Standing Philanthropy Rules and Participation Agreement

I. NPC Position Statement on Philanthropic Events:
The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world’s largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 inter/national sororities. Philanthropy, fundraising or community service events/activities hosted by NPC member organizations and/or other organizations that include participation by sorority women must be devoid of destructive, divisive or abusive actions. All NPC member organizations are expected to follow their alcohol and risk management policies and university policies prior to and while participating in these events.
NPC considers it unacceptable to promote:
  • Negative images of women and the sorority community.
  • Demeaning actions toward others, including incivilies and sexual harassment.
  • Any actions that negatively affect public perception of the sorority community.

Such activities directly violate our time-honored organizational values, risk management policies and the highest standards of human dignity. These are the foundation of the sorority experience, and anything to the contrary must not be part of our culture.

II. Agreement of participation:
AGREEMENT. In order to increase participation in FSL and campus events, CPC chapters agree to participate in events that are submitted within the stated time frame, uphold our community values, and are of benefit to the member experience. When in question, any proposed event could be brought before CPC for a vote.
Panhellenic Chapters agree to participate in one signature event planned by the Circle of Sisterhood committee and one signature event planned by the Junior Panhellenic Council per calendar year where the organization’s events comply with CPC’s governing documents.
Each council is responsible for the governance of their respective chapters’ adherence to the rules. When the council fails to ensure chapter compliance with their rules, the agreement is considered void.
Philanthropy Rules Addendum

The following applies to all events in which CPC agrees to and/or is expected to participate in equally:

I. Event Regulations

P.R.1.1. Alcohol shall not be present at any philanthropy event. Consumption of alcohol at a philanthropy event will result in an immediate dismissal of organization and a judicial infraction to the council.

P.R.1.2. There must be at least two weeks in between any performance competition that involves CPC participation. This includes Homecoming and Greek Week styled events, or other University sponsored performance competition events, which should be identified during calendar planning.

P.R.1.3. Chapters are expected to be respectful of scheduled NPHC and IFC events, which will be communicated at calendar planning at the calendar planning meeting and maintained by CPC VP of Community Engagement on the Fraternity and Sorority Date Reservation Calendar.

II. Distribution of points

P.R.2.1. Attendance points cannot be factored into points for the overall winner. This includes profit shares.

Overall winners:

P.R.2.2. The overall winners of a performance-based philanthropy events are not eligible to compete the next year. The overall winners of athletic philanthropy events are permitted to return the next year as competitors. Special entertainment is left to the discretion of the hosting chapter.

P.R.2.3. Any purchases towards performance cannot be considered towards points for overall winner, including but not limited to member auctions, costumes, or props.

III. Rules Regarding Money or Supply Donations

P.R.3.1. Monetary or supply donations will not count towards overall points.

P.R.3.2. Monetary or supply donations can count towards an independent, special award.

P.R.3.3. Points shall not be issued towards any award for the purchase or wearing of T-shirts.

IV. Length of Philanthropy Events

P.R.4.1. The length of any competition event shall not exceed one event within three days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) for any one chapter within a calendar year. This does not include outside events such as money drops, profit share nights, social media competitions, and supply drives.

P.R.4.2. Practices and preparations for all philanthropy events are limited to three weeks prior to the event, excluding academic holidays.

V. Online Event Form Submission Guidelines

P.R.5.1. For approval, submissions must include all information requested:
P.R.5.1.1. Description of benefiting organization
P.R.5.1.2. Date, time, and location of the event
P.R.5.1.3. Hosting chapter’s point of contact’s contact information
P.R.5.1.4. Event description and expectation of participating chapters
P.R.5.1.5. Where applicable, a detailed rain plan
P.R.5.1.6. A complete list of rules including timing, minimum and maximum number of participants, event(s) specific details, judge’s rubric, criteria for overall winners, point distributions, as well as details for selection of special/independent awards, etc.
P.R.5.1.7. A registration form
P.R.5.1.8. Where applicable, a liability form

P.R.5.2. The form must be submitted:

P.R.5.2.1. Four academic weeks prior to any signature or competition event
P.R.5.2.2. Three academic weeks prior to any fundraiser
P.R.5.2.3. Two academic weeks prior to any profit share
P.R.5.2.4. The CPC VP of Community Engagement will review materials and distribute information as needed

P.R.5.3. Packets will be distributed by the CPC VP of Community Engagement, in compliance with the following rules:

P.R.5.3.1. Packet information for signature or competition philanthropy events that require practice will be sent out no later than three academic weeks prior to the event.
P.R.5.3.2. Packet information for the events that do not require practice will be sent out no later than two weeks prior to the event.

