

Policy Name: House Rules for Grand Council Conventions

Effective Date: 1991

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Purpose

To establish standard House Rules for the Grand Council Convention including procedural operations for the business meeting.

Policy/Procedure

Delegates & Attendance

- The seating of Delegates at all sessions of the Grand Council shall be in alphabetical order:
 - Collegiate Chapters shall be seated first according to the Greek Alphabet
 - Graduate Chapters shall be seated next according to the English Alphabet
 - Provinces shall be seated next according to the English Alphabet
 - International Executive Committee Officers shall be seated next according to Office hierarchy as listed in the Constitution
 - Past Grand Regents shall be seated last according to English Alphabet by last name
 - Random seating of Voting Delegates shall not be permitted. Place cards shall be used to designate the assigned seat(s) for each Chapter and Province.
 - Delegates for Chapters will only be seated after being verified by the credentials committee. A delegate may only sit for a chapter on whose roster they are listed, provided they meet the other requirements for Chapter membership and election as delegate as outlined by the Constitution & By-Laws.
 - Delegate eligibility will be based on the roster on file with the Central Office for the year of the convention. Any roster updates must be submitted no later than the date of submission of delegate forms.
- There shall be a roll call of Chapters, Provinces, and other voting members, attendance noted, and made a part of the report of the Grand Council, at the beginning of each session.
 - No session of the Grand Council shall be opened unless a quorum is present.
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- All Officers and Members of the International Executive Committee shall be present at all meetings of the Grand Council.
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 - The only exception of this rule shall be when the member's presence is required at another function of the Grand Council which is coincidental with the meeting, or at the direction of the Grand Regent.

Right to the Floor & Debate

- On any given debatable item, the total debate time shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes.
 - Each speaker shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes with an additional one (1) minute to be allotted at the option of the Chair.
 - Speakers may proceed in any order; however, at the option of the Chairperson, debate may be made in alternating pro and con order.
 - Time limits shall be kept by the Chairperson or their assigned agent.
- Any member wishing to speak on an issue shall first seek the recognition of the Chairperson, after obtaining same, proceed to the assigned podium, and make their point.
 - At all times during all meetings of the Grand Council, use of the floor shall be restricted to delegates of the Grand Council, with proper dignity and decorum being maintained.

Decorum

- There shall be no alcoholic beverages in the meeting room during sessions of the Grand Council.
- At all times during all meetings, those in attendance shall be sober and properly dressed.
 - Professional attire shall be required for all business sessions.
 - No member will be admitted to any meeting who is obviously intoxicated and/or who exhibits a bare chest and/or bare feet.
- No photographs taken or videos made at any Grand Council Convention sessions may be sold without an official contract with the Fraternity.
- All cellphones and other electronic devices must be kept on silent during all sessions.
- There shall be no campaign materials permitted on the Grand Council Convention site or surrounding areas during the Grand Council Convention.
- Any member or guest in attendance that is warned for excessive noise or disturbing other hotel guests will be subject to removal if a second warning is given.

- If the member who is asked to leave is a collegiate, the Dean of their school/college will be notified of such an occurrence.
- If the hotel comps a room for a hotel guest because of this errant activity, the member's Chapter shall be responsible for that cost and will be billed by The Central Office for this expense. Members or guests not currently affiliated with a Chapter may be billed directly.
- All physical, electronic or media items presented, sold or marketed at the Grand Council Convention must be approved prior to the start of the Convention

Policy Violation

- Failure to follow any of the Kappa Psi Policies may result, at the direction of the Chairperson, in the member's removal from the meeting.
- Any reported violation of the policy may be made known in open session in order to bring attention to the violation and ensure it does not happen again.

Suspending the Rules

- To suspend any or all of the above rules, either temporarily or permanently, shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Members of the Grand Council.