

Standing Rules of Ball State University Panhellenic Association



Article I. Event Registration Forms

Section 1. Completion

In order for an Event Registration Form to be considered complete, it must be filled out in its entirety with all attachments and turned in at least five business days prior to the event.

Section 2. Late Forms

A fine of \$50 per day will be charged for the first three days the complete Event Registration form is late. If the form has still not been turned in by the fourth day, the event must be cancelled.

Article II. Registered events

For every event at which alcohol will be present (third party vendor event, chapter house event, alumni event, family event), the chapter must also host an alcohol-free event (sisterhood, social, community service, etc.). The ratio of events with or without alcohol

must be equivalent to 1:1, or the number of alcohol-free events must be greater than events with alcohol present.

Article III. Grades for Chapters and New Members

Section 1. GPA Requirements

The Ball State University Panhellenic Association delegation strongly encourages member chapters to complete accreditation documents highlighting chapter semester GPA of a 2.5, chapter semester GPA is above a 2.5 and the all-female average, and the new member class GPA is a 2.5 or higher each semester.

- A. Chapters are encouraged to enforce a minimum grade point average for chapter officers during term of office that is equal to or higher than the all-women's average.

Section 2. Academic Success

As students of Ball State University, academics are the number one priority. Therefore, no social events including, but not limited to, socials, formals, spontos, etc. shall be able to occur during finals week or the week prior. This two-week period shall have no social event to allow for students to prepare fully for their final examinations.

Section 3. Failure to Meet Requirements

If a member chapter falls below a GPA of 2.5, the president and academic chair will meet with the Panhellenic Vice President of Scholarship to create an academic plan for that specific member chapter. If a member chapter fails to bring its GPA up to the 2.5 minimum standard within a year, that member chapter will no longer be in good standing with the Office of Greek Life.

Article IV. Recruitment Counselors

Section 1. Eligibility

- A. Candidates must have participated in primary recruitment as an active member.

- B. A Pi Chi must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- C. Attendance is mandatory at all training sessions and throughout the recruitment period as they support the Potential New Members

Section 2. Duties & Expectations

- A. Recruitment Counselors must report all recruitment infractions through the Panhellenic Judicial Procedure, whether you witness the infraction or a potential new member informs you of one.
- B. Recruitment Counselors must disassociate from her sorority during the set time frame and not disclose her affiliation to anyone until after Bid Day.
- C. Recruitment Counselors must follow all disassociation guidelines made by the Vice President of Recruitment Counselors.
- D. Recruitment Counselors cannot wear sorority letters, jewelry, etc. while disassociated.
- E. Recruitment Counselors must not discuss potential members with anyone and will follow relaxed silence guidelines with regards to contact with chapter members or advisers during recruitment.

Article V. Judicial Board

Section 1. Member Qualifications

A representative serving on the Judicial Board:

- A. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.5.
- B. Must be an initiated member of her respective sorority for a minimum of one semester.

- C. May not be an officer of the Panhellenic Association Executive Board.
- D. May not be a chapter president, risk manager, recruitment director, or Panhellenic delegate.
- E. Representatives serve a full year term, but they can reapply.
- F. The representative from a chapter who is appearing before the Judicial Board will not be involved in that hearing.
- G. Each representative shall attend meetings deemed necessary by the Vice President of Risk Reduction.

Article VI. Panhellenic Philanthropy

Section 1. Circle of Sisterhood Foundation

The Panhellenic Association supports the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation.

Article VII. Unacceptable Behaviors

It is the responsibility of each chapter to monitor the behavior of their chapter members. If the chapter does not, the Panhellenic Association will intervene with the chapter.

Section 1. Philanthropy Events

All Ball State University Panhellenic Association and individual chapter philanthropy and community service events strictly prohibit the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any demeaning activities.

Section 2. Bar Crawl Policy

The Ball State University Panhellenic Association prohibits bar crawls. A bar crawl may be considered an event planned by chapter members that may include, but is not limited to moving from establishment to establishment throughout a set period of time, completing a list of drinking games, scavenger hunts, and other activities to be completed throughout the event. Any form of chapter apparel or social media pertaining to bar

crawls is also prohibited.

Section 3. Alcohol Use at Council-Sponsored Events

Presence or use of alcohol at council-sponsored events is prohibited.

