

## IFC Rush Rules 2009-2010

All first-year men must complete a full term of study (does not include High School dual credit classes) at WJC or another accredited institution with a minimum cumulative and institutional GPA of 2.5 in order to be eligible to receive a bid.

At the conclusion of each rule, there is a number in parenthesis. This is the point value given to this rule should it be broken. The lower the number, the less severe the punishment for the infraction will be. Values will add up when multiple rules are broken. If the fraternity in question or one or more of its members admits to the Rush infraction, the fraternity will receive the penalty point value listed. However, if the individual(s) in question deny the allegations during an initial interview with the IFC cabinet members and are found guilty in a following investigation, the penalty point value will be doubled. See the "Penalties for Infractions" section of this document for the punishments chapters will receive at different levels of violations.

### General Rush Rules:

1. No member of any fraternity will engage in "Dirty Rushing." Dirty Rushing is defined as follows:
  - a. Slander of any kind towards another fraternity. (3)
  - b. Giving information, true or false, about another fraternity, this includes but is not limited to information regarding pledgship/associateship, chapter activities and policy, or stereotyping of a chapter.(3)
  - c. Making unjustified claims about one's own chapter.(3)
  - d. Promising bids during or before the Rush period.(3)
2. All recruitment functions are to be dry events, meaning alcohol is not present.(3)
3. Women, with the exception of fraternity employees or college staff, are not allowed at any recruitment functions.(2)
4. First year collegiate students may not receive a bid until bid day during the formal Rush period in the spring semester.
5. Transfer students must have a 2.5 cumulative and institutional GPA to receive a bid. They may not receive a bid during the semester they first arrive until after the informal or formal Rush for that semester has concluded.
6. No bids can be given during the week of formal or informal Rush.

7. No Fraternity will present their own promotional information (such as handouts, pamphlets, packets, electronic documents/text, etc), or verbally promote their fraternity to a potential new member (PNM) unless prior approval is granted by the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life (i.e. CUA Student Activities Fair).(2)
8. Fraternities are prohibited from Rushing new students during, directly before, or directly after first-year orientation activities, with the exception of the CUA Student Activities Fair.(2)

#### Informal and Formal Rush:

1. Informal Rush will last one week in the fall semester. It will be held during the second or third week of classes. Sunday will include brief house tours and an open IFC event in the evening. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be days designated for on campus chapter events.
2. Formal Rush will last one week in the spring semester. It will be held during the second or third week of classes. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be days designated for on campus chapter events.
3. Each chapter will receive two pre-determined recruitment dates:
  - a. One during the week of informal Rush during the fall semester
  - b. One during the week of formal Rush during the spring semester
4. Each chapter will choose 2 dates in the fall semester after the informal rush period in which they may host IFC approved recruitment events. One of these events must be on campus and they must be at least 1 month apart. A fall semester recruitment event form must be filled out and turned into IFC at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
5. Philanthropy events and other events open to the entire WJC community will not be considered recruitment events, but they must be IFC approved at least one week in advance if first years are expected to be present.
6. Any chapter event, held between the first day of classes in the fall semester and formal rush in the spring, in which unaffiliated first-year men are present, will be considered a recruitment function.
7. Chapter houses are open to all unaffiliated men starting the Monday after informal Rush week at noon and ending 24 hours before the beginning of formal Rush in the spring. Houses are once again open to all unaffiliated men upon the end of bid signing in the spring semester. If the houses are not open, they are closed to unaffiliated men. (2)
8. Unaffiliated first year men can not be in the fraternity houses between 1 a.m. and 12 noon. (1)

9. Each fraternity is limited to \$1,400 in rush event spending during the fall semester. This includes the informal Rush event and the other 2 chosen events. Each fraternity is limited to \$400 in Rush event spending during the formal Rush period in spring semester. This includes any expenditure that involves food, prizes, gifts, activities, or alumni gifts.(2)
10. All receipts for Rush spending must be turned into IFC within 2 weeks of the event.(1)
11. The days of events during informal and formal Rush period will be drawn out of a hat (one chapter receiving Monday, one Tuesday, one Wednesday, and one Thursday). Each year the chapter's day for their rush event will rotate one day forward (from Monday to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday, Wednesday to Thursday, and Thursday to Monday).
12. During formal Rush events, all fraternities are required to present the following items to PNM's:
  - a. All required charges, including house costs and membership dues.(2)
  - b. Their values and core beliefs.(1)
  - c. An accurate overview of mandatory requirements/time commitments during the official chapter pledgeship/association period.(1)
13. Rush Monitors will represent IFC from every organization every night of informal and formal Rush to monitor the activities of each fraternity. The fraternity that each monitor is sent to will be chosen randomly by fair means (No IFC monitor will monitor the house in which they are affiliated).
  - a. All organizations must allow house entry and/or attendance to any IFC officer/representative or school officials during scheduled Rush functions. These people must be treated with the same respect given to a chapter's own members and toward PNM's.(2)
  - b. IFC monitors should refrain from unnecessary interaction with any PNM's who are attending the chapter's function.
14. The wearing of fraternity letters and pins shall be allowed at all times, except by orientation leaders during orientation functions. No fraternity member shall be permitted in the residence halls during orientation week, or informal/formal Rush unless he is a resident of said hall, an orientation leader or otherwise approved by IFC. Fraternity men shall be allowed to help first year students move in to their living space on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 during specified times.(2)
15. During informal/formal Rush or either of the 2 open rush events a fraternity may hold during the fall semester, only members of the fraternity sponsoring a specific party may be in contact with PNMs during the scheduled time. This includes all verbal, written, and electronic communication.  
(2)

