

**BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL  
  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

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**ARTICLE I. COMMITTEES**

**SECTION I. NUMBERS AND TYPES**

The Executive Council of the Interfraternity Council shall establish the number and types of committees necessary for maintaining effective operations.

**SECTION II. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS**

The Directors and Assistant Directors shall be appointed by the Vice President of Operations and approved by the Executive Council. It is recommended that the Vice President of Operations as well as the President be highly involved in the interviewing process for the committee chairs.

**SECTION IV. REPORTS**

Each Director shall be required to submit a report on the activities of his committee upon request of the Executive Council.

**SECTION V. FAILURE TO MAKE MEETINGS**

Any Director missing two (2) consecutive committee meetings without an excuse approved by the Vice President of Operations shall be automatically removed from his position as Director.

**SECTION VII. REMOVAL**

Any Director can be removed from his position by the President and the Vice President of Operations voting to do so with consent from a majority of the Executive Board.

**SECTION VIII. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION**

No Director may contractually obligate IFC unless that power is specifically delegated to him for a specific purpose by the IFC President. The IFC President must be aware of and approve the full terms of any contract.

**ARTICLE II. AWARDS**

**SECTION II. AWARDS**

IFC will encourage scholastic excellence by recognizing those fraternity members who maintain high scholastic averages, those chapters with the greatest overall grade-point-average improvement, and the fraternity with the highest active grade-point-average.

**ARTICLE III. FRATERNITY ROLLS**

**SECTION I. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

A member representing the fraternity in any capacity (i.e. playing on the fraternity intramurals team, attending/voting at IFC meetings, being listed on chapter rolls) must be deemed active and in good standing with the fraternity.

**SECTION II. MAKE-UP OF ROLLS**

A. Chapter rolls will consist of all active members and new members, and will be used for the purpose of dues, intramurals, GPA calculations, etc.

- B. All members not listed here shall be deemed inactive.

### SECTION III. INTRAMURAL ROSTER

The official roster for the fraternity intramurals will be the Sorority and Fraternity Affairs rolls. Non-Greek affiliates and members not in good standing are not allowed to participate in fraternity intramurals.

### SECTION IV. DUE DATES FOR ROLLS

Rolls must be updated by the date set forth by the Associate Director of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs.

### SECTION V. RULES GOVERNING ROLLS

- A. Any chapter not updating its rolls will not be eligible to participate in intramurals.
- B. Any question as to the actual status of a brother or a pledge will be dealt with by contacting the chapter. The chapter's national office may also be contacted or the cross-referencing of previous rolls may be used.
- C. Only the chapter President will be allowed to see the chapter's roll due to the confidential nature regarding member's UF ID.
- D. Updating the rolls is ultimately the responsibility of the chapter.
- E. All due dates will be set by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs.

### SECTION VI. ROSTER DEFINITIONS

- A. Active: Currently active member of the chapter
- B. New Member: New member or pledge; someone that is inducted and initiated in the current semester
- C. Inactive: Any member that is not currently and temporarily considered active; with the potential to return to active status: not a dues paying member, does not live in the chapter house, does not participate in fraternity functions or business.
- D. Disaffiliated: A new member/pledge that quits the new member education process. A brother that leaves the fraternity with absolutely no prospect of becoming active again.
- E. Terminated: A new member/pledge that is released/asked to leave from the new member education process. A brother that is expelled (not suspended) from the fraternity
- F. Alumni: A graduated brother. If a member is listed as inactive and they graduate, they should be moved to alumnus status if they are still recognized by the national fraternity.

## ARTICLE IV. SOLICITORS

### SECTION I. APPROVAL

No solicitors shall be allowed in the fraternity houses without the approval of the Interfraternity Council or without the chapter's invitation.

## ARTICLE V. NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

### SECTION I. REQUIREMENTS

- A. The chapter is required to inform the new members of the general requirements necessary to successfully complete the chapter's new member program.
- B. No chapter shall allow any of its new members, members, or other persons to participate in any hazing ceremonies, activities, or practices.

