

Max Gruver and Stop Campus Hazing Act Transparency Report

Kennesaw State University prohibits hazing. Hazing means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed against another person, regardless of that person's willingness to participate, that is connected to initiation into, affiliation with, or membership in a student organization or group and that causes or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury above the reasonable risks of ordinary organizational activities. A person's consent or willingness to participate is not a defense.

How to Report Hazing

You can report hazing to the Department of Public Safety & University Police at 470-578-6666 (for immediate assistance) or to the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) through the [SCAI Reporting Form](#).

KSU cannot guarantee confidentiality to reporters but will consider requests to withhold identity when possible. Retaliation against anyone who reports, participates in, or refuses to participate in an investigation is strictly prohibited and can result in disciplinary action.

Investigation Process for Students and Student Organizations

The Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) investigates allegations of hazing involving students and/or student organizations. The process is governed by SCAI's [Misconduct Policies and Procedures](#) and applies to alleged misconduct occurring on or off campus.

SCAI staff conduct an initial review of reports. The University may impose interim measures, including protective measures, when needed to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community. Students and student organizations receive written notice of the allegations and have an opportunity to respond and participate in a code violation meeting.

SCAI investigators then conduct a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation that includes interviews and review of available evidence. Cases may be resolved informally if the student or organization accepts responsibility, or they may proceed to a formal code violation meeting or a hearing before the SCAI University Hearing Panel.

Decisions are made using the preponderance-of-the-evidence standard (more likely than not). A written decision is issued outlining the findings and any sanctions. Students and organizations have the right to appeal outcomes of suspension or expulsion.

This report contains the University's public disclosures of student organization hazing findings. Kennesaw State University updates the report within 15 days of any final adjudication of a hazing violation or notice of a related criminal conviction, and not less than twice each year. Each disclosure is maintained for a minimum of five years from the date of publication. Personally identifiable information about individual students is not included.

Hazing Is a Crime Under Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-61)

Hazing is a criminal offense under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-61, the Max Gruver Act). It is unlawful for any person to haze a student in connection with gaining or maintaining membership, office, or other status in a school organization. Under the statute, hazing includes subjecting a student to an activity that endangers or is likely to endanger the student's physical health, or that coerces the student to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to a likely risk of vomiting, intoxication, or unconsciousness—regardless of the student's willingness to participate. A violation is a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and may result in criminal penalties in addition to university discipline.

Hazing Statistics

Beginning with the 2026 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFR), Kennesaw State University discloses criminal statistics for hazing as required by the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. These statistics differ from the organizational hazing violations published in this Transparency Report. Clery hazing statistics are limited to incidents occurring within KSU's Clery Geography and are based on reports made to Campus Security Authorities or law enforcement; a disciplinary finding is not required for an incident to be counted. The current ASFR is available on the [University Police website](#).

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION: WOMEN'S RUGBY

Hazing Occurred: November 1, 2024

Description of hazing related findings:

During a school-sanctioned championship game trip, new members were blindfolded and escorted into a room, where they were prompted to quickly consume beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Each new member was asked to select a drink, including those who were underage, who were given the option to choose alcohol. Once everyone had their choice, their blindfolds were removed, and they were encouraged to finish their drinks within six minutes.

Sanctions:

1. Suspension of the organization for half of the Spring 2025 season – through March 17th, 2025.
2. All current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI.
3. All Fall 2025 new members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI.

5-year roll off: May 21, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: TAU KAPPA EPSILON

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: Multiple dates from 2021-2023

Description of hazing related findings:

During recruitment season in year 2021, 2022, and 2023, Potential New Members (PNMs) were required to obtain signatures from current members. Signatures required PNMs to complete tasks, such as get a brother a drink out of a cooler, bend over and spell RUN, go tell another PNM the story the brother told one member so that the brother would not have to repeat himself, give a brother money to go rollerblading, and set up a camping sight.

Sanctions

1. Probated Suspension for one year: The organizations registration is conditionally maintained. However, any further violations of university policy will result in the immediate suspension of registration.
2. All current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative of the national headquarters.
3. All Fall 2025 potential new members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative of the national headquarters.

5-year roll off: October 7, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: DELTA SIGMA PHI

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: September 2025

Investigation Dates: September 22, 2025 – October 1, 2025

Decision Date: October 2, 2025

Description of hazing related findings:

On September 18, 2025, during recruitment season, a current member of Delta Sigma Phi posted in the group chat for Potential New Members (PNMs): “I need someone to take me and three people to Buckhead right now. I’ll send you \$20. I’d highly suggest you accept.”

