Hazing Policy of The Haverford School

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of Haverford School’s hazing policy is to prevent hazing among student-athletes through clear definitions and policies, staff involvement and enforcement, and to encourage acceptable team bonding activities with the anticipation of decreasing dangerous and deviant behavior among teammates.

All coaches and administration will be expected to support, monitor, and enforce the hazing policy and implementation of the plan. If you have any suspicion that a student-athlete is involved in a hazing activity, notify administration immediately.

Hazing: Hazing refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group (or to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person’s willingness to participate. This does not include activities such as freshman carrying the balls, team parties with community games, or going out with your teammates, unless an atmosphere of humiliation, degradation, abuse or danger arises.

Such activities may include but are not limited to the following:

♦ Personal servitude
♦ Sleep deprivation
♦ Restrictions on personal hygiene
♦ Yelling, swearing and insulting new members/verbal abuse
♦ Being forced to wear embarrassing or humiliating attire in public
♦ Consumption of vile substances or smearing of such on one’s kin
♦ Brandings
♦ Physical beatings
♦ Binge drinking and drinking games
♦ Sexual stimulation and sexual assault
♦ Engaging in public stunts and buffoonery
♦ Forced alcohol consumption
♦ Burning

Consequences: Any student athlete involved in an incident of hazing will be suspended from all team activities. During the time of suspension, the student-athlete will not practice or compete with the team in any scheduled event. A student involved in hazing must petition the coaching staff for reinstatement.