



Setting Total in Continuous Recruitment

In the primary recruitment term, total should be set before chapter recruitment efforts and events. Total should be set according to the method indicated in the recruitment rules. Total should be set high enough to ensure growth for each chapter, taking into consideration the number of women currently and potentially interested in sorority membership. A campus should consult with its NPC College Panhellenic area advisor on what number should be proposed as total.

Options in Determining Total (2009, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023) – POLICY

Total for a College Panhellenic community is set using one of the following methods:

1. Average or median chapter size (whichever is larger).
2. Midpoint between median and largest chapter size.
3. Largest chapter size (LCS).
4. LCS plus up to 20 women.

When a campus experiences greater than a 2% decrease in the open house pool over the previous year, total must be set at midpoint or higher.

For Panhellenics with only two chapters: when selecting a method among the four options, total will be set at the number yielded by the calculation or 40 whichever is higher.

For College Panhellenics with housing: If half or more of chapters are not meeting housing total will be set using method 4. Total will automatically be reset to LCS plus one unless this policy requires a total setting method that will set total at a higher number. Housing obligation shall be defined as the revenue from chapter membership necessary to support housing/facility expenses. Each NPC inter/national organization will report to NPC on behalf of its local chapters by June 30 of each year, whether the chapter is meeting its housing obligation.

Finally, depending on the timing of primary recruitment on campus, the Panhellenic evaluates or adjust total accordingly per NPC policy.

Here is an example of setting total for continuous recruitment:

The three chapters on campus are returning with 30, 29 and 26 members. Typically, each chapter has an average of 10 new members in the fall. With these anticipated numbers, chapter sizes would be 40, 39 and 36 respectively after recruitment.

Average or median chapter size (whichever is larger) = ACS 38 or MCS 39
Midpoint between median and largest chapter size = 40
Largest chapter size = 40
LCS plus up to 20 women = 40+1=41 ... 40+20=60