

Miami University Report on Hazing Violations – August 2024

Pursuant to Ohio’s Collin’s Law (Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.19(D)), Miami University has prepared this report to document all organizational hazing violations from the past five years prior to August 1, 2024.

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, each hazing violation lists the following information: (a) the name of the subject of the report; (b) the date when the subject of the report was charged with a hazing violation; (c) a general description of the violation, as well as any investigation, findings, or penalties imposed, and (d) the date on which the matter was resolved. As is provided in the Ohio Revised Code, this report does not include any personal identifying information of any individuals.

This report shall be updated on a biannual basis in January and August of each year. Violations are organized by organization name.

Alpha Sigma Phi

- The matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing on April 30, 2020. A hearing officer found the organization responsible for a hazing violation on May 11, 2020. Appeal was exhausted on May 18, 2020.
- Hearing determined that new members were required to play “quarters,” which resulted in injuries to the faces and noses of members. Also required new members to eat bad food combinations and to be present at the fraternity house and perform various tasks.
- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from May 11, 2020 through May 31, 2023.

Chi Psi

- The matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing on October 17, 2023. The organization accepted responsibility for a hazing violation on November 6, 2023. Appeal was exhausted on November 13, 2023.
- The organization accepted responsibility for the following conduct: that a new member of the organization had suffered cigarette burns during an off-campus initiation event in Spring 2023 Semester, resulting in scars to their body.
- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from November 2, 2023 through November 2, 2025. Members must attend risk management meetings and develop a risk management plan, and the organization is required to comply with its national headquarters’ sanction requirements.

Club Baseball (Miami University Club Baseball)

- The matter was investigated and the organization was charged with hazing on October 12, 2023. The organization accepted responsibility for a hazing violation on October 17, 2023. Appeal was exhausted on October 24, 2023.
- The organization accepted responsibility for the following conduct: that rookie players were zip-tied together and required to finish a bag of wine before the zip-ties were removed.

- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from October 16, 2023 through October 17, 2023. Members must attend hazing education sessions, meet regularly with their club advisor, and the organization must develop a risk management plan.

Dance Team (Miami University Dance Team)

- The matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing on May 3, 2023. The organization accepted responsibility for a hazing violation on May 18, 2023. Appeal was exhausted on May 25, 2023.
- The organization accepted responsibility for the following conduct: that new members were required to participate in a mandatory “fun night,” which included a scavenger hunt that involved tasks such as taking items from fraternity houses, making out with guys, taking nude pictures, and forcing new members to go to local bars.
- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from May 18, 2023 through May 31, 2026. Members are required to attend hazing education, and the organization is required to develop a risk management plan and attend follow-up meetings with University officials.

Delta Sigma Phi

- The matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing on April 6, 2023. The organization accepted responsibility for a hazing violation on April 27, 2023. Appeal was exhausted on May 18, 2023.
- The organization accepted responsibility for the following conduct: that new members were required to consume alcohol, engage in early morning workouts, were forced to clean and do chores, and were given “pledge packs.”
- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from April 25, 2023 through April 25, 2025. The organization is also responsible for developing a chapter accountability plan.

Delta Tau Delta

- The matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing on May 10, 2019. A hearing officer found the organization responsible for a hazing violation on May 17, 2019. Appeal was exhausted on August 6, 2019.
- Hearing determined that new members were blindfolded and required to consume alcohol and marijuana. New members were also paddled and could not leave when requested. Hearing determined that new members suffered injuries as a result of the activities.
- Organization is suspended by Miami University from March 16, 2019 through March 16, 2024. Organization may petition the University to consider an earlier return to campus on or after March 16, 2029.

Lambda Chi Alpha

- The matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing and was found by a hearing officer to be responsible for a hazing violation on April 15, 2021. Appeal was exhausted on May 20, 2021.
- Hearing determined that organization representatives yelled at new members who were unable to remember the organization’s “creed.” New members were also blindfolded and asked to walk through rooms of the chapter house.
- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from May 13, 2021 through May 13, 2023.

Rugby Football Club (Miami University Club Rugby)

- That matter was investigated, and the organization was charged with hazing on February 2, 2020. A hearing officer found the organization responsible for a hazing violation on April 28, 2020. Appeal was exhausted on June 2, 2020.
- Hearing determined that new members consumed and were provided large amounts of fermented alcohol by other members of the team. New members participated in an event in which two opposing teams “race” to finish a series of alcoholic drinks before the other team, understood to be part of team initiation.
- Organization placed on disciplinary probation from May 8, 2020 through May 31, 2026. Restricted from hosting competitions until December 31, 2020.