VI. Rescheduling/Altering Events

P.R.6.1. If a rain plan is to be utilized, the hosting organization is responsible for communicating the plan to the participants no fewer than two weeks prior to the event.

P.R.6.2. Chapters may reschedule any philanthropy event a maximum of one time. The rescheduling must occur within the same semester as originally communicated at the annual calendar planning meeting unless an exception is granted by the CPC VP of Community Engagement and the council advisor.

The process for rescheduling a signature event is as follows:

P.R.6.3. The hosting organization must give the participants and the CPC VP of Community Engagement notice at least three weeks prior to the event.

P.R.6.3.1. Both the CPC VP of Community Engagement and the Council Advisor must be notified of the change through email and online submission form.

P.R.6.3.2. Chapter will formally present their date change at their council meetings.

P.R.6.3.3. The organization must show appropriate proof or validation for rescheduling their event.

P.R.6.4. To reschedule a profit share or a fundraiser, the hosting organization must give the participants and the CPC VP of Community Engagement notice at least two weeks prior to the event date.
VII. Fees and Donations for Events

P.R.7.1 All philanthropy event participation fees are limited to $50.
   P.R.7.1.1 Checks for philanthropy events must be made out to the chapter’s organization/charity. If this is not possible, the chapter receiving the check must provide a proof of transaction.
   P.R.7.1.2 Chapters can donate or can raise more than the $50 participation fee. However, donations that exceed $50 cannot be considered nor listed as a sponsorship in that chapter’s name.
   P.R.7.1.3 Chapters may not require an attendance or entry fee for participating organizations (that have already paid the participation fee) during their signature event or any community event.

IX. Philanthropy Fundraising

Profit Shares:
   P.R.8.1 Any chapter’s profit share night will not be held on the same night as another profit share or fundraiser.
   P.R.8.2 Philanthropy chairs should consult with the philanthropy calendar before selecting profit share dates to ensure availability. Profit share dates are claimed on a first come-first serve basis and chapters must notify CPC VP of Community Engagement.
   P.R.8.3 Chapters may only have one individual profit share (1) and one shared profit share with another chapter on the date reservation calendar.

Fundraisers:
   P.R.8.4 Fundraisers are defined as events in which goods are sold for profit and in which another chapters’ participation is not required. Raffle ticket sales do not constitute as a fundraiser.
   P.R.8.5 Any chapter’s fundraiser will not be held on the same day as another fundraiser or profit share. Fundraiser dates must be communicated at Calendar Planning meeting and roundtables.
   P.R.8.6 Chapters may only host one fundraiser per calendar year.
   P.R.8.7 If a competitive event takes place at a chapter’s fundraiser event (example: eating contest, baking contest, etc.), the entry fee will be no more than $30.

IX. Campus Organization Participation
It is encouraged that chapters will reach out to campus organizations outside of Fraternity and Sorority Life to participate in their philanthropy competitions. A general rule is for those campus organizations to be offered a discounted rate to encourage campus wide participation in the event.

X. Campus Partners
   P.R.10.1 Philanthropy and fundraiser events must follow policies of the university, specifically Event Services and Aramark.
   P.R.10.2 Events must adhere to university policies. Failure to adhere to university policies can result in the cancelation of event.
P.R.10.3. It is encouraged that chapters invite faculty to attend their event(s) in order to promote faculty relations with the sorority community.

The council judicial board is responsible for determining action if an event occurs without approval and/or does not comply with these rules.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Types of Competitions

Performance competition:
Competition in which performance is judged for points. This includes, but is not limited to dance, cheer, step, karaoke, song, or skit (combination of any of these) competitions, which typically require practice.

Athletic competition:
Competition in which athletic ability is judged for points.

Philanthropy packet:
Required documentation for signature events and fundraisers.

Types of Events

Signature event:
An annual philanthropy event for each chapter with suggested campus community involvement.

Fundraiser:
A philanthropy event that involves the selling of a good for profit, in which the goal of the fundraiser is to raise money for the charity or foundation the chapter supports.

Profit Share:
An event held for the purpose of raising money for the charity or foundation the chapter supports.