- C. Hazing will be defined by Sorority and Fraternity Affairs at the University of Florida, or by the chapter's National/International fraternity. Each individual chapter will follow the policy that is more strict.
- D. Hazing Compliance Form: Each chapter is required to complete the Hazing Compliance Form, which is due to Sorority and Fraternity Affairs by a date set by the Associate Director of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs, but no later than two weeks after Recruitment week.
- E. All chapters are responsible for reading the IFC Hazing Policy to their chapter and are responsible for knowing the contents of the policy.
- F. Any chapter that is suspected of hazing will be investigated by the Dean of Students Office.
- G. As of the spring 1994 semester, it will be mandatory for new member programs to be ten (10) weeks or less, of which no part shall be during either the week preceding finals week or finals week itself. Pledging and initiation must occur in the same semester. Any chapter that does not follow this policy will be subject to loss of recognition by the University of Florida.
- H. No chapter may pledge or initiate a man who is or has previously been an initiated member of another like fraternity.
- I. If a chapter violates a rule of its National/International fraternity that is not a rule of IFC or the university, it is IFC's duty to inform the chapter's National/International office of the violation; however, it is not IFC's duty to punish the chapter.

## **ARTICLE VI. RECRUITMENT**

### **SECTION I. FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT**

The social fraternities at the University of Florida will utilize the open recruitment system. There will be a one-week formal recruitment at the beginning of each fall and spring semester. The actual dates of Formal Recruitment will be set by the Presidents' Council in conjunction with the Sorority and Fraternity Affairs. A mandatory meeting of all member fraternity Rush and/or Recruitment Chairmen will be held before formal recruitment begins. The time, date, and place for this meeting will be announced by the Vice President of Membership.

### **SECTION II. BIDS**

- A. Bids may be extended at any time throughout the year as long as the prospect meets the minimum requirements set by the fraternity's National/International organization and IFC. Bids may only be accepted during Formal Recruitment Week or during Pledge/New Member Intake Window.
- B. Before a bid is given, the new member must be made aware of accurate financial information and time commitment information for the chapter.
- C. All bids that are accepted must be registered with IFC and Sorority and Fraternity Affairs as required by Florida Greek Standards.
- D. Bids may only be extended to men registered as students at the University of Florida.
- E. Once a bid has been accepted by a prospect, that student will be considered a new member of the fraternity.
- F. Bid Procedure
  - i. Bids may not be given out in a manner that may be perceived as threatening or intimidating.
  - ii. The potential new member must understand that his bid is outstanding until at least the last day of the current or upcoming Formal Recruitment Week, whichever comes first. .
  - iii. No more than three (3) men may be present when a bid is given.
  - iv. The room or area that is used to give a bid may not be locked.

### **SECTION III. RESTRICTIONS**

Open Recruitment will adhere to, but not be limited to, the following restrictions:

- A. All recruitment events must be dry. If a chapter has a recruitment event that involves alcohol (on or off of chapter premises), that chapter will be brought before the IFC Judicial Committee and/or the Greek Conduct Committee. The chapter may also be charged by the University for violating Regulation 6C1-2.019 “Alcoholic Beverages”.
- B. The two weeks preceding the official start of recruitment week in any semester will be considered part of recruitment and no events with alcohol at which potential new members are present may be held. Socials, date functions, etc. are acceptable provided that no potential new members are present. Potential new member is defined as any male not currently affiliated with an IFC fraternity, regardless of their intent to participate in recruitment.
- C. All advertisements for recruitment functions must meet all advertisement and banner policies of the University of Florida and the City of Gainesville.
  - i. Any promotional material (t-shirts, flyers, mailers, etc.) used for Recruitment may not reference alcohol or be degrading in any way.
- D. All formal recruitment activities must be reported to the Vice President of Membership by the requested date. Certain recruitment activities may be required to have a University Permit. Such activities will be determined in advance by Sorority and Fraternity Affairs. All recruitment activities on campus outside of formal recruitment must have a University Permit.
- E. Prohibited Events
  - i. Away Trip (Bowling, Skydiving, Ginnie Springs, etc)
  - ii. Fight Nights (boxing, wrestling, fighting, etc)
  - iii. Women hired or recruited to be present at an event that may present a degrading image of women (strippers, etc.)
  - iv. Parties with newly recruited members at chapter house or satellite location(s) after 11 PM during Formal Recruitment Week.

**ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**SECTION I. ALCOHOL POLICY**

The Alcohol Policy of IFC presents a policy that is an effort to take a more responsible position on alcohol related events and protects our fraternities, as well as their members. Questions about any social function or any specific alcohol policy should be referred to the official social functions policy of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs.

**SECTION II. GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines are endorsed by the member fraternities of IFC to be policy:

- A. That fraternities of the University of Florida will operate in a manner that is consistent with all local, state, and university laws and policies concerning the serving and consumption of alcohol.
- B. That IFC will provide its members with the University of Florida Alcohol Policy, any literature or speakers that are concerned with alcohol legal liability, and presentations that will help educate their members about the use of alcohol.

