

The University of North Alabama
Office of Student Engagement-Fraternity and Sorority Life

NPHC New Member Presentation (Probate/Proshow) Guidelines

All organizations must adhere to the following guidelines for all New Member Presentations (herein, probates/proshows). It is **not mandatory** for chapters to have a probate/proshow. If chapters choose to have a probate/proshow these guidelines, adopted from the Association of Fraternity Advisors' document: *NPHC New Member Intake Guide*, must be followed.

Guidelines for Probate/Proshow:

- The probate/proshow must be registered via OrgSync and approved per the Greek Event Policy. The chapter has may request in the registration that the event remain private and not added to the campus FSL calendar.
- Proabte/Proshow must take place **on campus**. Approval for off campus presentations must be given by the Assistant Director of Student Engagement for Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- Probate/Proshow must take place no more than 30 calendar days after the members have been initiated into the organization.
- No explicit or revealing attire is to be worn by the neophytes or other participants (this includes removing articles of clothing, unless this reveals a lettered shirt).
- No excessive use of profanity will be tolerated in speeches, chants, or music before, during, or after the probate/proshow.
- No alcoholic beverages will be permitted.
- No physical abuse will be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, slapping, kicking, punching, pushing, poking, caning, etc.
- No references to hazing and/or other illegal activities.
- Disruptions by other attending organizations will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: walking through the presenters' show, talking over the presenting organization, etc.
- The duration of the probate/proshow should be **no longer than 3 hours** total. Probates/proshows may not be scheduled to begin after **9:00 pm** and must **start within 10 minutes** of scheduled time advertised. Following the show, members of the presenting organization must vacate the area **within 30 minutes**. (This will help with crowd disbursement.)
- The presenting organization will be responsible for ensuring the site used is left in its original state after use.
- The Graduate Advisor **and** the Assistant Director of Student Engagement for Fraternity and Sorority Life or designee from the Office of Student Engagement staff (full-time, professional or graduate assistant) **MUST** be in attendance at all probates/proshows.
- Chants/sayings/songs will not allude to any other Greek organization, individual, or student group in a disparaging manner.
- All actions of the organization and neophytes must adhere to University Policies: see student handbook.
- New Member (neophyte) Agreement Cards are due to the Student Engagement Office within 24 hours of probate/proshow.

Violation of these guidelines or University policy will result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct.