

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

All organizations advised through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Connecticut must adhere to the following requirements when presenting newly initiated members (hereafter “presentation(s)”) to the Storrs campus community. The university recognizes the historic and cultural traditions inherent in such presentations, and supports their adherence to university policy in ways that are safe, respectful, and educational.

However, presentations are a privilege not a rite and therefore, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will revoke this privilege if necessary. Additionally, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life realizes that a great amount of time is needed to prepare for a presentation and that this level of involvement can negatively impact scholarship. **Only groups whose most recent new member GPA was 2.5 or above will be eligible to host a presentation of new members.**

1. Presentations must take place no more than 14 calendar days after the newest members have been initiated into the organization. Holiday breaks will not be included in the 14-day timeline.
2. Presentations must be approved by the organization’s graduate or alumni/ae advisor. The Advisor’s approval must be submitted to the OFSL council advisor 24 hours prior to the event. An OFSL pro-staff member must be present at all new member presentations.
3. A meeting with the OFSL governing council advisor must take place at least two weeks prior to the estimated date of the presentation for approval from the OFSL.
4. Presentations are not to be scheduled to take place at the same time as a previously planned event of another chapter within the same council. Please check with your council advisor and OFSL Greek calendar for details. Presentations will receive preferential treatment over events that are not listed on the OFSL calendar.
5. Organizations must ensure all reservations, Student Union Event Services meetings, and final conversations with OFSL are completed at least one week prior to the activity. Confirmation must be obtained from the Student Union Event Services, or any other facility, within the given timeline. A copy of this confirmation must be submitted to the council advisor upon receipt.
6. Prior approval from the council advisor must be obtained for any items that are to be used as “markers” during the presentation (i.e. firelights, fire, ropes, canes, chalk).
7. Props to be used in the presentation must also be approved (i.e. shields, staffs, masks, etc.). In general, paddles, blindfolds, bricks, and other symbols of “pledging and hazing” are not allowed.
8. Because of its public nature, all presentations should be considered family shows and should be done tastefully. Therefore, excessive vulgarity, profanity, and “dissing” of other organizations will not be tolerated.
9. All attire should be appropriate. No revealing attire is permitted.

10. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted by any person in the presentation or in attendance.
11. Physical or suggestive abuse is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, spitting, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc. (Canes may be used as a part of the performance but may not be used as a weapon to harm or suggest harm to an individual.)
12. In the event of a fight or other altercation during the presentation, those fighting will be removed from the event immediately by the presenting organization, and the presentation will be stopped. In the event the presentation is stopped and the presenting organization is not at fault, an alternate date and time will be permitted by the council advisor.
13. Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to walking through the presenters' presentation, talking over the presenting organization, etc.
14. The duration of the presentation shall be no longer than 90 minutes. The clock starts with the advertised time of the event. If the organization starts late, they must still end on time. The presenting organization will be responsible for ensuring the site used is left in its original state after use.

Failure to comply with the stated guidelines will result in the loss of future presentation and university privileges, disciplinary review from the OFSL, and possible referral to the Office of Community Standards.

This Policy shall be reviewed annually and revised as necessary by OFSL to remain current with new standards of practice as recommended by the University, inter/national organizations and FIGP.

Questions related to this policy should be directed to the *Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life*, (860) 486-4710.