

Housing Lottery FAQs from Previous Info Sessions

Q1.

arrangements, are we able to rearrange into a smaller group, merge groups, etc.?

A. Yes, all those options are possible once your timeslot is reached when your lottery round is open. The lottery website has step-by-step instructions if you want guidance.

Q2. Are the housing picks first come first serve when it becomes available or is it random based on how many people enter?

A. In each round unique timeslots are assigned to every roommate group, regardless of size. You may not begin selecting a room until your timeslot is reached.

Q3. When it's your turn to select a room are you really the only group selecting a room at that time? If so, how much time is there between your selection and that of the next?

A. Only one roommate group at a time is assigned to a timeslot. The length of time between timeslots is three minutes. Many groups take longer than three minutes to select their room, you do not need to complete your choice in three minutes! It is possible a group in front of you have not completed their room selection when your timeslot begins.

Q4. After rearranging your roommate group do you pick right away?

A. Yes, but only if everyone in the newly formed roommate groups have reached their timeslot and accepted the request to join the group.

Q5. When rearranging roommate groups can you make them bigger, smaller, or both?

A. Both! You can remove people from your group, add them or merge with another roommate group.

Q6. Do you allot a certain number of rooms in Park Row or Harpswell for the second round?

A. No. Beginning in round 1, all available housing will be in the round to choose from. What is not selected in round 1 will be available in round 2. Round 3 will have available housing that was not selected in rounds 1 or 2.

Q7. Will the rooms taken by res life staff members be out of the lottery ahead of time so that we don't plan for a room that isn't available?

A. Yes, the Available Rooms Report is exactly that, only the available rooms to select. During each lottery round the report will refresh every ten minutes.

Q8. If I'm in a six person block and no desired rooms are left could I hypothetically merge with two one person blocks to take an eight person apartment?

A. Yes. The one caveat is that if the 2-person block you are merging with has not reached their timeslot, you will need to wait to select a room until that group's timeslot is reached.

Q9. Can a roommate group of eight split into two fours even if there are still eight person rooms available?

A. Yes.

Q10. In the old lottery system students could enter the doubles lottery in groups of four, six or eight and the triples lottery in groups of three or six, etc. Will that still be an option in the new lottery?

A.

Q13. For people picking in places like Harpswell Apartments, will you only be able to see those who picked in your specific building (like building C) or the whole complex?

A. Just your specific building.

Q14. What happens if I have technical difficulties during my time block? Am I skipped?

A. No, you are not skipped. You have three options, 1) email housing@bowdoin.edu (we will monitor this account from 8:00am – 9:00pm on lottery round days), 2) stop by the Res Life Office in 24 College Street (we'll be there until the last timeslot is reached for each round), or 3) call 207-725-3225 to speak with someone in the Res Life Office.

B. Q15. How do we secure a single room?

A. Login to Bricks and Beyond, select Lottery Fall 2024, select the term, complete the mandatory profile questions and create a roommate group. All of that will take five minutes or less. Then all you have to do is wait to receive your timeslot the morning of the lottery round your group is eligible. Once your timeslot is reached, login again to Bricks and Beyond and select Lottery Fall 2043

A. Yes. Any groups that reconfigure in any way during a round are tied to the latest

