

NIC Standards for NIC Member Fraternities

Nothing in the North-American Interfraternity Conference Standards should be interpreted in any way as implying that an NIC member organization has a duty or an ability to supervise or control collegiate students or chapters associated with it. The NIC and its member organizations recognize that, by definition, its member organizations are based upon fraternal, not parental, relationships, and that the member organizations do not have the ability to monitor or control the activities of respective chapters, or collegiate students associated with a chapter.

1. The following data, covering the preceding academic year, will be reported to the NIC headquarters by November 1st of each year:◊

- Number of pledges/new members*
- Retention of pledges
- Number of initiates*
- Number of initiated men (undergraduate)*
- Retention of men for past academic years (annual retention rate for those who left fraternity prior to graduation)
- Number of chapters opened and size at time of chartering
- Number of closed chapters and reason for closure
- Number of active chapters*
- Number of members involved in campus leadership positions
- Number of community service hours donated
- Number of dollars raised for charitable causes

◊ information collected will only be made public in a three tier aggregate of all NIC members. Raw data will be destroyed after aggregate data is compiled.

*provided through normal course of member's financial audit notes

2. Member organization policies will include:

Member's chapters agree to and support open expansion on their respective campuses (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

Member organizations are insured with liability coverage (implemented no later than September 1, 2005)

Each associate/pledge/new member has a minimum high school GPA of 2.3 for first semester freshman year and (whichever is appropriate per NIC member decision)

- minimum college GPA of 2.25 thereafter;
- or has a GPA at or above each campus all-men's average thereafter (implemented no later than September 1, 2005)

Annual cumulative GPA of (whichever is appropriate per NIC member decision)

- at least a 2.5 for each chapter
- or at or above each campus all-men's average (implemented no later than September 1, 2005)

The associate/pledge/new member program shall last no longer than

twelve weeks and encourages a program lasting less than twelve weeks. (implemented no later than September 1, 2005)

Fraternity-chapter women's auxiliary groups (i.e. "little sisters") are not allowed (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

Risk management policies that address alcohol use, fire safety, hazing, and sexual assault/abuse (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

Alcohol free at all rush/recruitment activities including formal, informal and summer/break recruitment activities (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

Alcohol free pledge/associate/new member programs (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

Language allowing for immediate chapter emergency, temporary suspension by individual fraternity (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

3. Each member will communicate its values through its ritual at least annually or as prescribed by its policies (implemented no later than September 1, 2004)

4. Each member organization will communicate the importance of its undergraduate members participating in educational programming (whether campus, national fraternity or independently led) covering any of the following: academic achievement, alcohol consumption, career preparation, civic engagement, hazing, leadership development, sexual assault, and values & ethics. (implemented by September 1, 2004)

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