 2024, the university received information about hazing that allegedly occurred in Fall 2022 and in Fall 2024. Behaviors from Fall 2024 included new members participating in recording a video depicting physical violence and physical activities. The Fall 2022 behaviors included new members being blindfolded and an activity that could result in embarrassment. | The organization accepted responsibility for the violations. In partnership with the national organization, the chapter will comply with an Accountability Action Plan to include a Membership Review and required educational initiatives. The chapter was also placed on conditionally held suspension through Fall 2025. |
| University Park | 10/4/2024 | 11/4/2024 | **PI DELTA PSI –** Organization leadership facilitated a drinking game during the organization’s final spring 2024 recruitment event wherein potential new members were coerced to consume large amounts of alcohol, resulting in at least one alcohol overdose. | The university placed the organization on indefinite organizational suspension for a minimum of three years. Further, in order to be considered for re-recognition, the organization must present a comprehensive reconstitution, risk management and new member training program proposal to the university, which will need to be approved. |