

How To Avoid A Fine!

Simply put: **Failure to receive authorization to hold an initiation and continuing with an unauthorized initiation will result in a \$25 per initiate fine.** But, please read on.

Initiation will likely be one of the most memorable times each of us experience as a member of Delta Chi. However, before an initiation can properly occur, a certain set of procedures must be followed to assure that the initiation is authorized and maintains the sanctity of our beloved ritual. Since ignorance of Delta Chi requirements/law is no excuse for the lack of a properly held initiation, we hope that this Q&A will help answer any questions and help minimize the lack of familiarity.

Q: How does Delta Chi know how many Associate Members we have accepted?

A: The “C” is to report the names of each undergraduate person who associates within five (5) days of the person’s association with the Chapter in a Chapter Meeting Report (CMR).¹ Upon receipt of these names, Delta Chi HQ will bill your Chapter/Colony Associate Member Dues (\$100/man). AM Dues should be immediately paid by the “D”.

Q: What if our Chapter/Colony fails to report an Associate Member?

A: After association with Delta Chi, and once reported to Delta Chi HQ, each individual is covered under general liability insurance and the Member Accident Protection Policy (MAPP). MAPP is a supplemental insurance that covers member at chapter/colony functions and events.² Therefore, for example, if an unreported associate member were to get hurt at an intramural game, he would *not* be covered.

Q: What if an AM disassociates? Do we get our money back?

A: In order for the Chapter/Colony to receive a reimbursement, an AM must disassociate within two (2) weeks of being reported as an associate. Upon such disassociation, the “C” is to report it in the next CMR. If and only if, this procedure is followed the Chapter/Colony will receive a credit (\$100/man who disassociated).

Q: When are PR forms due?

A: Personnel Record forms (PR forms) are due *at least* two weeks before initiation, along with the initiation dues (\$205/man). PR forms and initiation dues should be sent together to Delta Chi Headquarters (P.O. Box 1817, Iowa City, IA 52244).

Q: How do we know if Delta Chi received our PR forms and payment?

A: Upon receipt of the PR forms and initiation dues, as well as confirmed payment of the associate member dues, the “C” and the “A” will be sent an email authorizing a list of men who may go through initiation. Again, **failure to receive permission to hold an initiation and continuing with an unauthorized initiation will result in a \$25 per initiate.**^{3,4}

Q: How will Delta Chi know that everyone has been initiated?

A: After initiation, the “C” must report on the next CMR the names of all of those initiated and the date of initiation for verification. Only then will these men be officially enrolled as members in Delta Chi.

¹ Delta Chi Law, Article IX, Section 2, Subsection (1)

² Member Accident Protection Program:
http://www.kirklin.com/Insurance_Products/Member_Accident_Protection_Program/

³ Delta Chi Law, Article IX, Section 2, Subsection (2)

⁴ Delta Chi Schedule of Dues: http://www.deltachi.org/resources/deltachi_law/Schedule_of_Dues_01-11.pdf