HOUSING RULES

Before the Housing Draw

1. **Spring Term Housing Only.** Requests for second-semester housing for students who will be abroad or on leave in the fall must be submitted by November 30. Every attempt will be made to accommodate returning students seeking second-semester housing but cannot be guaranteed.

2. **Class Definitions: Sophomore/Junior/Senior.** For purposes of the housing rules, a student is a member of the class he or she will enter in the upcoming fall. A current freshman will be defined as a sophomore in these rules, a current sophomore as a junior, and a current junior as a senior. (See Rule 3 on acceleration.)

3. **Acceleration, Leaves, and Withdrawals.** Acceleration does not affect class status for purposes of housing. Students participate in the lottery of their original entering class. First-year students enter the sophomore lottery; second-year students, the junior; third-year students, the senior. A student who takes off one term is for housing purposes a member of his or her original class. A student who takes off two or more terms and returns to a different class will be considered for housing purposes a member of the new class. No student who is currently withdrawn from Yale may participate in a lottery even though he or she anticipates reinstatement in the upcoming fall term.

4. **Students Currently Abroad or on Leave.** Students who are currently taking a term abroad or a semester off may be included in the lottery only if they intend to be enrolled in Yale this coming fall. To be counted in the lottery, such students must notify the Dean’s Office in writing of their intention to live in Stiles next fall and designate someone (a housing proxy) to act on their behalf in the lottery. If the student cannot find another student to be their proxy, they may ask for their class’ Housing Committee representatives to serve as their proxy.

5. **Mixed-Year Housing.** Any requests to live with members of another year will be handled on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed. We will do our best to accommodate people who legitimately want these arrangements. For mixed-year housing, class is determined by the lowest year. This means that the upper-level students in the group will enter the lower-level student’s draw. **Please talk to the Housing Committee no later than March 29th if you plan to live in a group that has students from different classes.**

6. **Co-ed Housing.** Rising seniors, juniors and sophomores are allowed to live in mixed gender rooms and mixed gender suites. In fact, unless specifically designated by the dean, all floors will also be mixed gender.
7. **Special Needs or Housing Concerns.** Any student with a special need or a housing concern should meet with the dean well before March 9 to discuss these issues. The dean will try to accommodate these students but does not guarantee any special arrangements. The dean will consult with the Resource Office on Disabilities and the Chaplain’s Office about special accommodations, when applicable, and require students requesting accommodations to also register with those offices. *If you received an extraordinary waiver last year, that waiver will not apply/carry over to future years. You will need to reapply or re-register with the above-mentioned offices and notify the dean of your plan as soon as possible.*

**The Housing Draw**

1. **Lottery Groups.** If any of the people in your lottery group (i.e., group of students who will form your suite) change or drop out after the April 7 deadline, the Housing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action (e.g., assigning students to the room or giving the suite last pick in the draw). Late applicants automatically get last pick in their respective lotteries.

2. **Lotteries.** Lotteries determine the order in which students pick their rooms. The dean conducts the lottery by pulling numbers out of a hat; everyone is welcome to observe this process in the name of transparency. There are separate lotteries for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

3. **Decisions are Final.** Any and all decisions made at the draw are final, and it is your responsibility to attend the draw. If there are extenuating circumstances that require you to miss the draw, you must designate a proxy and have this person sign the form and attend the room draw for you. Please alert the Housing Committee of any such arrangements and see McKenzie for the proxy form.

4. **Best Behavior.** The Committee reserves the right to expel from the room draw proceedings anyone who causes a disturbance or who otherwise disrupts the room draw. The Committee will represent those expelled for the remainder of the draw.

5. **Housing Contracts.** At the time students choose a room, they will sign a contract for that room.

6. **Anyone who participates in room draw and then decides to relinquish his/her housing in order to live off-campus or to take a leave of absence is also subject to a fine of ¼ of the fall term room rate, as stated in the Yale College Undergraduate Regulations.** This penalty does not pertain to students who take a leave of absence in the spring or participate in a study abroad experience.

**After the Housing Draw**

1. **Room Switching.** If two suites or individuals wish to exchange rooms, they may do so by contacting the Dean’s Office by 5:00 pm on the day following the room draw. All members of both suites must agree to any and all switches in writing (see McKenzie for the form). A student who has signed a contract may not switch rooms without permission from the dean. If it is discovered that a student has done so without permission, he/she will
have to move to their assigned room and will automatically be placed at the bottom of the following year’s housing draw.

2. **Ghosting.** Ghosting occurs when a student submits his or her name into the online system indicating intent to live on-campus, knowing that he or she does not plan to live in the residential college. A student who does this and withdraws before the draw is also considered to be ghosting. The dean and the housing committee regard ghosting as disrespectful and inconsiderate behavior. Should this occur, one of two things may happen: (1) the group will be allowed to keep the room, but the Dean and Housing Committee may place someone to fill the vacated spot without consulting the other group members, or (2) the group will forfeit their right to the room and may be forced to disperse (i.e. they will be forced to live off campus). In addition, the individual who engaged in ghosting will be at the bottom list of the draw for all subsequent draws.

3. **Smoking.** Smoking is forbidden in the college (and indeed everywhere on campus). If a student is discovered to have smoked in the college, the student will be placed at the bottom of the housing draw for the following year.

4. **Pets.** Pets are not allowed to reside within the college, with the notable exception of Machang the Disgruntled, Aqua, and Eero.

**General Rules**

1. **All questions in writing.** If you have any questions or concerns about housing in Stiles that are not explained in this document, you must submit them in writing (this includes e-mail) to your class’s housing reps, who will bring them before the committee.

2. **Doubles are Doubles.** Should your roommate leave to study abroad or for any other reason, the Dean may fill that empty bed without prior notice according to the needs of the college.

3. **New Stilesians.** Stiles will house 4 unknown suitemates: 2 transfer students from other universities, and 2 visiting rising juniors from international universities. Groups may agree to take one or more of these students as a member of their suite. Groups that wish to exercise this option must inform the Housing Committee in writing before they submit their Housing Card. In all cases, seniority rules.

**Elastic Clause.** The Housing Committee reserves the right to modify the rules at any time if the situation warrants. In addition, suite assignments can be changed to ensure fairness and to make sure that everyone has a place to live. All decisions will be made at the discretion of the Housing Committee, the Dean, and the Head. All decisions are final.
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