

# OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

# EVENT POLICY



# PHILOSOPHY

Florida State University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavors, and service. The university strives to instill the strength, skill, and character essential for lifelong learning, personal responsibility, and sustained achievement. Florida State University supports a community of care, where students, staff and faculty support and care for one another and model in daily living a high sense of personal honor and integrity.

Florida State University recognizes high risk or dangerous alcohol consumption and associated conduct undermine the intellectual climate of the University. Moreover, high risk or dangerous alcohol use inhibits the opportunity for maximum intellectual development, respect for the rights of others, and a sense of community and citizenship.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is dedicated to enhancing the quality of student life at Florida State by empowering members of the fraternity and sorority community through advising with a developmental approach, educating with a purpose, and cultivating partnerships. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life strives to develop a community that enables individuals to make values based decisions, learn tangible skills and contribute to the betterment of the global community.

To that end, risk management education and strategy in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is developed from the university principles of vires, artes, and mores. Vires meaning strength, meaning that student safety is the primary concern; Artes meaning character, meaning that as a community we care for one another; and Mores meaning skill, meaning we build skills that contribute towards the betterment of each person through risk education and strategy.



# EDUCATION

To host an event with alcohol, an organization must:

1. Complete its risk management education from the previous semester (beginning spring 2020).
2. Attend the designated initial officer and organization trainings provided by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. These will be communicated by the last day of classes the semester prior.
3. After completing the aforementioned requirements, an organization will be able to hold social functions starting at the designated day by the office through the last day of the semester.

# EVENT NOTIFICATION FORM

All organization events where alcohol is present, both on or off campus, must submit an Event Notification Form to the appropriate governing council.

The Event Notification Form must be submitted at least 7 (seven) days prior to the event. The Event Notification Form is available [here](#).

# EVENT POLICY

*In any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the organization, including those that occur on or off chapter premises:*

(1) The organization, members, and guests must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, sell, consume, provide, or be provided alcoholic beverages.

(2) Organizations, members, and guests must follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell, and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while on organizational premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the organization.

(3) Alcoholic beverages must either be: (1) provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or (2) brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage ("BYOB") system.

The presence of alcohol products above 15% alcohol by volume ("ABV") is prohibited on any organizational premises or at any event, except when served at an event by a licensed and insured third-party vendor.

(4) Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities, which are not being served by a licensed and insured third party vendor, are prohibited (i.e., amounts of alcohol greater than what a reasonable person should consume over the duration of an event).

(5) Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased with organizational funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g., admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).

(6) An organization may not co-host or cosponsor, or in any way participate in, an activity or event with another group or entity that purchases or provides alcohol.



(7) An organization may not co-host or cosponsor an event with a bar, event promoter, or alcohol distributor; however, an organization may rent a bar, restaurant, or other licensed and insured third-party vendor to host a chapter event.

(8) Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only, and the organization must utilize a guest list system. Attendance at events with alcohol may not exceed local fire or building code capacity of the organizational premises or host venue.

(9) Any event or activity related to the new member joining process (e.g., recruitment, intake, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into an organization, including but not limited to "bid night," "Big/Little" events or activities, "family" events or activities, and any ritual or ceremony.

(10) Organizations, members, or guests may not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.

(11) Organizations are required to obtain licensed and insured security or sworn law enforcement officers for events with alcohol.

(12) Event monitors are required for events with alcohol.

(13) If your National/International Risk Management Policy is stricter, it is expected that you follow that policy/expectation.