**ARTICLE VIII. INTRAMURALS**

**SECTION I. LEAGUES**

Under the supervision of the Interfraternity Council, there shall exist the Fraternity Intramural League. The Fraternity Intramural League shall be divided into two divisions of competition: Orange and Blue, each being based on the chapter’s size and level of competition. The chapters that make up these leagues will be published annually at the start of each new Fraternity

Intramural League season, which shall be defined by the calendar year, starting with Spring sports and ending with Fall sports. The Department of Recreational Sports will divide each division into brackets with consideration to the Interfraternity Council, based on the amount of participation and the availability of staff and facilities. The Department of Recreational Sports will determine the number of games that will be considered regular season play. All teams that complete the regular season of a particular sport without two forfeits or defaults, and that qualify under the Department of Recreational Sports sportsmanship policy, will be seeded in the post-season tournament. The overall winner of the Blue League moves into the Orange League, and the last place Fraternity in the Orange League moves down to the Blue League, for the following calendar year. The Orange League must begin each intramural year with 12 fraternities, with the remaining chapters constituting the Blue League.

Effective January 1, 2015, each of the Classification A sports will be decoupled into their own Orange and Blue Leagues. These leagues for each of the Classification A sports will follow the guidelines set forth in Article VIII, while including the following exceptions. All teams that complete the regular season of a particular sport without two forfeits or defaults, and that qualify under the Department of Recreational Sports sportsmanship policy, will be seeded in the post-season tournament, with a maximum of 8 chapters participating in each tournament. The top 4 performing chapters of the Blue League post-season tournament moves into the Orange League for that sport, and the 4 chapters that did not play in the Orange League post-season tournament moves down to the Blue League for that sport, for the following calendar year. Points awarded for Classification A, B, and C sports shall be updated as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BRACKET PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
A	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	75
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	60
	4 <sup>th</sup>	50
	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	40
	9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup>	30
	13 <sup>th</sup> (Blue League Post-Season Winner)	25
	14 <sup>th</sup> (Blue League Post-Season Runner-Up)	15
	15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> (Blue League Post-Season 3)	10
	16 <sup>th</sup> (Blue League Post-Season 4)	5
	B	1 <sup>st</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>		45
3 <sup>rd</sup>		35
4 <sup>th</sup>		25
5 <sup>th</sup>		20
6 <sup>th</sup>		20
7 <sup>th</sup>		15
8 <sup>th</sup>		15
9 <sup>th</sup>		10
10 <sup>th</sup>		5
C	1 <sup>st</sup>	80
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	65
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	45
	4 <sup>th</sup>	30
	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	20
	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	15

**SECTION II. SPORTS**

The Fraternity Intramural League will participate in the following sports classified based on certain criteria.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
5 on 5 Indoor Basketball	A
Outdoor Soccer	A
Softball	A
7 on 7 Flag Football	A
6 on 6 Indoor Volleyball	A
Swim Meet	B
Track Meet	B
Bowling Tournament	B
Golf	B
Team Racquetball	C
Team Tennis	C

Class A events shall involve competing against other fraternities within your division during the regular season and a winner is determined after playoffs, Class B events shall be one day tournaments or meets open to all fraternities and Class C events shall be tournaments over the course of the semester open to all fraternities

**SECTION III. SCORING SYSTEM**

The Fraternity Intramural League will keep a complete and up-to-date calculation of all fraternities' total intramural points for a given school year. The Fraternity who finishes the calendar year with the highest accumulated point total throughout all 11 sports will be issued the President's Cup. The points will be issued and calculated for each fraternity at the completion of every sport season, and will be determined by the rank/place in which each fraternity finished in that sport. The points are issued to the respectively ranked fraternity for each sport as classified by the following:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BRACKET PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
A	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	75
	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	50
	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	30
B	1 <sup>st</sup>	80
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	65
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	50
	4 <sup>th</sup>	40
	5 <sup>th</sup>	30
	6 <sup>th</sup>	25
	7 <sup>th</sup>	20
	8 <sup>th</sup>	15
	9 <sup>th</sup>	10
	10 <sup>th</sup>	5
C	1 <sup>st</sup>	90
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	70
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	50
	4 <sup>th</sup>	35
	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	25
	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	20

Fraternities will also lose points for not participating in any of the Classification A, B, and C sports. Lack of participation shall be defined by Rec Sports policies. Each Fraternity shall be permitted one exemption from a Class B sport and will not be penalized the allotted 10 points via communication with the IFC Director of Intramurals.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>POINTS LOST</u>
A	-20
B	-10
C	-15

#### SECTION IV. SPORTSMANSHIP

Each fraternity shall be awarded points based on the number of sportsmanship points achieved during the season. In the event of inclement weather that causes a cancellation of games, each team will receive full sportsmanship points.

