

## **PHILANTHROPY COMPETITION POLICY**

### Washington State University Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council

#### SECTION I: Information

- A. The host chapter shall sign a calendar of events, in the fall semester for spring and at the beginning of the academic year for the fall, to reserve the week in which the event will be held. *Each chapter will receive a copy of the calendar.*
- B. The host chapter shall notify the Panhellenic Vice President of Finance and Philanthropy/IFC Treasurer (women to IFC and men to Panhellenic), of the scheduled competition four weeks prior to the competition. A detailed schedule of events including activities, timeline, organization for which the proceeds are being given, etc. shall be submitted for approval at this time. *After approval, a member of Panhellenic or IFC will contact each chapter as to whether an event has been approved by the councils. If a chapter chooses to participate without the approval, they will be in violation of this policy.*
- C. The host chapter shall notify eligible chapters by 5 PM on the Monday two weeks prior to the competition. At this time, the approved schedule will be given to the chapter President, social or philanthropy chairman.
- D. The competition shall not exceed a total of three (3) days and two (2) nights. Events scheduled on weekdays shall go on during five (5) hour block of time. Weekend schedules can include the hours of 8 to 7 PM.
- E. There can be no more than two (2) fraternity competitions or two (2) sorority competitions per week. No events can be scheduled during the week before closed week, closed week or finals week.
- F. The minimum number of participants will be 5, and the maximum number of participants in any competition will be 15. Competitions must be open to all members and New Members. An unlimited number of observers may be present.
- G. Exceptions can only be granted by the Interfraternity Council Treasurer (for Sorority competitions) and the Panhellenic Association Vice President of Finance and Philanthropy (for Fraternity competitions).

#### SECTION II: Rules and Guidelines

##### A. Participation

1. Contestants/Team Members (as a team) shall only be on the host chapter's premises during scheduled event times. Scheduled event times are those times that are included on the detailed schedule given to PAN/IFC in which all of the contestants are invited and present. Contestants may not return to the host chapter until the following day with the exception of serenades.
2. There shall be a 40.00 per chapter fee cap on any competition or philanthropy in which any fraternity or sorority is asked to participate. (Effective March 28, 1994). Entry fee checks or T-shirt checks may only be written to the charity or vendor, NEVER a fraternity or sorority. Tasteless or inappropriate messages on T-shirts will not be allowed.

## B. Events

1. The host chapter shall not schedule events that will cause a team to spend money, or provide teams with money for activities such as fixing dinner, desserts, etc.
2. No inappropriate or degrading props or materials may be used in the activities scheduled by the host chapter (i.e. Jell-O, mud, or food items). Other props and additional materials can only be used by the teams during skits. *Peer Review Board and/or Tribunal has the authority to interpret what is inappropriate and degrading.*
3. Competitions shall be fun and positive, and activities shall not single out or embarrass any contestants. No demeaning activities (by hosts or participants) shall be allowed. Slandering of other chapters will not be allowed. Negative activities shall be considered hazing. *Peer Review Board/Tribunal has the authority to interpret what is demeaning and negative.*
4. Alcohol shall never be involved in any activity during the time in which the competition is being held. Contestants shall not purchase or provide alcohol for the host chapter or any of its members, nor shall the host chapter use corporate or personal funds for purchase of any alcohol for their chapter or the contestants.
5. In the case of any sporting activity as a competition event, a First Aid Kit and a certified First Aid person must be present at all times.

## C. Gifts

1. Competitors shall not give gifts of any sort to the host chapter or any of its members or New Members, other than posters or banners (i.e. no food, alcohol, mini-posters, flowers, etc.) All advertising, fliers, team posters, etc. will only be posted and delivered according to university policy and with the necessary approval.
  - a. Posters and/or banners may not be brought to the host chapter until the starting date of the competition.

## D. Chapter Participation

1. Chapter serenades and other events of that sort are only allowed prior to midnight .
2. NO social functions (exchanges) shall be held by the host chapter the week of the competition, with the exception of weekend date functions.

## SECTION III: Failure to comply with the Philanthropy Policy

- A. A report must be filed in writing to the Greek Advisor(s), Panhellenic Vice President of Standards, Tribunal Chair, or Panhellenic Vice President of Finance and Philanthropy or the IFC Treasurer in a timely manner from when the violation is known.
- B. Non-compliance with this policy may result in the suspension of the competition or the removal of competitors. *The Interfraternity Council and/or Panhellenic Council has the authority to suspend all competition in the event they believe a competition violates any of these policies.*
- C. If a chapter is found responsible for violating this policy twice in any semester, possible sanctions may include but are not limited to restricted participation in philanthropy competitions for the following semester or academic year.

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