Westfield State-Dept. of Athletics
Student-Athlete Agreement Concerning Hazing

Name__________________________________________ Team______________________

The Department of Athletics at Westfield State University supports only those activities which are constructive, educational, and inspirational and that contribute to the intellectual and personal development of students. Westfield State Athletics unequivocally opposes any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule for any student or student athlete.

Westfield State University prohibits hazing in any form described in Massachusetts general law Chapter 269 section 17 and 18.

In order to assist you in understanding the types of actions and activities which would be unacceptable, the department of athletics offers the following (non-exhaustive) list of examples:

- Any type of initiation or other activity where there is any expectation of individuals joining a particular team to participate in behavior designed to humiliate, degrade, or abuse them regardless of the person’s willingness to participate.
- Forcing, requiring, or pressuring an individual to consume alcohol or any other substance.
- Forcing, requiring, or pressuring an individual to shave any part of their body, including the hair on their head.
- Any requirement or pressure put on an individual to participate in any activity which is illegal, perverse publicly indecent, contrary to his/her genuine morals and/or beliefs, e.g. public profanity, indecent or lewd conduct, or sexual gestures in public.
- Any activity or action that creates a risk to the health, safety, or property of the College or any member of its community.
- Forcing or requiring calisthenics, such as push-ups, sit-ups and runs.
- Assigning or endorsing "pranks", such as stealing or harassment of another organization.
- Awakening or disturbing individuals during normal sleeping hours.
- Expecting or pressuring individuals to participate in an activity in which the full membership is not willing to participate.
- Physical abuse of any kind.
- Forcing, encouraging, or pressuring someone to wear, in public, apparel which is conspicuous and not within the norm of what is considered to be in good taste.
- Engaging in public stunts and buffoonery.
- Nudity at any time, or forced reading of pornographic material.
- Paddling beating or otherwise permitting a member to hit other members.
- Having substances such as eggs, mud, paint, etc., thrown at poured on or otherwise applied to the body of a member.
- Morally degrading/humiliating games or other activity that makes a member the object of amusement, ridicule or intimidation.
- Subjecting a member to cruel and unusual psychological conditions.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW 269 SECTION 17-19.

(initial)________ I understand that if I am in violation of this policy I will be subject to University student conduct action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University. In addition the Athletics Department may impose a discipline that may include suspension from the team, and/or expulsion from the team. In addition, I am aware that the team may be subject to group discipline that can include, but not limited to, team probation cancellation of the individual contests and/or cancellation of the entire season.

Signature of Team Member ___________________________________________ Date____________