

# RECRUITMENT RULES OF THE TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

Code of Ethics of the Tennessee Technological University College Panhellenic Association

We, the members of sororities at Tennessee Technological University, agree to promote honesty, respect, sisterhood and cooperation within the College Panhellenic and our respective chapters and in our daily lives. This code of ethics is designed to inspire our members, reinforce exemplary conduct and values-based leadership and perpetuate lifelong membership to enrich the sorority and Panhellenic experience.

We, as College Panhellenic members of Tennessee Technological University, agree on and commit to:

- Uphold and demonstrate the Panhellenic spirit in thought, word and action through our chapters as well as individual members.
- Demonstrate ethical behavior and conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with the mission and values of the College Panhellenic, each inter/national organization and our institution.
- Respectfully adhere to the Unanimous Agreements and all policies established by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC).
- Avoid disparaging remarks about any sorority or collegiate woman and refrain from discussing Panhellenic matters with nonmembers.
- Recognize friendly relations with all collegiate women, both sorority members and nonmembers, realizing the importance of creating and building friendships.
- Plan recruitment events that provide opportunities for the greatest possible number of women to become sorority members while protecting the rights and privileges of individuals and the chapters.
- Provide a safe, positive and enriching recruitment experience, understanding that membership is a social experience arrived at by mutual selection.
- Strive to be truthful, honorable, open and friendly to all potential new members during all recruitment events.
- Be respectful of the rights of every potential new member to make a personal choice, including the right not to join the women's-only sorority community.
- Refrain from limiting a potential new member's chances of becoming a member of the Panhellenic community by encouraging the potential new member to make an intentional single preference.

We, as College Panhellenic members of Tennessee Technological University, also agree on and commit to:

- Respectfully adhere to the bylaws and recruitment rules of the Tennessee Technological University Panhellenic Association.
- Abide by all local and federal laws and NPC inter/national member organization bylaws.
- Hold one another accountable to these standards, remembering at all times that we represent not only our individual chapters but also the Panhellenic community as a whole.

As Panhellenic women of Tennessee Technological University, these are the tenets by which we strive to live.

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### I. Statement of Positive Panhellenic Contact

We, the College Panhellenic members of Tennessee Technological University, will promote Panhellenic-spirited contact with all potential new members throughout the year. Strict silence will begin on August 28, 2021 at 7 p.m. and last until bid distribution on August 29, 2021 at 10 a.m. No sorority member, including alumnae and new members, may communicate with potential new members during this period. Strict silence is defined as oral, nonverbal, written, printed, text message and electronic communication or communicating through a third party about the recruitment process. If a potential new member lives or interacts with sorority members, only casual greetings and contact are permitted.

II. Statement of Adherence to NPC Unanimous Agreements and Policies Regarding Recruitment

All NPC member organizations represented at Tennessee Technological University adhere to NPC Unanimous Agreements and policies. All organizations will follow these valued and non-negotiable policies during the recruitment process.

#### III. Statement of Values-Based Recruitment

All NPC member organizations represented at Tennessee Technological University will engage in the following practices that align with the Values-Based Recruitment (1989, 1991, 1997, 2003, 2015, 2019) – POLICY during membership recruitment:

- Focus on conversations between chapter members and potential new members about organizational values and member organizations.
- Establish guidelines for membership recruitment budgets and set a cap on membership recruitment expenses, including the value of all donated goods and services.
- Keep decorations to a minimum and confined to the interior space used for recruitment rounds.
- Determine recruitment event attire for chapter members that reduces individual financial burden and eliminates costuming.
- Eliminate gifts, favors, letters and notes for potential new members.
- Eliminate all forms of bid promising, oral or written, to join a certain sorority before bids are distributed by Panhellenic.
- Eliminate recruitment skits.

## IV. Statement of Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA)

The Tennessee Technological University College Panhellenic Association will uphold and use the membership recruitment acceptance binding agreement (MRABA) for each potential new

member interested in joining a sorority, whether during primary recruitment or continuous open bidding. We agree to all policies and steps pertaining to the MRABA.

#### V. Statement of Automatic Reset of Total

Total is the allowable chapter size as determined by the College Panhellenic. A College Panhellenic should evaluate total every term. In the academic term that primary recruitment is held, total will be automatically adjusted no later than 72 hours following bid distribution.

If a College Panhellenic hosts a fall primary recruitment and resets total in the academic term(s) in which primary recruitment is not held, then total must be reset within one week (no more than 7 days) from the start of the academic term(s) and cannot be set to less than 95% of the total that resulted from the automatic adjustment in the most recent academic term in which primary recruitment was held.

Total will be automatically adjusted using the largest chapter size.