

## Interfraternity Council of Valparaiso University 2016-2017 Recruitment Rules

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1. The Interfraternity Council has adopted a year round recruitment philosophy and encourages all chapters to be active in their recruitment efforts during the entirety of the academic calendar.
2. All men are invited to participate in recruitment events that take place in any semester, although bids may only be extended to men that have completed 12 credit hours either at Valparaiso University or at another college/university, be enrolled full time at Valparaiso University and have a cumulative GPA of a 2.50. Chapters are required to complete a grade check of all men to whom the chapter is interested in offering a bid. If you have any questions or need more information please email the IFC Advisor at carolyn.whittier@valpo.edu.
3. All recruitment events (formal and informal) are to abide by the following:
  - a. Alcohol free and tobacco free - Valparaiso University became a tobacco-free environment July 1, 2008. Because of this no fraternity shall host on or off campus any events that involve the use of tobacco or smoking, i.e., Cigar Nights, Hookah nights, etc.
  - b. Cannot involve the use of women in any form; this includes asking women to wear t-shirts promoting your organization, having women as hostesses at events, etc.
  - c. Cannot involve any activities that could be deemed as Gambling, regardless of the use of money at the event. (refer to the *Valparaiso University Student Guide to University Life*).
4. Chapter Recruitment Events are to be registered five business days in advance of the event. If the chapter would like the Interfraternity Council to promote the events, the chapters must submit a full recruitment schedule according to the following schedule:
  - a. September 2016 events: schedule due by August 1, 2016
  - b. October – December 2016 events: schedule due by September 16, 2016
  - c. Spring 2017 events: schedule due by December 1, 2016

Only those chapters that submit their schedule by this deadline will be included in the IFC promotion and publicity for recruitment. No exceptions will be made. This schedule must include the following:

a. Title of the Event	c. Event Location
b. Event Date and Time	d. Event Description with any special instructions
5. The Formal Recruitment period will be defined as January 16-27, 2017. Fraternities will not be allowed to register social events, with or without alcohol, at any time during the defined formal recruitment period.
6. When handing out bids in a residence hall, each fraternity MUST contact the Residential Learning Coordinator at least 48 hours in advance and adhere to the Solicitation, Canvassing and Selling On Campus Policy in the Student Guide to University Life (page 176). It is requested that you inform the IFC Advisor as well.
7. Bids can be extended and accepted on the following schedule:
  - a. Fall 2016: bids may be extended to eligible men starting on August 29, 2016
  - b. The Fall Bid Acceptance Ceremony will take place on September 16, 2016
  - c. Spring 2017: bids may be extended to eligible men starting on January 16, 2017
  - d. The Spring Bid Acceptance Ceremony will take place on January 27, 2017
8. All men who enter into a new member program must complete the Valparaiso University Fraternity Membership Card and will be charged a one-time new member fee of \$25.00 (checks can be made payable to the Valparaiso University IFC). This will be due upon bid acceptance.
9. There are to be no chapter events or activities involving new members and alcohol within 24 hours of bid acceptance.
10. The New Member Program will begin immediately and will last no more than six weeks. New Member programs are due to the Assistant Dean of Students (per the *Valparaiso University Standards and Expectations*) prior to the start of the new member program.