

Fall 2022 Interfraternity Council Rush Rules and Guidelines

Southwestern University

Registration

1. Visit the IFC website (<https://www.southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-organizations/greek-social/mens-interfraternity-council/>) to access the online registration form.
2. Each man desiring to go through Rush must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average as of Spring 2022. Eligibility also requires current enrollment in at least 12 semester hours.
3. Rush registrations must be completed by 12noon on Monday, September 26, 2022.
4. All men participating in Rush will be emailed a link to an online training module hosted by safecolleges.com with the login information for an online course entitled, "Hazing Prevention: Misconceptions and Pitfalls". All Rush participants must complete this training by Tuesday, September 27^h at 5pm.
5. If a participant should have any questions during Rush, he may speak with the IFC Advisor Derek Timourian (512) 863-1665 (via text/call).

Parties

1. All parties during rush will abide by University and IFC policies. Preference parties must be held in Georgetown.
2. No alcohol may be served during any of the formal rush parties.
3. Each fraternity will give three parties on Thursday, September 29th and two parties on Friday, September 30th. Every participant must attend all three parties the first night. Silence begins at 12 noon on Thursday, September 29th and will continue until Bid Day activities commence on Saturday, October 1st, except for formal parties.
4. *Participants will check in the McCombs Ballrooms at 7:45pm for an IFC presentation before Thursday night's first party, which will begin at 8:00 pm and lasts until 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.*
5. *Invitations to preference parties will be provided electronically to the IFC advisor on Friday, September 30th by 8:00 am. Each participant who has one or more invitations to the preference parties will meet virtually with the IFC advisor between 11am – 1pm on Friday and sign up for a maximum of two events. They must decline any other invitations received. Under no circumstance can they attend both parties of the same fraternity.*
6. *Participants will check in at The Bishops Lounge 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 or concerns during the silence period, he may contact the IFC Advisor - Derek Timourian (512) 863-1665 (via text/call).

Bids

1. No one may be offered a bid before Saturday, October 1st. All bids will be provided electronically to the IFC advisor by midnight on Friday night. *Bids must be picked up in The Cove on Saturday, October 1st at time - TBA. 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 one of three ways: Accept, Reject, or Undecided.*
2. No alcohol may be served by a fraternity during bid day or anytime that weekend.
3. A participant marking his bid undecided has a week to declare his choice. In order to declare, he must notify both the IFC advisor and the fraternity he wishes to pledge. If he does not declare within a week, he must notify the IFC advisor that he will not accept any bids this semester.
4. In the event a participant is extended multiple bids, all other bids must be declined before choosing to accept one.
5. If a participant accepts a bid to one fraternity but then drops, he may not be extended offers by any other fraternity. However, if the candidate has participated in the rush process, it is within a reasonable amount of time since bids were extended, and unique circumstances exist, a participant may be granted an exception to this rule with the consent of the majority of the IFC general assembly.
6. 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.
7. A pledge fee of \$7.00 for each accepted bid must be turned in to the IFC treasurer at first IFC meeting in October.

Note: These rules were last revised on August 31, 2022 by the IFC.