

## New Member Presentation Guidelines (Undergraduate)

### Standard New Member Presentation Performance Guidelines

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded during an era when the social norms for women were much different than they are today. Our Founders and early members recognized the importance of maintaining the high standards of being finer women.

Despite the many changes in society over the years, it continues to be important to uphold Finer Womanhood at all times. While different people may define Finer Womanhood differently, Zeta women around the world continuously seek to uphold the highest standards of education, elegance, confidence, beauty, leadership, and refinement. In a day where social media provides one of the greatest and quickest ways to access information and images, both positive and negative, all chapters should be mindful at all times of how their actions affect the Zeta brand.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated does not require any current or newly inducted Sorors to perform in any exhibition/performance showcase (i.e. step shows, new member presentation, etc.). However, there may be instances where an educational institution requires Greek-lettered fraternities or sororities to showcase new or current members in performances, with consequences for not adhering to school policies.

The following serves as a list of standard performance guidelines for all members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, with the caveat that if the college or university's requirements are different, the college or university's policies govern:

1. New member presentation performances should be limited to new undergraduate members. It is recommended that Graduate chapters that would like to introduce their new members to the community, host a formal open reception, with a press release to introduce these ladies to the local community.
  - a. During new member presentations, current members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, should be referred to as respectively "Soror" and "Frat" or "Brother". The use of adjectives such as "Big Sister/Big Brother," "DP," "ADP," "Dean of Pledges," and any other titles used in an illegal pledge process are expressly prohibited.
  - b. New members shall not be referred to as "neophytes" or "neos." Further, use of the words Ship, Sands, and Line Sister are expressly prohibited during the new member presentation.
  - c. During new member presentations, the new sorors shall wear tasteful clothing that exemplifies Finer Womanhood. This expressly excludes combat boots and all other masculine attire. At all times, it is the expectation that attire for new member presentations shall be royal blue and/or white, with black being a permitted secondary color if worn with royal blue.
  - d. There shall be no derogatory or disrespectful references to other Greek organizations during new member presentations (i.e. ripping up of other organization's letters, "diss" chants, etc.).
  - e. No performances held in the name of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, shall contain lewd behavior, profanity, or obscene gestures. This includes any music used during said performance. Sorors are expressly prohibited from making manly, scowling facial expressions known in some parts of the country as the "grit face."

- f. Undergraduate Advisors from the sponsoring graduate chapter and/or the graduate advisory committee of said sponsoring graduate chapter shall preview and approve all undergraduate showcase performances, attire, and musical selections prior to the date of said show. Additionally, the Undergraduate Advisor (or her designee) is required to attend the official showcase performance, and remain in attendance until the conclusion of the performance.
- g. Only members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated should be showcased during new member presentations. At no time should animals, children or non-members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated be included in the new member presentation.
- h. The only Sorors who are permitted to participate in and be involved with membership intake activities, including performance practices, are currently Financial and MIP Certified members of the undergraduate chapter, and currently Financial and MIP Certified members of the graduate chapter's undergraduate advisory committee.
- i. All new member presentations must occur within five (5) consecutive days of the completion of the induction ceremony unless the college or university where the chapter's charter is held requires a later time.
- j. Any performances that fall outside of these guidelines are subject to penalties up to and including fines (which may be imposed by the graduate chapter) and/or recommendation for suspension of individuals and/or the chapter to the International Grand Basileus.