



Panhellenic Association
Delta State University

2015 FORMAL RECRUITMENT RULES

1. All sororities will abide by the Unanimous Agreements and the Recruitment guidelines as presented in the NPC Manual of Information, the most current edition on the NPC website (npcwomen.org), with any revisions as directed by the National Panhellenic Conference.
2. All sororities will implement the 1991 “No Frills” policy as directed by the National Panhellenic Conference and as agreed upon by the chapter Recruitment Chairmen and the Panhellenic Advisor. Refer to the NPC Manual of Information.
3. Sorority Orientation Leaders may not discuss or promote their affiliation in any way. They must say “Greek Affiliated” and promote all chapters when answering any questions about Greek Life. The Recruitment Counselors and the Panhellenic Recruitment Chairmen may not reveal their affiliation in any way once chosen until Bid Day. Recruitment titles of neither “Recruitment Counselor” nor “Panhellenic Recruitment Chairman” may be revealed until the opening session of Recruitment. This rule is to stand only until the Spring of 2016 when it must be revised.
4. Strict silence for potential members shall begin the day formal recruiting begins and end at the time potential members receive their bids. Strict silence is defined as no communication (written or oral, including *technological means) between anyone other than fellow potential members, Hall Directors/housing staff, recruitment counselors, recruitment chairmen, and Panhellenic Advisor.
5. National Panhellenic Conference, of which all of our chapters are members, does not condone long periods of time in “strict silence”. Only the week of formal recruitment may be used for “strict silence”.
6. All chapter correspondence will be limited to 3 letters or cards (no technological messages) allowed per semester, Fall and Spring.....postmarked no later than the last official day of the spring semester.. These can be signed by the chapter ONLY, not individuals within the chapter. Include the Panhellenic Advisor in all correspondence.
7. If rules, policies, and procedures applying to Recruitment Counselors and Panhellenic Recruitment Chairmen are determined to have been violated, the Panhellenic Advisor may release this (or these) person(s) from their Recruitment duties.
8. Summer recruitment parties shall not be held by a sorority or individual sorority members and/or alumnae. Chapter members may not attend summer alumnae sponsored parties for the purpose of recruiting.

9. All recruitment publicity should be approved by the Panhellenic Council and/or Panhellenic Advisor prior to its submission to the news media (newspaper, television, radio, internet, web pages, and social media, etc.). Formal Recruitment is to be advertised only by the Panhellenic Council, Panhellenic Advisor, or through Delta State University communications media.
10. During the Open House Party, only the Alumnae Advisor, the Recruitment Advisor, and National visitors may be present in the room with the potential members. For the other parties the chapter may allow alumnae to enter the party for observing the skit or presentation only, with NO conversation taking place between the potential members and the alumnae. There shall be NO conversation between chapter members and visiting alumnae immediately before, during, or after the parties with the exception of the Chapter Advisor and Recruitment Advisor.
11. There shall be NO promising of bids, directly or indirectly, at any time, by any member (new member, initiated member, or alumna) of a fraternity.
12. Men may not attend any Formal New Member Recruitment parties or participate in any way in any actual party or event related to recruitment. DSU sorority women must abide by the NPC resolution concerning no participation in men's recruitment. (See NPC Resolution approved and adopted by the DSU Panhellenic in 2011.)
13. Only one crested welcome board on the Quad and one set of letters may be displayed at the party location by each chapter on the opening day of Recruitment through the end of Recruitment. No painted paper signs are to be displayed outside anywhere on campus from the opening day of New Member Recruitment until 60 minutes prior to the acceptance of invitations for membership. No individual names may be listed on signs on the Union.
14. Continuous open bidding shall begin at 8:00 A.M. the day following the acceptance of formal invitations to membership.
15. All recruitment violations will be handled according to the NPC Guidelines for Judicial Procedures as approved by the National Panhellenic Conference and stated in the NPC Manual of Information, the most current edition listed on the NPC website.
16. All sorority members will abide by the National Panhellenic Conference New Members' Bill of Rights and the Delta State University Panhellenic Code of Ethics.
17. All chapters and individual members may post or say positive, complimentary information about any of our Panhellenic sororities, but absolutely nothing of a negative or degrading nature about any chapter or individual member.
18. All chapters will walk *from their chapter rooms* before and *to their chapter rooms* (including new members) after celebrating on the Quad and taking new chapter pictures. (No trucks or trailers will be used to transport new members to and from the Quad or to the "after the Quad parties". This is a safety precaution and decreases a liability issue.)

All sorority women are strongly discouraged from using or viewing Yik Yak or Gaggle.
We need to be viewing and spreading the positive message of our Greek System,
and neither of these mediums is designed for that purpose!