



NORTH AMERICAN
INTERFRATERNITY
CONFERENCE

Positions on Critical Issues and Approaches to Partnership



NIC Overview

- North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC)
- Serves as a trade association for men's general college fraternities
- Represent 61 inter/national men's general college fraternities with over 6,000 chapters on nearly 600 campuses across the U.S. and Canada
- Member fraternities = NIC
- Advocate for the fraternity experience



Promote cooperative action

Prioritize research and insights that demonstrate the value of fraternity

Support and partnership with IFCs and host institutions



NIC Standards and Positions

Standards

- Policy / operational requirements for NIC member organizations
- Voted on by member organizations
- Not college / university policy
- Inform IFC SOP

Positions on Campus Partnerships

- Focused on critical / important issues
- Approved by Governing Council
- Inform IFC SOP
- Guide campus advocacy efforts



Positions on Campus Partnerships

- Single-Sex Fraternal Experience
- Delayed Joining
- System-Wide Actions
- Campus Security Authorities
- Organization Conduct Adjudication Principles
- Membership Practices
- Fraternity User Fees
- Insurance / Indemnification



Critical Issues

- **Equal treatment** (and due process and fair treatment) for fraternities as compared to other student organizations
- **Access and pathways** to the fraternity experience
- **Autonomy and privacy** in membership and member accountability
- **Limiting unnecessary liability or unfunded mandates** to individuals or organizations
- **Reasonable interim action, sanctioning; trust and confidence** in return agreements



