

Fall 2019 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 2019. Eligibility also requires current enrollment in at least 12 semester hours.
3. Rush registrations must be completed by 12noon on Thursday, September 19, 2019.
4. If a participant should have any questions during Rush, he may speak with the IFC Advisor Derek Timourian (512) 863-1665 (office) or (512) 818-9993 (cell).

Bids

1. No one may be offered a bid before Saturday, September 28th. All bids will be given to the IFC advisor on Saturday morning by 7am in The Cove in the McCombs Center. *Bids must be picked up in The Cove on Saturday, September 28th at 7:30am. 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. 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.
3. In the event a participant is extended multiple bids, all other bids must be declined before choosing to accept one.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 September 3, 2019 by the IFC.