HAZING

Hazing is against the law in Colorado and is a violation of the Student Conduct Code (http://www.conflictresolution.colostate.edu/prohibited-conduct-organizations) that may result in discipline of individuals and student organizations who engage in such conduct. Inaction or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are likewise considered violations.

Hazing means any activity by which a person recklessly endangers the health or safety of or causes a risk of bodily injury to an individual for purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student organization; except that hazing does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions, or authorized training activities conducted by members of the armed forces of the State of Colorado or the United States. Hazing includes but is not limited to:

1. Forced and prolonged physical activity;
2. Forced consumption of any food, beverage, medication, or controlled substance, whether or not prescribed, in excess of the usual amounts for human consumption or of any substance not generally intended for human consumption;
3. Prolonged deprivation of sleep, food, or drink.

Physical hazing includes any physical activity which is harmful to the individual (i.e. paddling, abandonment, excessive exercise, eating repulsive food, exposure to extreme temperatures, nudity, consumption of alcohol or drugs, etc.).

Psychological hazing includes acts which compromise the personal dignity of an individual, thereby causing personal embarrassment or shame to the individual; causing an individual to be the object of malicious amusement or ridicule; or causing an individual psychological harm or emotional strain.

Any requirements by an initiate or new member which compel another initiate or new member to participate in any activity which is illegal, which is known by the compelling party to be contrary to the individual’s moral or religious beliefs, or which is contrary to the rules/regulations of the university, shall be construed as hazing.