

## ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMANCES

Any chapter performance (entertainment performance and new member presentations) at a University-sponsored or University-approved event should follow the expectations below. Please note that performance-based philanthropy events are considered entertainment performances.

If a Chapter chooses to sponsor an event (or participate in a University sponsored event) with entertainment performances, events must comply with the following:

- Performances must comply with IHQ policies and be approved by Chapter Advisor
  - Chapters must submit a signed [Entertainment Performance and New Member Presentation Advisor Approval](#) form prior to performing. If a chapter has not submitted a signed approval form 24 hrs before the event, the chapter will NOT be permitted to perform
- Shows should be tasteful and in keeping with organizational standards
  - Please note that a \$50 fine PER INSTANCE will be assessed for any incident that arises because the chapter (or any of its members, performing or not are not in line with the policies stated here out)
- Chapter/Organization Chants performed at these events are also bound by the expectations listed throughout this policy
- Event dates must occur before the Programming Deadline of the academic term in which the event is taking place (*The Programming Deadline is ALWAYS two weeks before the first day of finals*)
- The organization will return the site used to its original state after use

Additionally, if a Chapter chooses to sponsor an event (or participate in a University sponsored event) with entertainment performances, the following are expressly prohibited:

- References to hazing and/or other illegal activities
- Profanity
- Derogatory terms historically used to devalue marginalized groups
- References to genitalia, sexual gratification, sexual exploits, sexual assault, etc.
- Physical gestures that refer to/allude to sexual gratification, sexual exploits, sexual assault, etc.
- References and jokes with direct or underlying messages rooted in racism, homophobia, transphobia, gender discrimination (including, but not limited to misogyny) and/or any other types of identity-based discrimination

### Accountability Measures for Entertainment Performances

A fine of \$50 PER INSTANCE, will be assessed to your chapter from the Office of Student Involvement.

The fine will be issued in the form of an invoice. Only cash or checks will be accepted and should be delivered to the Office of Student Involvement (Campus Life Center 224). Checks should be made out to the University of South Carolina Upstate

The funds recovered from these infractions will be used to support the Fraternity and Sorority Life Fund that is overseen by University Advancement. This fund helps support FSL member development as well as the USC Upstate Recognition Project that was kicked off in Spring 2020.

Failure to pay the fine by the established due date will result in an instant loss of University recognition for one FULL academic semester or 120 days to occur during the regular academic semesters of fall and spring OR whichever is longer.

*PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines will also be in place for events where other individuals/non-members are performing at events the chapter is hosting. For these other events, staff may or may not be scheduled to be in attendance; however, if they are or if there is proof that these guidelines are broken, the chapter will be held accountable using the above listed measures.*

## NEW MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

New members are “presented” to the USC Upstate community upon acceptance and completion of the intake process. For purposes of these requirements, “presented” shall be defined as public acknowledgement of completion of intake period such as the wearing of paraphernalia, new member presentation shows, public social media post, etc.

New Member Presentations are not required by the Office of Student Involvement. If a Chapter chooses to sponsor one, shows must comply with the following:

- A copy of the reservation confirmation notice from Special Events must be submitted to the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life **AT LEAST** 7 business days prior to the date of the New Member Presentation
- Publicity for New Member Presentation (paper or electronic flyers, etc.) must be preapproved by Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and avoid the use of the term “Probate”
  - Presentation flyers will be posted to the Office of Student Life display board and may be added to the USC Upstate Fraternity and Sorority Life Agora portal calendar
- Presentation shows must comply with IHQ policies and be approved by Chapter Advisor
- Shows should be tasteful and in keeping with organizational standards
- Because the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life (or designee) must be present, the date of the new member presentation must be approved by the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Initiation & Presentation dates must occur before the Programming Deadline of the academic term in which the intake process began (*The Programming Deadline is ALWAYS two weeks before the first day of finals*)
- The presenting organization will return the site used to its original state after use
- If a New Member Presentation does not occur, new members must be presented in some formal way (reception, tweet/IG post, flyers, emails, etc.) acknowledging all new members

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