

Serenades

Serenades at the University of Washington's Greek Community are an annual event where the new member class of IFC Fraternities will coordinate, plan, and perform a song and dance routine to the new member class of Panhellenic Sororities. The intent for serenades within the UW Greek Community is to provide a space for fun, positive, and safe interactions between members of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council chapters in an effort to get to know one another.

Why implement standing rules for Serenades?

Given the intent of fostering new relationships between members of IFC Fraternities and Panhellenic Sororities, ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and respect of all members is paramount for achieving this shared goal. In an effort to facilitate better and more respectful interactions between the men and women of our community as well as align the conduct of IFC men during Serenades with behavior becoming of gentlemen, enacting these rules will allow for peer accountability and a stricter adherence to our values.

Standing Rules:

1. IFC Men shall not bring, consume, or otherwise possess alcohol or drugs while on sorority property.
2. Fraternity new members participating in the physical performance of a fraternity's serenades routine must be sober, in accordance with Section 8.2.8 of the University of Washington Interfraternity Council Bylaws.
3. There shall be no sexual or degrading heckling of performers by audience members (i.e. chanting at performers to remove articles of clothing, any yelling of sexual connotations, etc.)
4. Fraternity new members participating in the physical performance of a fraternity's serenades routine must not remove clothing.
5. Members of separate chapters shall not touch each other or maintain physical contact during the duration of the Serenades performance.
6. Any violations of the aforementioned rules may be referred to the Interfraternity Council Standards Board in accordance with Section 7.3.1 of the University of Washington Interfraternity Council Bylaws.

Enforcement:

It is the hope of both the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council that any member of the University of Washington Greek Community who believes a member fraternity is in violation of these standing rules convey that to the Interfraternity Council with haste. In accordance with similar standing rules for IFC Sponsored Recruitment, any violation of these rules may result in the immediate loss of participation in Serenades as determined by unanimous consensus of the IFC President, the IFC Vice President, the IFC Chief Justice, and the IFC Director of Recruitment. As well, in accordance with the University of Washington Interfraternity Council Bylaws, violation of this policy may be referred to the Interfraternity Council Standards Board.