

# Hazing Prevention in Athletics

Hazing prevention in intercollegiate athletics requires a collaborative approach, inclusive of Student-Affairs and Athletics administrators, coaches, team captains and student-athletes from every team. **Written policy, ongoing education,** and the practice of **positive team building** are the foundational pillars upon which to build an athletics environment that reduces the potential for the development of harmful and destructive initiation activities, empowers by-standers to speak up about any concerns, and meets the developmental needs to create strong bonds and build team cohesiveness, the ingredients of successful athletics programs.

## Written Policy – Ongoing Education – Positive Team Building

### Principles.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, identifies the following established principles adopted by all of its 1000+ member institutions and athletics conferences to create a safe environment for student-athletes:

#### **Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility**

- ❑ It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association.

#### **Principle of Student-Athlete Welfare**

- ❑ Health and Safety: It is the responsibility of each member institution to protect the health of and provide a safe environment for each of its participating student-athletes.

#### **Principle of Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct**

- ❑ In order to promote the character development of participants, to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches and all others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility.

### Partners.

Campus Personnel can look to the CHAMPS/Life Skill Coordinator at an NCAA member institution to collaborate on hazing prevention initiatives. To find if your institution has a CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, go to:

[http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed\\_outreach/champs-life\\_skills/index.html](http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed_outreach/champs-life_skills/index.html)

Other collaborators in athletics on each NCAA campus charged with promoting student-athlete well-being include the Senior Women's Administrator (SWA) and the Head Athletic Trainer.

### Resources.

Following are several resources that may assist campus personnel to promote policy development, ongoing education, and positive team building activities for student-athletes. These materials can also be found at [www.ncaa.org/health-safety](http://www.ncaa.org/health-safety), or contact Mary Wilfert, Associate Director of Education Outreach, at [mwilfert@ncaa.org](mailto:mwilfert@ncaa.org).