

Spring 2014 Interfraternity Council Rush Rules and Guidelines

Southwestern University

Registration

1. IFC Spring Rush registration will begin on November 13, 2103 utilizing the following Google docs form to collect the applications -
<https://docs.google.com/a/southwestern.edu/forms/d/164kLc5uFeDck8vkQ2nXNjIJIEhMSAykd1ADK2mbESOU/viewform>
2. Each man desiring to go through rush must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average as of Fall 2013. Eligibility also requires current enrollment in at least 12 semester hours.
3. Check in for IFC's Mock Rush event will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 8:15pm in the Bishops Lounge of the Campus Center. After checking in, eligible men will visit all four houses between 8:30 and 9:30pm on December 4.
4. Rush registrations must be completed no later than 5pm, Wednesday, January 15, 2014.
5. As soon as all interested parties have signed up for the official registration for participation in rush, the names will be divided into four alphabetical groups.

Parties

1. All parties during rush will abide by University and IFC policies. Preference parties must be held in Georgetown. Only one female student may be present at the parties.
2. No alcohol may be served during any of the formal rush parties.
3. Each fraternity will give four parties on Thursday, January 16 and two parties on Friday, January 17. Every participant must attend all four parties the first night. Silence begins at 12 noon on Thursday, January 16 and will continue until 9am Saturday, January 18, except for formal parties.
4. Participants will check in at The Cove at 7:45pm before Thursday night's first party, which will begin at 8:00 pm and last till 8:30 pm. The second party will begin at 8:35 pm and will last until 9:05 pm. The third party will begin at 9:10 pm and will last until 9:40 pm. The fourth party will begin at 9:45 pm and last until 10:15 pm.
5. Invitations to preference parties will be given to the IFC advisor on Friday, January 17 at 10:30 am in the Student Activities Office in the McCombs Campus Center. Between 11:00 am and 12:30 p.m. Friday, January 17, each participant who has one or more invitations to the preference parties will RSVP on the invitation and return it to the IFC Advisor and sign up for a maximum of two events. They should decline any other invitations received. Under no circumstance will they attend both parties of the same fraternity.
6. Participants will check in at The Cove at 7:45 pm. Friday night's first preference party begins at 8:00 pm and lasts until 9:00pm. The second party begins at 9:15 pm and lasts until 10:15 pm. Association between fraternity men and participants will end at 10:15 pm.
7. If a participant should have any questions about fraternities during the silence period, he may speak with the IFC Advisor Derek Timourian (512)818-9993, the IFC President Jake Phillips (830)643-9252, or the IFC Rush Chair Josh Mann (210)413-7571.

Bids

1. It will be illegal to offer a bid to a participant before Saturday, January 18. All bids will be given to the IFC advisor at 7:00 am Saturday, January 18 in The Cove in the McCombs Center. Bids must be picked up by participants between 7:30 am and 8:00 am in The Cove on Saturday, January 18. If a participant is unable to pick up his bids, he should notify the IFC advisor before that time. Participants must mark their returned bids Accept, Reject, or Undecided.
2. A participant marking his bid undecided has a week to declare their choice. In order to declare, they simply need to tell the fraternity they wish to pledge. If they do not declare within a week, they must notify the IFC advisor.
3. No fraternity shall make an effort to secure the acceptance of a bid by altering the expenses involved in being a pledge or initiate of the respective group. This includes all pledging fees, dues, initiation fees, assessments, house room and board or other related expenses to the individual. The Participant, if pledged, will be required to pay the same standard cost as any other pledge in the respective group. Financial assistance from alumni to the chapter given at the request of the chapter in the form of a scholarship to the individual participant will be considered illegal. Any case in which a person's expenses are altered in any way from the standard costs of the chapter must be brought to the attention of the IFC, which must approve any action. Conviction by the IFC for an infraction of this rule will result in a minimum fine of \$250.00 per case. Rush probation for the following semester, plus an additional fine when a fraternity does not cease such action, is recommended.

Additional Rules

1. A fraternity will be held responsible for any member's action whether he is a present student, transfer student, alumnus, or member of that fraternity from another school.
2. No favors are to be given at rush parties.
3. No independent men may be used in organized fraternity rush.
4. A pledge fee of \$7.00 for each accepted bid must be turned in to the IFC treasurer at the IFC meeting on February 4, 2014, by each chapter.
5. There shall be no more than two fraternity members per participant in any separate room at any time. In this circumstance doors to rooms must be kept open at all times.
6. No participant will be allowed to enter any fraternity house between noon Thursday, January 16 and 8:00 am, Saturday, January 18 except for formal parties.

Note: Revised 1/14/14 by the IFC during the weekly meeting.