

New Member Presentation Guidelines

1. All shows must be held no more than 30 business days after the members have been initiated into the organization or prior to the start of finals (whichever one comes first) and in a reserved location on University of Houston's campus.
2. Shows are not to be scheduled on the same night/time of a previously planned event of another chapter in the same council OR an All-Fraternity/Sorority meeting/event planned by the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life.
3. Shows must be scheduled Monday through Friday, before finals. When extenuating circumstances occur, shows have the potential to happen during finals with approval from the Council Advisor and/or executive board.
4. Shows must occur in the same semester as the new member education. When extenuating circumstances occur, shows have the potential to happen within the few weeks the following spring or fall semester with approval from the Council Advisor.
5. No explicit or revealing attire is to be worn by the aspirants or other show participants.
6. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed prior to or during the New Member Presentation.
7. References to hazing and/or other illegal activities will be **not** allowed.
8. No physical abuse will be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc. (canes, staffs, sticks, etc. may be used as part of the performance but may not be used as a weapon to threaten or harm another individual).
9. Props and/or items to be used during the show must be approved. Any outright symbols of "pledging" (such as but not limited to bricks and rocks) will not be allowed.
10. No profane language (in any language)/gestures in chants, music or speech will be used before, during, or after the show by the current members, new members, or **alumni**. No members of the organization may dance provocatively with any members of the audience.
11. Chants/sayings/songs will not allude negatively to any other fraternal organization, individual, or student group by the current members, new members, or **alumni**.
12. There are to be no references to any individual(s) departing from the Membership Intake Process.
13. Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: walking/running through the presenters' show, talking over the presenting organization, derogatory speech or comments and death marches.
14. The duration of the show will be no longer than 2 hours. The show may not be scheduled to begin after 9pm and must begin no later than 30 minutes of the actual time. Shows must be over and room vacated by 10pm or before the time indicated on your reservation request.
15. In the event of a fight or other altercation during the show, individuals involved will be removed immediately. If a member of the presenting organization is involved, the show will be stopped immediately and the show will not be rescheduled. The organization may be subject to a Dean of Student's referral.
16. The presenting organization will be responsible for ensuring the site is left in its original state after use.
17. Organizations are required to meet with the Council Advisor or Chapter Coach no less than 35 business days before they meet with the Center for Student Involvement and the Reservations Office to discuss reservation plans for the show.
18. Organizations are required to meet with the Center for Student Involvement and Reservations Office no less than 30 business days prior to the New Member Presentation to have presentation details approved.
19. The New Member Presentation Agreement must be submitted to the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life accompanied by the final reservation confirmation no later than 15 business days prior to the date of the show.
20. Your Graduate Chapter/Alumni Advisor is required to be in attendance at all shows. Your Council Advisor, Chapter Coach, or a CFSL full time staff member might be in attendance at the show.
21. All actions of organization members/aspirants must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct.
22. Violation of these guidelines will result in a referral to the Dean of Student's Office and could result in sanctions.