NIC Campus Response

May 2025-March 2026: 58 response issues

System-Wide Action 11

Conduct 10

Path to Recognition 8

Recruitment 8

Student Death 3

System-Wide Action (preventative) 3

Housing Policy 3

Campus Security Authorities 2

Housing/Neighborhood Relations 2

Other 2

Responsible Growth/Expansion 2

Insurance Requirements 1

Liability/Unreasonable Agency 1

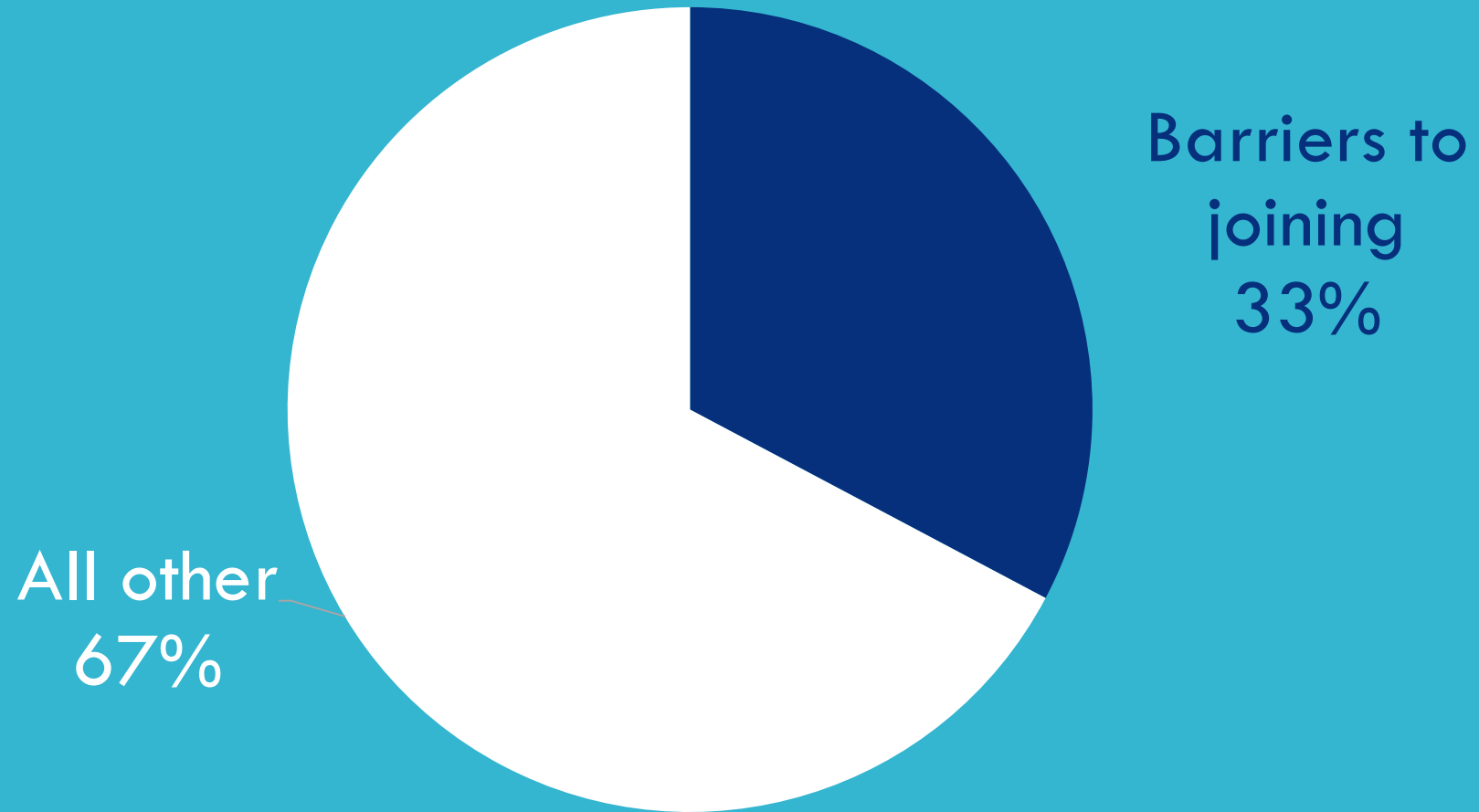
Non-Discrimination Policy/Title IX

Exception 1

Safety/Liability 1



NIC Campus Response



Campus & Organizational
**GUIDELINES AND
GUARDRAILS**

for 'Interfraternity Council' Chapter Relationships

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GUIDELINES AND GUARDRAILS

Collaborative recommendations for leading practices related to IFC conduct

- 1. Partner Investigations for Organizational Conduct Issues**
- 2. Interim Action**
- 3. Chapter Sanctioning and Suspension**
- 4. Return Agreements**



Chapter suspensions for a period of up to 2 years, called ‘short-term suspensions’, are not a leading practice when considered within the context of behavioral reform and are not recommended



While it may be perceived that unilateral interim action is a prudent approach, organizations that have no allegations against them are adversely impacted by the alleged behavior of others and should not be lumped in with the bad actors.



**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FRATERNITY
ADVISORS AND THE NORTH-AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY
CONFERENCE REGARDING RUSH RESTRICTIONS AS A
DISCIPLINARY SANCTION**



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**Resolved by the Association of Fraternity Advisors and the North-American Interfraternity
Conference:**

1. Communication and cooperation between general fraternities and host institutions are essential if each is to fulfill its goal of holistic education and personal development of students.
2. In matters of chapter discipline, host institutions and general fraternities should work together in an integrated approach that considers recent chapter history, chapter self-disciplinary procedures and sanctions, and human development. Where possible and appropriate, educational, developmental, and punitive sanctions should be jointly agreed upon and jointly imposed.
3. Restrictions on rush when used for disciplinary purposes are neither educational nor developmental and therefore are not an acceptable sanction for men's fraternities.



The Winning IFC Recruitment Playbook

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Thoughts on Approaches to Partnership

- We can partner on interventions, not just outcomes
- Shoulder-to-shoulder mindset with student leaders
- IFC: less cartel, more consortium
- Conversation, dialogue, disagreement... ok!
- “Yes, and” approach



Next Webinar: IFC Summer Prep

Thursday, April 16

2 pm ET / 1 pm CT / 12 pm MT / 11 am PT

- PR and recruitment over the summer
- IFC SOP
- 2026-2027 Campus Support
- Resources and more
- Summer recipe for success!





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