#### SECTION V. REGULAR SEASON PLAY

For the intramural sports of classification type A, there will be regular season play as well as a playoff system. The IFC Director of Intramurals and the Department of Recreational Sports will determine the seeds for the playoff system based upon regular season record with the first tiebreaker being sportsmanship points, the second tiebreaker being head to head record and the third tiebreaker being quality of victories. In the event of inclement weather that causes a cancellation of games, each fraternity will be awarded a no contest, as well as their sportsmanship points.

#### SECTION VI. LEAGUE REGISTRATION

With cooperation from the Department of Recreational sports, Fraternity Intramural League divisions will be held for fraternities only, until 9 AM, on the day of registration. In the event that the fraternity league fills up and a fraternity must compete in a non-fraternity division, that fraternity will be seeded in the playoffs as supervised by the Director of Intramurals and the Department of Recreational Sports.

#### SECTION VII. INTRAMURAL SUSPENSION

If a fraternity is placed on intramural suspension, that fraternity may not compete in scheduled President's Cup events or collect points for those events until the end of the sanction period. If the suspension were to occur during the middle of a season, they will be removed from the league and will be ineligible to receive President's Cup points. Once the fraternity has returned from intramural suspension, their league and division placement will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

#### SECTION VIII. ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate in fraternity intramural sports at the University of Florida, participants must be a student at the University of Florida and must have required university identification (Gator 1 identification card). The presentation and validity of Gator 1 cards will be supervised by the Department of Recreational Sports, who will check for valid Gator 1 cards prior to each game/match. According to the definitions provided in Article III. Fraternity Rolls, Section VI. Roster Definitions, the following members are eligible to compete and must be listed as such in the CSAI database:



- a. Active
- b. New Member
- c. Alumni

Affiliated members from other chapters that are enrolled at the University of Florida are also eligible to participate, but they must be listed on the chapter's roster as "active". The Director of Intramurals must be notified in writing before playoffs of any affiliated members or alumni who wish to participate in a certain sport. No other categories within the database are allowed to play. Failure to comply with these rules will disqualify you from competition and force you to forfeit all games within that sport for the current semester. The Director of Intramurals will periodically perform roster checks.

**SECTION IX. TIEBREAKER**

If the President's Cup point standings result in any sort of a tie, the tie will be broken by the following rules, starting with the first and going to the last until there is a clear victor. If the tie involves more than two (2) teams, the tiebreakers are used to eliminate those who do not remain in the lead after each tiebreaker.

- 1. Highest combined win percentage among class A and class C sports (includes regular season and playoff games)
- 2. Cumulative Points Totaled in Classification A sports
- 3. Cumulative Points Totaled in Classification C sports
- 4. Cumulative Points Totaled in Classification B sports
- 5. Average sportsmanship points (includes regular season and playoff games)

**ARTICLE IX. AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

**SECTION I. LITTLE SISTERS**

- A. No IFC member organization shall affiliate themselves with a women's auxiliary organization of any kind.
- B. Any chapter that possesses any of the following characteristics (but not limited to only these) may be found guilty of violating the IFC Resolution that prohibits Little Sister organizations and Women's Auxiliaries:
  - 1. Official invitations are extended by the chapter to an individual or a group of women to visit the house on a regular basis. During any visit to a chapter house a woman or group of women is discussed/voted on by the chapter or any body of the chapter, including but not limited to, the Executive Committee and/or an ad-Hoc Committee.
  - 2. If a chapter member is elected or appointed to serve as a liaison to a women's organization.
  - 3. Females paying dues to the fraternity.
  - 4. Any group of females that participate in activities as representatives of the fraternity (i.e. playing intramurals).
  - 5. Any group of females operating as an "auxiliary" regardless of being registered with the Dean of Students Office.

**SECTION III. SANCTIONS**

All decisions regarding what does not constitute a "Little Sister" will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the IFC President and the Associate Director of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs.

**ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS**

## SECTION I. DISTRIBUTION

A copy of the IFC By-Laws shall be distributed to the Presidents' Council, Executive Board, and IFC Directors at the beginning of each year.

## SECTION II. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended or additions made by a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote by the Regular Membership in good standing of the Presidents' Council.

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