The Heart of the Matter: Hazing Checklist

Hazing Checklist: The following are examples of hazing by category. It is impossible to list all hazing activities, so this list is NOT intended to be all inclusive. Measure each new member activity against the definition for each category.

Put a check by the activity that you think does not constitute hazing.

Subtle Hazing: An activity or attitude or an act which ridicules, humiliates or embarrasses.

_____ Purposely alienating the new members.
_____ Referring to new members in a demeaning manner “pledge”.
_____ Silence periods.
_____ Any form of demerits.
_____ Initiates writing progress reports on new members.
_____ Requiring new members to address initiated members in a different manner.
_____ Scavenger hunts for meaningless objects.
_____ Phone duty or house duties, if only assigned to new members.
_____ Requiring new members to carry paddles, special objects that initiated members don’t carry.
_____ Deprivation of privileges.
_____ Withholding the date of initiation or big sister revealing.
_____ Not allowing new members to wear Greek letters.
_____ Requiring members to complete signature books.

Harassment Hazing: Anything that causes mental anguish or physical discomfort which confuses, frustrates or causes undue stress.

_____ Drawing any unnecessary attention to new members through a form of critique or criticism.
_____ Scaring new members with what might happen at initiation.
_____ Dark room interrogations.
_____ Any form of questioning under pressure or in an uncomfortable atmosphere.
_____ Verbal abuse.
_____ Personal servitude.
_____ Moving into the house/suite/residence hall for inspiration week and sleeping on the floor.
_____ Requiring new members only to wear ridiculous costumes or special clothing.
_____ Requiring new members to perform ridiculous activities.
_____ Requiring new members to enter through the back door or not allow them to enter to see certain parts of the house/suite/residence hall.
_____ New member skit nights with demeaning and crude skits and poems.
_____ Holding any type of mock pre-initiation with new members.
_____ Refusing to allow time for good grooming.
_____ Withholding grooming and personal hygiene.
_____ Requiring new members to memorize irrelevant information about initiated members.
_____ Yelling at new members.