

SAY NO TO HAZING!!!!!!!

HAZING IS A DANGEROUS EPIDEMIC THAT IS SWEEPING THROUGH OUR NATION. DO YOUR PART TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE GETS HURT OR EMBARRASSED JUST TO BE A PART OF THIS TEAM. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR HAZING WHEN IT COMES TO BASKETBALL. IF YOU HAVE TIME FOR HAZING YOU COULD SPEND IT WORKING ON SCHOOLWORK, IMPROVING YOUR BASKETBALL SKILLS, OR GETTING REST.

EXAMPLES OF HAZING:

- Any form of physical harm (beatings, slaps, or sexual misconduct)
- Withholding food or water at any time
- Any form of kidnapping and/or leaving people in remote areas
- Forcing people to dress in a way that would be inappropriate
- Any form of psychological abuse

This is a small sample of what hazing can look like in its most popular forms. It is important to realize that the biggest form of hazing is **CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH SOMEONE MAY BE CAUSED PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM OR DEATH.**

With this in mind there are a few traditions that may be kept. They may include having underclassmen carrying bags and upperclassman being allowed to go first in getting food and choosing sweats.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS TEAM IS ABOUT HAVING FUN AND LEARNING THE SPORT OF BASKETBALL.

HAZING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

This is a flyer that I would present to the school board about hazing. It gives a clear definition of hazing as well as examples of inappropriate and acceptable behaviors. I would encourage all of my athletes to keep this in the front of their basketball binders as well as having it posted in the locker room and gymnasium. There would be a zero tolerance policy in which all offenders would be dealt with the same way. First offense would be suspension for 25% of the season's games, second offense would be 50% of a season's games and third offense would result in removal from the team. These offenses would carryover from year to year, meaning that if an athlete took part in hazing has a freshman, sophomore, and junior that athlete would be kicked off the team and not allowed to come out as a senior. It is important to understand just how dangerous hazing can be. The more that we tolerate hazing now the worse it will get in the future. It is important that coaches take a stand and stop hazing before it starts.