

Housing Lottery Explained

In an attempt to explain how SLC hotels are assigned, I am providing the following details about the assignments and the process of making these assignments.

- All schools were placed in lottery groups MANY years ago – these groupings have remained relatively the same
- A school's placement within the group changes each year. All schools are numbered, and the number range is placed in a number randomizer – this determines your placement within your group. Lottery results are posted on website.
- State Officer schools are always the first group assigned to a hotel. This allows those schools to be at the Double Tree if they want to be in the same hotel as their officer (officers are with state advisor at the Double Tree for the entire conference)
- The second group is a small group of Conference Coordinators who may be working before/after shuttles have stopped running
- The order that groups are placed this year was as follow: officers – conference coordinators – group 4 - group 5 – group 1 – group 2 – group 3
- The groups rotate every year so that the group that was last this year will be first next year. For example, next year the order will be: officers – conference coordinators – group 3 - group 4 – group 5 – group 1 – group 2
- Schools that turn rankings form in late are assigned where there is space available at the time they are received
- Schools who do not turn in rankings form are placed where space available

Common difficulties with giving you your top choices:

- You are a large group and selected smaller hotels as your top picks – if schools ahead of you also selected these smaller hotel block, you may not fit into that property when your turn comes
- You are in the top couple of groups but have requested all of the smaller hotel properties that go quickly in the selections
- You are a large group and requested the DoubleTree – remember officers schools have first choice of those rooms, and they are typically gone after the first couple of groups.
- There are circumstances where schools must be moved to accommodate very large chapters that are in the last group – we will not separate schools into multiple properties
- Where possible, we try to accommodate requests (that are noted on the ranking forms) from smaller schools that will be sharing chaperones/transportation, etc. to be at the same hotel