

The University of Scranton
Pennsylvania Anti-hazing Law Report
Updated January 1, 2026

Organization: Men's Soccer - NCAA Sport

Date Reported: August 22, 2025

Date/s of Alleged Activity: August 22, 2025

Date Investigation/Inquiry Began: September 2, 2025

Date Charged: September 10, 2025

Description of Incident: Allegation stated the Men's Soccer team hazed new members by having them create a dance and perform the dance for the Women's Soccer team.

Investigation Findings: Following the investigation, the preponderance of evidence standard was met for the violation of Hazing. Allegations were confirmed through interviews that new members of the Men's Soccer team were asked to create a dance that lasted only a few chords of a song. New members all wore similar outfits, practiced the dance at least one time and performed the dance in front of the Women's soccer team.

Sanctions:

1. Disciplinary Probation Begin: September 11, 2025, to end March 15, 2026.

2. Educational Activity or Activities: You are required to perform the educational activities as set forth to you in your informal or formal conduct hearing. These activities may include the following: a formal apology (in writing and/or in person), a presentation, a research paper on a designated topic or a written reflection on why the offending behavior was inappropriate. The team will develop 20 healthy, positive activities for team bonding. Include step by step instructions or materials needed for the activity. The compilation of activities will be printed and be available for all clubs, organizations and sports affiliated teams after approved by the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and the Athletics Department. **Due:** October 10, 2025

Date of Outcome Letter: September 11, 2025

Organization: Men's Wrestling - NCAA Sport

Date Reported: September 2, 2025 via Silent Witness Report to University Police

Date/s of Alleged Activity: Not specified

Date Investigation/Inquiry Began: September 9, 2025

Date Charged: Not Charged

Description of Incident: Allegation stated: "Rumors of wrestling team hazing. I don't have first-hand knowledge, but a reliable source shared that student athletes are being branded."

Inquiry Result: No additional information was provided. Conversation with team Captains and Coach yielded it was not credible information. Members of the wrestling team did not show any signs of branding on skin. Referral was closed without further action.

Sanctions: Not applicable.

Date of Outcome Letter: Not applicable.

Organization: Men's Rugby - Club Sport

Date Reported: May 6, 2025

Date/s of Alleged Activity: Week of April 28, 2025

Date Investigation/Inquiry Began: May 9, 2025

Date Charged: May 29, 2025

Description of Incident: Alleged Hazing violation. Allegations included that new members were made to shave their heads with embarrassing designs and then buzz their hair.

Investigation Findings: Following the investigation, the preponderance of evidence standard was NOT met for the violation of Hazing. Allegations were unfounded. The investigation yielded that some first-year members randomly shaved their heads. There may have been conversation between 1st year members, but there was no evidence of this being a requirement, nor a common practice of the rugby team, nor a planned or orchestrated event by the club sport team.

Sanctions: Not applicable.

Date of Outcome Letter: June 17, 2025

Organization: Electric City Ultimate Frisbee Team- Club Sport

Date Reported: November 1, 2024

Date/s of Alleged Activity: Possible start October 24, 2024, and end on October 31, 2024.

Date Investigation/Inquiry Began: November 11, 2024

Date Charged: November 6, 2024 (Interim Suspension Letter)

Description of Violation: Alleged Hazing violation. The University was notified of an event including an "optional Scavenger Hunt" for new members that alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct (i.e., Hazing, Disorderly Conduct). The Scavenger Hunt included experiencing embarrassing situations and other behaviors that endangered new members' health and safety.

Investigation Findings: Following the investigation, the preponderance of evidence standard was met for the violation of Hazing.

Sanctions:

1. Deferred Suspension until December 13, 2025.
2. Research and develop an educational training designed to educate club sport participants on the University of Scranton's Hazing Policy and Pennsylvania Anti- Hazing Laws; definition of hazing with examples; common justifications for hazing; and suggestions for alternative, positive team bonding activities.
Due: February 24, 2025.

3. Mandatory Meeting- the club leadership will facilitate the educational training to the Dean of Students, Director of Student Conduct and the Associate Director/Club Sport Coordinator. Thereafter a delivery date will be set to deliver the education to the club sport team.
4. Restriction- The club is not permitted to compete or represent the university until the education activity sanction has been satisfied.

Date of Outcome Letter: December 5, 2024
