



## Drexel University New Member Presentation/Probate Show Governing Policy

It is understood that new member presentations/probate shows (or coming out shows) are an integral part of the multicultural fraternity and sorority experience. Drexel University recognizes that the participation in this tradition can have significant impact on the creation of community and sense of pride within the organizations who traditionally participate. Despite the generally positive nature of this practice, some issues related to hazing have been associated to these shows and their rehearsal processes. In an effort to provide guidance that will enable the successful and positive continuation of the tradition of probate shows, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life has established the following guidelines to ensure the success of planning a probate show at Drexel University:

- o The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life must approve all probate shows at least ten business days prior to performance.
- o All organizations hosting probate shows must submit written approval from a national or regional representative allowing the activity to take place.
- o For non city-wide chapters, probate shows must take place on the Drexel University campus in a location reserved with Event Services. City-wide chapters may host shows at other campuses in accordance with their policies, but are required to notify all participating campus Fraternity and Sorority Life offices about the details of the event.
- o Presentations may begin no later than 9:00 p.m. and last no longer than 2 hours.
- o For shows held after 7:00 pm or that expect an attendance of over 100 guests, the hosting organization is responsible for the hiring of Drexel Public Safety.
- o A staff member of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or Campus Engagement MUST be in attendance at all new member presentations/probates. It is the responsibility of the presenting organization to coordinate with the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life to schedule a staff member to be present. Please note that significant notice may be needed in order to coordinate staff presence. Requests less than two weeks before the event will not be honored.
- o No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the event.
- o Participation in the show must be truly optional for neophytes/new members. Any pressure or coercion to participate in the show will not be permitted.
- o No hazing, as defined by the group's national organization, the University and the State of Pennsylvania, may occur prior to, during, or after the show.
- o Rehearsals for the show must be held at reasonable hours and be positive in nature. Forced calisthenics and physical demands outside of what is considered reasonable for practicing of the dance/step is not permitted.
- o No physical abuse will be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, spitting, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc. Canes, staffs, sticks, etc. may be used as a part of the performance, but may not be used as a weapon to harm another individual.
- o Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: walking through the presenters' show, talking over the presenting organization, etc. Groups or individuals who cause a disruption will be asked to leave the performance and may face judicial or conduct charges.
- o All shows must respect new members, members, alumni, other organizations, and the University. Under no circumstances will degrading or negative sentiment towards another chapter or another chapter's members be permitted. This type of behavior includes mocking signature steps or calls in order to cause laughter or poke fun. Under no circumstances will profanity, racism, sexual innuendos, obscene gestures or hate towards another culture, gender, or identity be permitted.