

# Interfraternity Council of Valparaiso University

## 2020-2021 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 using the platform provided by the Interfraternity Council.
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.
  - 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, involving women in recruitment video testimonials, 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 deadlines:
  - a. August and September 2020 events: schedule due by May 1, 2020
  - b. Fall 2020 events: schedule due by August 1, 2020
  - c. Spring 2021 events: schedule due by December 6, 2020

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
  - b. Event Date and Time
  - c. Event Location
  - d. Event Description with any special instructions
5. The Formal Recruitment period will be defined as January 13-29, 2021. Fraternities will not be allowed to register social events, with or without alcohol other than those at a third-party vendor and where first-year students are not present, at any time during the defined formal recruitment period.
  6. The Interfraternity Council will host the following kick off events for fraternity recruitment:
    - a. Fall Fraternity Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 27\*
    - b. 2021 Spring Fraternity Recruitment Kick Off event on Thursday, January 13\*, 2021
  7. The Interfraternity Council will hold one community service event during each formal recruitment period. Each chapter is encouraged to either attend this event or host their own.
  8. When handing out bids in a residence hall, each fraternity MUST inform the Assistant Dean of Students 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).

\* These dates are pending confirmation

9. Bids can be extended and accepted on the following schedule:
  - a. Fall 2020: bids may be extended to eligible men starting on August 26, 2020
  - b. Fall 2020 Bid Acceptance Ceremony: September 11, 2020
  - c. Spring 2021: bids may be extended to eligible men starting on January 13, 2021
  - d. Spring Bid Acceptance Ceremony: January 29, 2021
  
10. 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 \$45.00 (checks can be made payable to the Valparaiso University IFC). This will be due upon bid acceptance.
  
11. There are to be no chapter events or activities involving new members and alcohol within 24 hours of bid acceptance.
  
12. 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.