



INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL COMPLAINANTS

This handout is intended to provide you with the most basic information regarding the Inter-Fraternity Council Judiciary Committee (IFCJC). The IFCJC is the student self-governed judiciary committee of the Inter-Fraternity Council at the University of Virginia, Incorporated (the IFC), charged with the authority to investigate and adjudicate alleged violations of the IFC Standards of Conduct.

- Any person can bring an IFC fraternity up on IFCJC charges. The person who files charges is referred to as the complainant and must fill out a Standard Complaint Form. Standard Complaint Forms can either be obtained at the IFC Office, Newcomb Hall 172, or at www.ifcjc.org.
- A fraternity may only be brought up on charges if the complainant believes that they violated one of the fourteen Standards of Conduct. The Standards of Conduct are listed on the back of this handout as well as on the IFCJC website, www.ifcjc.org.
- The IFC Standards for Parties and Social Events and IFC Rush Regulations are found in the Judiciary Committee Standards and Procedures. A complainant should reference these documents (Exhibits A and B) if they believe a fraternity violated one of these provisions.
- For alleged rush violations, a rush hearing shall be conducted (if possible) within seventy-two (72) hours of the filing of the complaint. The accused fraternity, the complainant and a Hearing Panel consisting of a Trial Chairman and two (2) judges shall be present.
- A Standard Complaint Form **must** be filed with the IFCJC within **45 calendar days** of the time the complainant knew or should have known the identity of the alleged offender.
- A trial shall be held within **60 academic days** (excluding Summer Session or holidays) after a complaint has been filed with the IFCJC, where a trial is deemed necessary by the Chairman, unless circumstances deemed extraordinary by the Chairman make a trial within that time frame impossible.
- The complainant has the right to drop charges at any time leading up to a trial.
- At trial, the IFCJC may, at its discretion, impose any sanctions on any fraternity found guilty of violations. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to an oral admonition, written warning, reprimand, fines and projects, restitution, social probation, restricted rush privileges and recommendation for withdrawal of IFC recognition.
- An appeal process exists only for the accused fraternity. The complainant may not appeal the decision of a trial panel.
- More information, including the Judiciary Committee Standards and Procedures, is available at the IFC office, Newcomb Hall 172, and on our website at www.ifcjc.org.



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IFC STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Fraternalities and their members are subject to sanction for misconduct involving:

1. Physical abuse of any person on Fraternity owned or controlled property or at Fraternity sponsored or supervised functions, or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
2. Damage to Fraternity property, or to property owned by a member of a Fraternity, or to a visitor or guest of a Fraternity.
3. Unauthorized entry into or occupation of Fraternity facilities that are locked, closed to student activities, or otherwise restricted to use.
4. Unlawfully blocking or impeding normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on or adjacent to Fraternity property.
5. Disorderly conduct on Fraternity owned, operated, or controlled property or at Fraternity sponsored functions. Disorderly conduct shall include, but are not limited to acts which tend to breach the peace, or which are deemed lewd, indecent or obscene. Disorderly conduct may also include expression that exceeds the bounds of constitutionally protected speech.
6. Conduct that is incompatible with the good character and personal responsibility expected of all members of the fraternity community and that dishonors the fraternity system at the University of Virginia.
7. Violations of University policies and procedures referenced in the FOA.
8. Failing to comply with the IFC Standards for Parties and Social Events.
9. Failing to comply with the IFC Rush Regulations.
10. Failing to comply with the city/county ordinances governing residences, including garbage, shoveling snow from sidewalks, and noise levels.
11. Any violation of Federal, State, or Local law that directly affects the University's pursuit of its proper educational purposes to the extent such violations are not covered by other Standards of Conduct and only where a specific provision of statute or ordinance is charged in the complaint.
12. Intentional conduct which violates the rules of confidentiality, or which obstructs the operations of the IFC Judiciary Committee.
13. Hazing in violation of the Virginia statute or University regulations.
14. Failing to comply with directions of IFC officials acting under provisions 1-13 set out above.