

THE TEXAS A&M INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL Bid House Policy

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- I. Chapters must follow all policies of the Texas A&M University IFC Bid House Plan of Events and Policies located in the IFC Operations and Procedures Manual.
- II. Bid House will start between Friday and Sunday of the Formal Recruitment Week at a time deemed appropriate by the IFC executive members.
- III. At least 8 police officers will be hired to work the event
- IV. Texas A&M University Alcohol Rules are in effect at all times and will be actively monitored before, during and after Bid House activities. As such, alcohol is not permitted at Bid House or associated areas. Fraternity chapter members or guests of a particular fraternity, caught with alcohol will be turned over to the proper authorities and could result in criminal charges. Campus Police and TABC will be present to curtail alcohol related incidents. **Alcohol related incidents will be strictly enforced with a zero tolerance policy and will be taken before Judicial Board.**
- V. Any damage to campus property and grounds will be assessed to all chapters equally if the responsible party is not verified. If evidence suggests that a particular chapter is responsible for damage or vandalism, the alleged chapter must help fix or clean the damage and will be charged with a violation of TAMU Student Rules and IFC Bid House Policy. They will be reported to Student Conflict Resolution and could result in Criminal Charges. The IFC Judicial Board will hear the case. (If you are a leader on your council and get reported to Student Conflict Resolution, you may no longer serve on your council)
- VI. At Bid House, the inside and back of the Jack Williams Administration Building (Systems Building) is off limits to active/initiated members, with the exception of the president, one pledge educator, and one rush chairman of each IFC fraternity, the IFC advisor, IFC executive officers, and any full time university staff/faculty member.
- VII. **Fighting, tackling, and other disruptive activities will not be tolerated at Bid House. Any chapter or individual participating in any disruptive activities could be subject to the following sanctions at the discretion of the IFC Judicial Board:**
 1. Forfeiture of future participation in IFC Bid House;

2. Chapter restrictions and sanctions including but not limited to a Letter of Reprimand, intramural suspension, social restrictions, suspension;
 3. A letter to the Inter/National Headquarters documenting the charges filed against the fraternity chapter and the outcome of the judicial board hearing;
 4. Individuals may be held accountable by the Student Code of Conduct or Criminal Charges;
- VIII. A dress code will be enforced at Bid House. Letters will be required (i.e. t-shirt, collared shirts, pledge jersey, active jersey, fraternity shirt, etc.) that are not tattered or filled with holes must be worn at Bid House. Pants or shorts of a reasonable nature are permitted at Bid House. Outrageous costumes or lewd material (i.e. clothing containing sexual innuendos, exposed body parts, etc.) will not be tolerated and any individual wearing anything prohibited will be asked to leave Bid House. If that individual does not comply, the chapter that the person is affiliated with, or a guest of, will be held accountable to the IFC Bid House policy by IFC's Judicial Board.
- IX. Profane, lewd, indecent (obscene gestures) and/or unsafe behavior by fraternity members or guests (pledge, active, alumni, or guest) will result in a violation of IFC Bid House policy and be referred to the IFC Judicial board for review. If the chapter is found responsible for profanity, lewd, indecent behavior (obscene gestures) or unsafe behavior the chapter will not be allowed to participate in the following Bid House and further sanctions may be levied.
- X. Fraternity chapters will be allowed to bring a chapter flag and the fraternity's wooden letters to Bid House. Other props that a fraternity would like to bring must be approved by IFC and the Office of Greek Life before bids are due. Fraternity chapters who have props, etc. that are not approved by IFC, will be asked to remove the prop(s). Chapters who do not comply with such requests will be held accountable to the IFC Bid House policy by IFC's Judicial Board.
- XI. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS WILL BE ALLOWED** at Bid House. If a pet is brought, then the individual owner or responsible party will be asked to remove the pet. If that individual does not comply, the chapter that the person is affiliated with, or a guest of, will be held accountable to the IFC Bid House policy by IFC's Judicial Board.
- XII. Fraternity chapters are responsible for their guests and their associated behavior.
*Guests include roommates, friends, alumni and fraternity or sorority members of other colleges/universities.

- XIII. Parking Rules set out before Bid House by the VP of Recruitment must be followed. You may not park in illegal spaces, grass, etc. Violation of these parking rules could result in TAMU Transportation citations and punishment through IFC Judicial Board.
- XIV. On all violations Police have the authority to make groups leave and make arrests as they see fit.