

Regulations for New Member Activities for Clubs & Sections

These regulations supplement The College of Wooster Non-Hazing Policy. Clubs and Sections submitting new member education proposals are expected to be fully aware of the policy and submit The College of Wooster Non-Hazing Compliance Form with their new member education proposal.

1. New Member Educators & Presidents Workshops: The new member educator(s) and president of each Club and Section must attend a mandatory new member educator workshop prior to the submission of their proposal. **The 2004 workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the 7th Section formal lounge in Bissman.**

2. Timeline: New member activities will take place between **Saturday, January 22 and Saturday, February 12, 2005**. All activities must comply with the date, time and event specifications as outlined below. Each activity must be described in detail and justified by citing the value(s) and expected outcome(s) from the activity. Time must be allowed at the conclusion of each activity to de-brief new members on those value(s) and outcome(s) as well as their importance to the group.

3. Hazing: Each student who accepts a bid to join a Club or Section must attend a session about hazing during the week of January 17, 2005 (**date and time TBA**). This session will be coordinated by the Committee on Social Organizations. At this session, all new members must acknowledge that they have been provided with a copy of the non-hazing policy and information concerning what to do if they experience or witness hazing of any kind.

4. New Member Activation: All Clubs and Sections will have an event not to exceed two hours to activate new members prior to education and bonding activities. Alumni may participate in this activity. Any Club or Section may indicate in their proposal that they plan no further new member activities other than this activation. Greek letters may be given to new members after their activation.

5. Education and Bonding Activities: The maximum number of hours for the education and bonding period allowed to any group for its new members is twelve hours, limited to no more than two hours per weekday (Monday – Thursday). Groups may petition for exceptions with rationale. The schedule should include time needed to prepare for events. No organized, group-sponsored activities may be planned outside of this schedule. Education and bonding should be seen as a year-long process. Equality among new and continuing members is expected in all activities. The hours set aside for education and bonding activities by The College of Wooster's Non-Hazing Policy are:

Monday --Thursday -- 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday -- 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. (Saturday)
Saturday -- 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. (Sunday)
Sunday--8 a.m. - 11p.m.

There shall be no attempt to structure a new member's time outside of these hours.

6. A service project is not required during new member education.

7. Closing Ceremony: This is the final event for new members of the Club or Section and can not exceed a maximum of 3 hours (2 hours if on a weekday). Alumni may participate in this activity as observers only. Clubs and Sections may propose a social activity to precede or follow the closing ceremony.

8. All activities must take place within the College of Wooster campus. Exceptions would be considered based on the reason for the request. Possible exceptions might include service projects or activities with the group advisor.

9. Please remember that including an activity in your new member education proposal does not constitute reserving a space or a facility. Classrooms, meeting rooms, and outdoor facilities must be reserved in the Facilities Scheduling Office of Lowry Center. Space is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Make requests as soon as possible with Santha Schuch at ext. 2570.

10. All groups must obtain permission of residence directors for use of any campus residence hall or house. Even a club or section's own lounge in Bissman should be scheduled with the residence director.

11. New members can not be required to attend meals together on weekdays as those meal times occur outside of the time frame allowed for new member activities. (Breakfast is a particular concern as getting up early could create sleep deprivation and fatigue.)
12. All new member activities are to be led only by active members of the Club or Section or the advisor. If a student member of a group other than the new member educator (s) is to lead an activity, the proposal should include the justifying reasons.
13. All new member activities are to be non-alcoholic for everyone present. If any event is to have refreshments, their non-alcoholic nature should be clearly stated in the proposal.
14. New members can not be required to forfeit or loan personal property to actives.
15. All dress expectations (i.e. sweatshirts on Tuesday) of new and/or old members are to be listed in the proposal.
16. If a new member deactivates at any time during the new member activities, any dues paid by the new member must be refunded.
17. Each group must hold at least two activities that include their advisor.
18. If any group is conducting a scavenger hunt, the items to be found must be included in the proposal.
19. Oral and written tests may be administered as a means to educate new members and gauge the success of each Club or Section's education procedure under the following terms:
 - Oral tests are permitted, provided that questions are posed to the entire group and that no individual is singled out to respond.
 - Written tests are permitted provided that they are anonymous. Grading and review of the results of written tests will be done by the Club or Section president who will report group results to the actives and new members.
 - If tests are to be given to the new members, they must be appended to the proposal. Furthermore, the proposal should state whether the exam is written or oral.
20. Any games or sports activities included in the proposals must be comprised of combined new member/active teams so as to encourage cooperation and not competition.
21. The President(s) and New member Educator(s) of each group are required to personally notify and receive approval from the Director of Lowry Center and Student Activities of changes in the new member activities schedule as soon as possible (preferably at least 24 hours before the proposed change will take place).
22. Members of the Committee on Social Organizations may attend any new member activity. Please remember that a new member activity is defined as any organized group-sponsored activity involving new members and actives.