



IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY INC.

IOTA SWEETHEARTS
Iota Policy Directive Regarding Iota Sweethearts
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Iota Sweethearts are an informal auxiliary entity consisting of women whose purpose is to assist the Brothers of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. This shall be the sole name of any female auxiliary associated with Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

This entity is in no way meant to function as, or be a substitute for, a Sorority. This entity shall not exist or be organized as a separate organization from the local chapter of Iota Phi Theta and exists solely at the discretion of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

There are four methods for becoming a member of the Iota Sweetheart Auxiliary:

1. As a member of an "Iota Sweetheart Court" in conjunction with an "Iota Phi Theta Sweetheart Pageant" (or "Coronation Ball" or other similar event.)
2. In conjunction with a group of gentlemen who are candidates for membership in Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. While these gentlemen are in "intake" status, they may select a number of young ladies that they choose to honor. During this period, these ladies are referred to as "potential sweethearts." The number of potential sweethearts **shall not** exceed the number of intakees. When the candidates are initiated into the Brotherhood of Iota, the Potential Sweethearts become Iota Sweethearts.
3. To marry a Brother of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
4. To be recognized by the Grand Council of Iota Phi Theta for outstanding service to the Fraternity.

A Sweetheart can disassociate herself from the organization by submitting a letter to the Chapter Polaris. The Brothers of the chapter can terminate a Sweetheart's affiliation with the Fraternity, if the conditions warrant.

Iota Sweethearts do not:

Have a requirement to learn fraternity history.

Have initiation ceremonies, intake requirements, intake sessions, or intake responsibilities.

Learn Fraternity secrets, oaths, grips or other esoteric information

Participate in fraternity meetings or intake sessions.

Have lines, line numbers, ships, crossing times, crossing dates, or other terms connoting pledging.

Have "Big Sisters", "Big Brothers", "Line Sisters", or "Line Brothers."

Have an official shield, crest, oath, grip, or other paraphernalia or activity connoting a sorority.

Participate in activities that are seen as competitive or disrespectful to other Fraternities or Sororities.

At no time will a Sweetheart have the full name "Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc." displayed on her paraphernalia. No Sweetheart paraphernalia will contain the Greek-letters "Iota Phi Theta", symbols and/or the Fraternity shield. Acceptable paraphernalia includes the words "Iota Sweetheart" spelled out or the single word (or Greek symbol) "Iota" and a heart symbol.

It shall be incumbent upon the local chapter to ensure compliance with this policy. The Grand Council will have final determination regarding interpretations of this policy. Deviations from this policy will result in disciplinary action against the local chapter from the Grand Council of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.