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Anti-Ragging Committee
Standard Operating Protocol

Scope

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Outlines the Formation, Roles, And Responsibilities of The Anti-Ragging Committee, Along With The Management Of All Related Activities And Documentation. It Applies to The Teaching Faculty, Staff, And Students of The Institute.

Purpose

To Establish a ragging free happy Campus Culture.

Definition Of Ragging

Ragging Refers to Any Disorderly Conduct—Through Spoken or Written Words, Or Actions—That Involves Teasing, Treating, Or Handling Another Student Rudely. This Includes Rowdy or Undisciplined Behaviour That Causes Annoyance, Hardship, Or Psychological Harm, Instils Fear in Fresher or Junior Students, Or Forces Students To Engage In Acts That Result In Shame Or Embarrassment, Adversely Impacting Their Well-Being.

What Constitutes Ragging

- Teasing Or Rude Behaviour Toward Fresher or Other Students.
- Financial Extortion or Forced Spending.
- Physical Abuse and Rowdy Behaviour Causing Fear or Harm.
- Forcing Students into Acts That Generate Shame or Embarrassment.
- Disruption Of Academic Activities.
- Abusive Language, Including Insults Via Any Medium.
- Any Action That Negatively Impacts a Student's Mental Health or Self-Confidence, With or Without Intent To Cause Distress.

Objectives

- To have a Ragging free campus at AIMS College of Physiotherapy.
- Enforce A Strict Anti-Ragging Policy; Violations Will Result in Severe Consequences.
- Implement Legal Measures to Eliminate All Forms of Ragging in Accordance with MUHS Regulations

Constitution of the Anti-Ragging Committee

1. The Head of The Institute Will Form the Committee, Which Includes:
    - Chairperson
    - A Minimum of Four Members, Including Wardens of Both Boys' and Girls' Hostels.
2. The Committee Will Monitor Ragging Incidents Across the Campus, Including Canteen, Buses, Mess Areas, And Hostels Through Regular Checks.
3. The Committee Will Meet At Least Biannually.
4. The Committee Will Be Reconstituted Every Three Years.

Functions of the Anti-Ragging Committee

1. Collect Anti-Ragging Undertakings from Students and parents at The Time of Admission.
2. Conduct Awareness Sessions for Students and Parents.
3. Distribute Informational Letters to Parents/Guardians at The Academic Year's End.
4. Form Monitoring Cells (Anti-Ragging Squads) For Surprise Inspections.
5. Recommend Measures to Enhance Security on Campus.

Roles And Responsibilities of Members

1. Faculty Members May Involve Student Members in Anti-Ragging Activities as have Needed.
2. Maintain Vigilance to Prevent Ragging Incidents.
3. Patrol The Campus to Deter Ragging Behaviour.
4. Remind Students of The Serious Consequences of Engaging in Ragging.
5. Educate Students About Anti-Ragging Regulations and The Importance of Submitting Affidavits.
6. Foster A Ragging-Free Campus Environment.
7. Participate Actively in Monthly Meetings of The Anti-Ragging Committee.
8. Monitor Sensitive Areas Where Ragging May Occur.
9. Report All Incidents of Ragging with Detailed Documentation for Review by The Head of The Anti-Ragging Committee.
10. Immediately Connect with Involved Students Upon Receiving Reports of Ragging.
11. Investigate Incidents Thoroughly, Gathering Statements from Involved Parties and Witnesses.
12. Promptly Inform the Head of The Anti-Ragging Committee About Reported Incidents.
13. Ensure Thorough Documentation for Each Incident To Determine Appropriate Punishment.
14. Follow Up with The Head Regarding Submitted Reports and Participate in The Final Decision-Making Process.
15. All Members Must Adhere to The SOP Guidelines.

Protocol For Handling Ragging Incidents

1. File A Formal Complaint with The Anti-Ragging Committee.
2. Verify The Authenticity of The Complaint Through Designated Members.
3. Initiate An Inquiry into The Incident.
4. Forward The Inquiry Report to The Head of The Institution.
5. Recommend Appropriate Penalties as Per Legal Provisions.

Penalties

Minor Penalties:

- Oral Or Written Warnings
- Suspension From Class for One Week

Major Penalties:

- Suspension From Class for One Month/Semester
- Prohibition From University Exams
- Loss Of Training and Placement Opportunities
- Hostel Suspension
- Rustication From the College

Administrative Actions for Ragging

The Anti-Ragging Committee Will Decide on The Appropriate Punishment Based on The Specifics of Each Case. Potential Penalties Include:

- Suspension From Classes and Academic Privileges
- Debarring From Examinations
- Prohibition From Representing the Institution In Events
- Expulsion From Hostel
- Cancellation Of Admission
- Rustication Or Expulsion from The Institution, Potentially Barring Future Admissions

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