

Sweetheart Week Guidelines

Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils of the University of Minnesota

1. **Registration.** The request for week must be submitted to the Panhellenic or Interfraternity Council by the tenth week of the semester prior to the competition. Registration will be done at the President's meeting nearest the tenth week. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** If the chapter fails to file a request at the President's meeting, the event will not be recognized by the Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council. There will be no more than three total sorority and fraternity sweetheart weeks per calendar week, with no more than two fraternities or sororities during a week. Sweetheart week preferences selection will be given to the chapter with the highest GPA (providing that they made grades) from the previous semester. Chapters not making grades will be scheduled following those who made grades in order of their GPA. Grade reporting accuracy will break any ties between chapters with the same GPA. If the tie persists, a drawing will be the final solution.
 - a. **Philanthropy/ Community Service Statement.** The Chapter must provide a statement of the target philanthropy/ community service. This statement must include a description of the chosen philanthropy/ community service, the amount of time and money estimated for the event, and the portion of money being donated to the philanthropy, including the house participation day. Philanthropy/ community service based activities are defined as any activity that raises money, goods or time.
 - b. **Point Sheet for Judging.** The description of all judging categories, possible points, judging criteria, and candidate selection must be included.
2. **Time Commitment.** The total length of the week must be no more than five consecutive days long with the coronation on day five. Monday night dinner may not count as a sweetheart day on its own. Of the chapters holding sweetheart competitions in a given week, there may not be overlapping house participation days. The house participation day must be philanthropy/ community service based, not entertainment based.
3. **Obligation.** No chapter is obligated to send a candidate to any respective week. No candidate is obligated to attend any event.
4. **Alcohol.** At all Sweetheart Week events, before, during and after, the presence of alcohol will not be allowed at the given location of the function. The candidates and host chapter members can not consume alcohol together during the course of the week. It is the responsibility of the candidate and host chapter members to not be visibly intoxicated at any and all functions during the week. There cannot be any exchange of alcohol between candidate and members of the host chapter. All Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council rules must be followed for all socials, exchanges, coronations, and closing week parties as defined by the Risk Management Policies of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils.
5. **Sexual Harassment.** All Panhellenic and Interfraternity risk management policies will be followed. Candidates are not to be sexually harassed during the duration of the sweetheart week. This includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate sexual

questions, requests for degrading actions, unwanted physical contact, etc. In all interviews of sweetheart candidates, a member of either the Panhellenic Council or Interfraternity Council will be present at the direction of the Executive Vice President. This member will be from the opposite governing council of the host chapter.

6. **Hazing.** All Panhellenic and Interfraternity risk management policies will be followed. Hazing activities are defined as: “Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off chapter premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol, padding in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts. Scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliation games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement; fraternal law, ritual or policy; or the regulations and policies of the educational institution, or applicable state law.”
7. If at any time a candidate feels uncomfortable with a situation, he/she can report the situation to his/her chapter president. The chapter president will contact the Executive Vice President of Panhellenic or Interfraternity Council. The president of the hosting chapter will be contacted by the Panhellenic or Interfraternity Council Executive Vice President to make him/her aware of the situation. Formal complaints citing violations of the Panhellenic or Interfraternity Bylaws, Judicial Bylaws, or Policies will be dealt with by the Judicial Board of that chapter’s respective council.
8. Violations of the alcohol guidelines may be dealt with as according to the Judicial Board proceedings of Point I in the Interfraternity/ Panhellenic Council Alcohol Risk Management Policy.
9. Any sexual harassment, hazing or alcohol related incidents can be filed as a formal complaint with the Panhellenic or Interfraternity Council.