16. Fraternity members may not purchase or give gifts to first year unaffiliated men. This includes but is not limited to: purchasing of food, tickets to an event, or any sort of gift or prize outside of a designated recruitment event with receipts turned in to IFC. (2)

Open Rush:

1. Formal Rush rules in regards to alcohol and Dirty Rushing shall remain in place during open Rush.
2. Each chapter shall submit to the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life the names of those persons who pledge, depledge, or deactivate in the event that such an event occurs.
3. The IFC will support a system of continuous open bidding for all fraternities, provided that individual fraternities' international or national policies do not conflict with the aforementioned.

Summer Rush:

1. Summer Rush shall commence one full week after spring commencement and will end one day before athlete move-in day.
2. Rules of formal Rush shall be followed during summer Rush, including but not limited to, restriction of alcohol and women at summer Rush parties.
3. Spending by a chapter on summer Rush shall be \$400. This includes any expenditure that involves food, prizes, gifts, activities, or alumni gifts.(1)
4. Receipts for summer Rush spending are due to IFC during or before the first IFC meeting of the 2008-2009 school year. (1)

Rush Registration:

1. Rush registration will occur in the Union the week prior to formal rush. Potential new members will also be able to sign up for Rush online beginning at the start of classes fall semester. There will be no late registration allowed, except in the case of extenuating circumstances, in which case an appeal must be made to and permission granted by the IFC President and the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life before the conclusion of Formal Rush.
2. Rush registration will be free of charge.

#### Bid Day:

1. The names of all individuals to whom bids have been extended must be filed with the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life by the fraternity upon issuance no later than 9 a.m. on bid day.(1)
2. Fraternities shall submit final bids of people to whom bids have been extended and a list of persons who have accepted such bids to the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life by noon on the Tuesday following the conclusion of Formal Rush.(1)

#### Bid Night

1. Bid Night Parties: All social functions with alcohol must be registered by completing a Greek Function/Activities Notification Form and submitted to the Director of Student Activities in the Student Affairs Office by no later than seven days prior to the date of the event. Functions not registered by this deadline will not be permitted by WJC or the Greek Council (comprised of executive members of the Inter-fraternity and Panhellenic Councils). Chapter events shall not commence prior to 9:00 PM and must end by 1:00 AM. See the bid night event registration form for all additional guidelines/restrictions/policies.

#### Rush Infractions:

1. Rush Infractions should be reported directly to the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life and an IFC Cabinet member by means of a formal letter.
2. Both fraternity men and PNMs have the right to report a Rush infraction.
3. If a chapter feels there has been a Rush infraction, the chapter should contact the IFC Rush Chair who will conduct an investigation if necessary. All chapters and individuals involved will be made aware of the situation.
4. All Rush infractions will be investigated by both IFC and the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life.

5. Upon completion of the investigation, the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life will present their findings to the IFC, which shall hold final jurisdiction over the matter.
6. Violations of any Rush rule or guideline by a PNM will lead to the ineligibility of that individual to receive a bid from any fraternity during Formal Rush and he will not be allowed to attend Rush parties. Depending upon the severity or frequency of the infraction(s) the PNM may be ruled by the IFC Cabinet as ineligible to receive a bid for a set period of time.
7. Violations of any Rush rule, guideline, or the IFC constitution by a fraternity or fraternity member will be subject to the IFC's official ruling.

#### Penalties for Infractions:

1. Penalty points will accumulate throughout the year, including from summer Rush events.
2. Penalty points will be reset to 0 on bid day every year.
3. Upon entering bid day, fraternities will be punished with the following depending on the number of penalty points they have:
  - a. 0-4: No Penalty
  - b. 5-9: Maximum of 25 bids given during bid day.
  - c. 10-14: Maximum of 15 bids given on bid day. A formal letter of apology must be sent to: Fraternity Alumni Board, Director of Student Activities/Greek Life, and IFC.
  - d. 15 or more: Will be handled on a case by case basis with the assistance of the Director of Student Activities/Greek Life. Penalties may include an entire loss of bids for the semester and/or loss of voting and/or membership privileges in the IFC.
4. An appeal to the penalty that would be in effect on bid day limiting the number of bids a fraternity gives may be presented before IFC between the first day of classes in the spring semester and bid day.