

## **Rush Rules 2005**

All Rush Policies remain valid during summer Rush and the functions that occur during and prior to William Jewell College First-Year Student Orientation, leading up to and throughout Rush. Before and during Rush there will be two mandatory Rush Chair meetings, preferably being held on both of the Mondays of Rush.

### **Rush Registration:**

1. Rush registration will occur in the Union Lounge during Orientation Weekend and the week prior to Rush. Rushees will also be able to sign up for Rush online. A link is provided on the Jewell website. There will be no late Rush 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 before the conclusion of Formal Rush.

2. Rush registration will be \$10. This charge is subject to change provided that there is a vote by IFC.

### **Prior to Formal Rush:**

Rushees are not allowed down to the fraternity houses prior to the night of Formal Visitation. Fraternity men can interact with rushees prior to formal rush on the quad and at extracurricular activities; however, the conversation should only promote Rush and going Greek.

### **Spending for Rush:**

1. Spending by a chapter on Rush shall be limited to \$1000 for the two week rush period and the summer before rush begins. This includes any expenditure that involves food, prizes, gifts, activities or alumni gifts.

2. Chapters must provide receipts for all Rush-related expenditures by chapters, members or members acting on behalf of the chapters to the IFC secretary of events.

3. Any chapter has the right to review the amount of money spent on Rush by other chapters.

### **Formal Visitation:**

1. Formal Visitation shall be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

2. All rushees must visit each chapter on the night of Formal Visitation, unless the IFC President and Director of Student Activities grant an exception.

3. During Formal Visitation, all fraternities must provide a list of charges, including housing costs, for the fall and spring semesters.

4. All fraternities must declare their alcohol and substance free housing status.
5. All fraternities must present their values and core beliefs.
6. There shall be no women allowed during Formal Visitation, with the exception of house mothers.

### **Alcohol and Dirty Rushing:**

1. No alcohol is to be served to or around a rushee by any fraternity members on or off campus.
2. No member of any fraternity will engage in what is referred to as “dirty rushing” and with is defined as follows:
  - Slander of any kind towards another fraternity.
  - 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. A conviction for dirty rushing will face penalties determined by IFC. Penalties can include putting a cap on the number of bids a chapter may extend. The standing penalty for conviction of serving alcohol to rushees is the loss of all bids for the semester.

### **Access to Rushees and Fraternity Houses:**

1. During the Formal Rush period, all rushees must be returned to their residences by 11 p.m. Contact with rushees may begin at 8 a.m. This is to prevent rushees from staying at the fraternity houses over night.
2. Women, with the exception of Fraternity Mothers, are not allowed in fraternity houses or at any functions where rushees will be present.
3. The location and times of all scheduled Rush functions shall be made known to the IFC and the Director of Student Activities.
4. All organizations must allow house entry and/or attendance to any IFC officer or representative during scheduled Rush functions.
5. During Formal Rush, only members of the fraternity sponsoring that evening’s event may be in contact with rushees during that event’s scheduled time.
6. No contact between fraternity men and rushees is allowed in the dorms (or any other location where a rushee may reside) unless the visit has been approved by the Director of Student Activities or the IFC president.

7. No contact between fraternity men and rushees is allowed during the time designated "Dead Day," Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> until bid signing.

**Rush Infractions:**

1. Rush infractions should be reported directly to the Director of Student Activities or an IFC officer or representative by means of a formal letter.
2. Both fraternity men and rushees shall have the right to report a Rush infraction.
3. If a chapter feels there has been a Rush infraction, the Rush chair representing that particular chapter should first contact the Rush chairs from the other chapters in order to get an understanding of the charges at hand.
3. All rush infractions will be investigated by both IFC and the Director of Student Activities.
4. Upon completion of the investigation, the Director of Student Activities will present his finding to IFC, which shall hold final jurisdiction over the matter.
5. Violations of any Rush rule or guideline by a rushee will lead to the ineligibility of that individual to receive a bid for any fraternity.
6. Violations of any Rush rule, guideline or the IFC constitution by a fraternity or fraternity member shall be subject to IFC's official ruling.

**Bid Session:**

1. Bid day will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 3:00 in the Student Union.
2. All bids should be submitted to the Director of Student Activities by 12:30 on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.