On September 19, 2025, also during recruitment season, a current member posted in the PNMs’ group chat: “Tomorrow you are all expected to help set up for the tailgate. Be at the tailgate lot by 1:25 and don’t be late. And bring beer.” When asked how much beer to bring, PNMs were instructed to each bring 30 beers, despite most of them being underage.

Notice:

September 29, 2025: Code Violation Notification

October 3, 2025: Code Violation Decision

October 9, 2025: Appeal Received

October 28, 2025: Appeal Decision Notice

Charges:

34. c) Distributing or providing alcohol to underage persons on campus

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Were alcohol or drugs involved? Yes

Sanctions

1. Suspension of the organization’s registration with Fraternity and Sorority Life until June 2026, starting immediately.
2. Prior to Return 85% of current members of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity must participate in the Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery's Group Sanction Workshop through KSU.
3. Prior to Return, all current members of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity are to attend an anti-hazing workshop/presentation held by either Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) or the Organization’s Headquarters.

5-year roll off: October 30, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: SIGMA LAMBDA UPSILON

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: Fall 2025

Investigation Dates: November 4, 2025 – November 17, 2025

Decision Date: November 18, 2025

Description of hazing related findings:

During the Fall 2025 semester, Potential New Members were required to wear matching uniforms, have their hair braided, complete physical exercises, and present a gift to the chapter. These expectations were listed in the SLU manual as mandatory for all Potential New Members.

Notice:

November 7, 2025: Code Violation Notice

November 18, 2025: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? No

Sanctions

1. Suspension of the organization's registration with Fraternity and Sorority Life until September 2026, starting immediately.
2. Prior to their return, they must review the New Member Process and work with their headquarters to ensure they align with KSU Policy.
3. Prior to Return, all current members of the Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority are to attend an anti-hazing workshop/presentation held by either Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) or the Organization's Headquarters.

5-year roll off: November 18, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: December 2025

Investigation Dates: January 23, 2026 – February 10, 2026

Date of Decision: February 10, 2026

Description of hazing related findings:

In December of 2025, pyrophytes of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority were requiring new members to complete a specific number of service hours before they would be allowed to stroll.

Notice:

February 3, 2026: Code Violation Notice

February 10, 2026: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? No

Sanctions

1. Probated Suspension through December 2026: The organization's registration is conditionally maintained. However, any further violations of university policy will result in the immediate suspension of registration.
2. Anti-Hazing Workshop (Due 7/1/26): 90% of all current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative of the national headquarters.

5-year roll off: February 10, 2031

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Omega Psi Phi

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: April 2026

Investigation Dates: April 27, 2026 – May 28, 2026

Date of Decision: May 29, 2026

Description of hazing related findings:

In April of 2026, new members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity were encouraged to shave their heads as a tradition of the Fraternity.

Notice:

May 15, 2026: Code Violation Notice

May 29, 2026: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? No

Sanctions

1. Restriction of Social or Other Activities Sponsored by the Organization through May 28, 2027.
2. Anti-Hazing Workshop (Due 5/28/27): 100% of all current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative or the national headquarters.

5-year roll off: February 10, 2031

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Sigma Nu

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: Fall 2025

Investigation Dates: July 20, 2026 – August 27, 2026

Date of Decision: August 28, 2026

Description of hazing related findings:

During recruitment season 2025, Potential New Members (PNMs) were required to obtain signatures from current members. PNMs were expected to meet individually with each active member and obtain a signature verifying completion of the interaction. As well as, during the PNM retreat alcohol was present from those over the age of 21.

Notice:

July 20, 2026: Investigation Notice

August 18, 2026: Code Violation Notification

August 28, 2026: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? Yes

Sanctions

1. Restriction of Social or Other Activities Sponsored by the Organization through January 1, 2027.
2. Anti-Hazing Workshop (Due 10/24/26): All current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative or the national headquarters.
3. Wise Choices Group Workshop (Due 10/24/26): All current members must attend a Wise Choices workshop with the Center for Addiction Recovery, Prevention, and Educations.
4. Sigma Nu has been placed on Disciplinary Probation until May 15, 2027.

5-year roll off: August 28, 2031

