



BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Campus Hazing Transparency Report

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This Hazing Transparency Report provides information related to campus hazing, including details on incidents of hazing reported to Ball State University.

Ball State University hazing statistics are available in the Annual Security Report (Clery) and can be found at [Annual Security | Ball State University](#). Hazing statistics for 2025 will be available in the 2026 Annual Security Report. In addition, the ASR contains a statement of policies and programming related to hazing, including how to report and the process used to investigate incidents of hazing, as well as information on applicable local, State, and Tribal laws.

Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that: (1) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, any organization operating under the sanction of Ball State University; and (2) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in Ball State activities or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team) of physical or psychological injury. More information can be found by reviewing the [Hazing Policy](#).

Additional information related to the investigation, citation, sanction or punishment, and group or organization is available upon request and in accordance with IC 5-14-3 (access to public records). Personal identifiable information protected by [FERPA](#) will not be released. Ball State's process to request access to public records is available at [Request for Access to Public Records - General Counsel | Ball State University](#). Records related to hazing incidents will be maintained for at least five years from the date of this report.

Name of Organization investigated: Alpha Chi Omega

Organization Recognized by Student Life: Yes

Date of incident: November 15, 2024, and March 29, 2025

Date investigation began: April 1, 2025

Date investigation ended and resulted in a charge: May 14, 2025

Date organization was notified of the hazing violation/charged with policy violation: May 14, 2025

Date sanctions went into effect: May 14, 2025

Summary of the incident:

In November 2024, at an event known as Sisters and Shots, newly initiated members were separated from the rest of the membership at the front of the room. Members were chanting the “Alpha Chi Omega drinking song” at newly initiated members while they were drinking alcohol. This drinking song includes lines such as “take a shot” and “get drunk” among other things.

In March 2025 newly initiated members were lined up at a fraternity house while other members chanted the “Alpha Chi Omega drinking song” at them while a member poured alcohol from a handle-sized bottle into the mouths of all but one of the newly initiated members who were present at the house.

Investigation findings:

Alpha Chi Omega accepted responsibility for violating the University’s hazing and alcohol policies.

Sanctions imposed on the organization:

The organization was put on probation until December 2025 through Alpha Chi Omega Headquarters and must complete educational and coaching requirements through headquarters.

The organization is on probation through Ball State University until December 2025.

The organization cannot host any wet socials until October 1, 2025, provided the chapter meets certain educational requirements set forth by headquarters. Any socials that involve alcohol planned or co-planned by the chapter after that date through December 2025 must follow the guidelines set forth by headquarters, and a copy of the Event Planning Guide must be submitted to the Student Life/Fraternity and Sorority Life Office at least two weeks in advance of the event.