Article VIII. Finances

Section 1. Dues

- A. Chapters shall be billed no later than October 15 and March 15.
- B. The dues of each Panhellenic Association member fraternity shall be payable within ten business days of billing.

Section 2. Association Funds

It is prohibited to use any association funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Section 3. Late fees

- A. Panhellenic financial obligations, which are overdue, shall result in a fine of \$5.00 per week until payment is received.
- B. All roundtables will be announced two weeks in advance, if there is no representative from a sorority, the individual chapter will be fined \$25.00.
- C. Panhellenic Executive Board members will inform the Vice President of Internal Operations 24 hours after a violation requiring a fine. The Vice President of Internal Operations then has five business days to send notification/invoice to the chapter.
- D. The chapter has 10 business days to pay the fine. After 10 business days, there will be an additional \$5.00 fine per day.

Section 4. Joint Expenses

The newly elected Panhellenic Vice President of Internal Operations and President shall meet with the newly elected Inter-fraternity Council Vice President of Administration and President within the first month of the later election to review

joint expenses and determine an equitable division of expenses.

Article IX. Administration of Membership Selection (Recruitment)

The Ball State University Panhellenic Association follows all National Panhellenic policies including but not limited to:

- A. An early fall primary recruitment shall be held for regular and associate member chapters of the Ball State University Panhellenic Association.
- B. The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) quota-total system shall be followed.
- C. The preferential bidding system shall be used during Recruitment.
- D. Except during the primary recruitment period, continuous open bidding shall be in effect during the academic year (Fall through Spring) for all eligible female students.
- E. Chapters which do not fill basic quota during primary recruitment may continue to bid and pledge to quota in continuous open bidding even though reaching quota puts them over total.
- F. Every regularly enrolled new member, initiate, or affiliate of a chapter shall be counted in the chapter total.
- G. A list of new member, initiate, or affiliated members shall be filed with the Panhellenic Advisor by the designated deadline in each term. A list of new members taken during continuous open bidding shall be submitted no later than 72 hours after pledging.
- H. Any depledging, termination, or other change in membership shall be reported to the Panhellenic Association no later than 72 hours after it has occurred.
- I. Initiated members and new members may not host or participate in summer recruitment parties held specifically by their Greek organization for women planning to attend Ball State University.
- J. Collegiate members shall be encouraged to attend Panhellenic parties given by

city Panhellenic groups.

- K. Letters, mailing, phone calls, or any contact in which a specific fraternity is discussed with a prospective potential member shall not be permitted.
- L. The Panhellenic Association shall send a brochure to each entering female student with information on all fraternities at Ball State University. An opportunity shall be provided in the brochure for women to express an interest in recruitment.
- M. Primary Recruitment Rules: See Code of Ethics and NPC Unanimous Agreements.
- N. Any recruitment infractions that occur during primary recruitment shall be documented in accordance to the NPC Unanimous Agreements, however, the association will not keep record of infractions once they are completed. Copies will be provided to the NPC area advisor and the individual chapters. Chapters shall be encouraged to keep records of infractions for their own chapter files.
- O. The only summer social functions that members can attend with PNMs should be as part of city-wide alumnae Panhellenic events.

Article X. Pledging and Initiation

- A. A student must be a regularly matriculated (full-time) student to be eligible for recruitment and pledging.
- B. A Ball State University Panhellenic Association member fraternity may not issue an invitation to membership or formally pledge a woman during any school recess.
- C. A new member may be initiated whenever she has met the requirements of the fraternity to which she is pledged.
- D. A person who is or has ever been an initiated member of an existing NPC fraternity shall not be eligible for membership in another NPC fraternity.
- E. When a recruitment guest's Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement is matched with a chapter's bid list, or when she signs a continuous open

bidding acceptance card, she may not be pledged to any other national fraternity on the same campus for one calendar year.

- F. A student who has had her pledge broken by a fraternity or who has broken her pledge to a fraternity, may not be asked to join another fraternity on the same campus for one calendar year from the date she was originally pledged. However, the same fraternity chapter may re-pledge her at any time within that calendar year.
- G. When a new member transfers to another campus, she shall be eligible to pledge the fraternity of her choice at the earliest opportunity.

Article XI. Membership

Section 1. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- A. Violations to the Ball State Greek Community Risk Management Policy go through the PHC judicial policy and/or Student Code of Conduct may result in further disciplinary action as necessary.