

Code of Conduct and Conduct Sanctions

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Registered student organizations must adhere to the Student Honor Code as stated in the [UF Student Guide](#) provided by Dean of Students Office. Any violation of the following regulations by a registered student organization may result in disciplinary sanctions against the organization and may include cancellation of registration.

Nondiscrimination

A registered student organization shall be in full compliance with all federal and state nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, orders, and regulations.

A registered student organization may not discriminate against a member or prospective member on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability, unfavorable discharge from the military, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era, except as specifically exempted by law. Likewise, among the individual discrimination prohibited by the University policy, but not by law, is sexual orientation.

Use of Facilities

A registered student organization may reserve and use University facilities for events that are primarily for University students and employees. A registered student organization using University facilities must observe the provisions of any contract issued for use of a particular facility, and must follow University policies governing the use of its facilities. Publicity for sponsored events must indicate clearly that the sponsor is a registered student organization.

A registered student organization shall be responsible for all activities and/or damages at any event.

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Hazing

Organizations must be aware of and adhere to the policy on [hazing](#). Hazing is any intentional or reckless action or situation created to produce emotional or physical discomfort, harassment, humiliation, or ridicule for the purpose of "testing" the student's loyalty prior to becoming or as a member of the group. Historically related to fraternities/sororities, hazing actually may occur within any organization. Such actions include, but are not limited to the following examples.

All forms of strenuous physical activity, not a part of an organized, voluntary athletic contest or not specifically directed toward constructive work, which might reasonably be expected to bring physical harm to the individual.

- Paddling, beating, pushing, or in any other way permitting anyone to strike a student.
- Activities that interfere with a student's academic program (loss of sleep, study time, etc.).
- Coercing a student to eat or drink amounts of any substance.
- Abduction, road trips, etc. which are conducted in a manner which endangers the health or safety of a prospective or active member.
- Subjecting a student to cruel psychological conditions.
- Behavior which disrupts the normal functioning of the University or is disruptive to the normal living environment.
- Any requirement which forces a student to participate in any activity which is illegal, publicly indecent, morally degrading, or contrary to the rules, policies, and regulations of the University of Florida.

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Suspension and Grievance

An organization's registration may be suspended by the Center for Student Involvement for any one or more of the following reasons:

- Violation of University statutes, rules, policies, and procedures, and/or state, federal, or local law.
- Failure to pay organization debts.
- Disciplinary action.
- The national organization revokes the student organization's charter or denies affiliation.
- Non-compliance with organization registration procedures and constitution requirements. (Note: persons listed on the organization's registration form that do not meet the eligibility requirement for leadership accounts for the majority of cancellations. The Center for Student Involvement will periodically run a check on the status of students to verify enrollment.)
- Falsification of any registration information.

Grievance and Review Procedures for Student Organizations

As stated in the [UF Student Guide](#) the University of Florida is committed to a policy of treating all members of the University community fairly in regard to their personal and professional concerns. For cases in which a student organization does not agree with the sanctioning process or the sanction prescribed, all grievances shall be handled in accordance to the Student Grievance Procedure described in the Student Guide.

Participation in Campus Activities

All students are free to join University organizations. All student organizations must be officially registered in order to meet on campus and to use University facilities. All organizations are under the jurisdiction of the Director for Student Involvement. All student organizations and groups are subject to the rules of the University of Florida, including the Student Conduct Code and Academic Honesty Guidelines.

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Student Organizations at UF Athletic Events

Students attending UF athletic events are expected to follow the Gator Code of Conduct (below or [click here](#)) and the Student Conduct Code. Any student organization whose membership attends an athletic event together (formally or informally) and violates either of these codes could be subject to individual or organizational sanctions through the Judicial Affairs Office (DSO), which could include suspension of the organization's registration.

Gator Fans' Code of Conduct

Gator fans are widely known for their enthusiasm, team support, hospitality and sportsmanship. Our image is shaped not only by our student-athletes, coaches, students and faculty, but by our fans as well. Our goal is to create a first-class environment to lend support to our team while maintaining a safe and fun atmosphere for visiting fans as well.

Prohibited Behavior

Rowdy, threatening, or inconsiderate behavior such as standing in the aisles, portals or concourses, profane and abusive language, smoking in public areas, fighting, and drunkenness will not be tolerated and can result in

ejection, arrest, and/or loss of season ticket privileges. Throwing of any objects in the stands, including paper and plastic cups will also be prohibited. Should you observe any of this disruptive behavior, please notify your nearest law enforcement officer.

NCAA policy prevents fans from entering the sideline area or field of play unless they are properly credentialed or accompanied by an authorized staff member. Violators are subject to arrest.

Enforcement

Individuals found violating any policies can be removed from the stadium. Non-students, while not affected by the Student Conduct Code, are subject to arrest and prosecution under applicable laws and state statutes.

Students involved in such activities or other disruptive behavior will also be subject to disciplinary action through the Dean of Students Office and University of Florida's Code of Student Conduct. Students enjoy the rights and privileges that accrue to membership in a university community and are subject to the responsibilities which accompany that membership.

The University Athletic Association reserves the right to remove the ticket holder from the premises if in the sole opinion of the security personnel his or her conduct endangers or disrupts the players, coaches, officials or fans. Gator Athletics thanks you for your support.

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