

## **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Fraternity and Sorority Life Alcohol Policy**

*The fraternities and sororities at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who are members of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council voluntarily created this policy and adopted it for their own governance. It was reaffirmed in 1997, revised and approved by IFC and Panhellenic in November 2003, and revised and approved by IFC and Panhellenic in April 2006. It was adopted by the National Pan-Hellenic and Greek Alliance Councils in 2007.*

### **Fraternity and Sorority Alcohol Policy**

1. Common-source containers, defined as alcoholic sources/containers available for consumption by more than one individual, are prohibited. This includes brothers' kegs, sisters' kegs, alcohol in vending machines, cases of beer, alcoholic punch, liquor bottles, wine bottles, etc. (Kegs and trash cans containing alcohol will be considered common sources in all circumstances.)
2. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through chapter funds nor may the purchase of alcohol for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. (no bar tabs, no slush funds, no passing of the hat for a keg, no side checking accounts, no side social accounts, no giving bands alcohol, etc.).
3. All social events are BYOB (bring your own beverage) with the exception of events where alcoholic beverages are sold by or held at a third party vendor. Individuals are responsible for bringing their own, individual consumption beverages. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell these alcoholic beverages to others.
4. Security guards required for chapter events: At least one (1) security guard must be present for the entire event. Third Party Vendor security is acceptable.
5. \*During recruitment, all chapter events and activities will be dry functions for all members and non-members at the event, regardless of age. (i.e. No alcohol should be present nor consumed at any chapter event during recruitment.)
6. Groups must have a guest list for all chapter events where alcohol is likely to be present, including formals, cocktails, mixers, recruitment events, and band parties. A guest list contains the names of all persons expected to attend an event. Guests may be added to the list during the course of the event. The guest list applies to the interior of the social event facility.
7. Mixers between fraternities & sororities are prohibited in fraternity houses unless the event is totally alcohol-free.
8. Walk-out policy: If you co-sponsor an event and you discover a violation of any element of this alcohol policy, then either everyone in your group must completely leave the event within 20 minutes or the Greek Judicial Board will hold your group partially responsible for the violation.

\*All alleged Panhellenic sorority violations of this policy will be handled in mediation as per National Panhellenic Council policy. If mediation fails to achieve a resolution, the Greek Judicial Board will hold a hearing on the matter.

**Definition of a "Chapter Event"** (if the event can be defined as a chapter event then typically a violation has occurred)

1. The chapter pays for any part of the event, through chapter account or collection of funds from individual members

- a. property rental/cleaning
- b. security guards/DJ/band
- c. transportation
2. The event is advertised by or associated with the chapter in any way
  - a. flyers/handouts
  - b. announcements at chapter meetings
  - c. email/listserv distributions
  - d. website calendar of events
3. Attendance of the members (regardless of how many there are) present at the event is based on their affiliation rather than individual initiative (i.e., is it more likely that they attended because of their affiliation?).
4. The event can be held at any location, in or out of the chapter house.

(The bullets under each heading are meant to offer some examples and are not to be interpreted as the only way an event can be considered a chapter event. National organizations generally have more strict rules than the above. Please also check with national headquarters as to their requirements for an event to be a chapter event. Remember that if you violate your national policy you have no liability insurance.)

**Panhellenic Council Mixer Policy** (passed on 4-4-2000)

Panhellenic Sororities will no longer participate in any functions, held on fraternity property, where alcohol is present at any time during the event.

Monetary support and/or significant sorority member attendance (generally 40% of the chapter membership) at any event on fraternity property at which alcohol is present is in direct violation of this policy. All existing UNC-Chapel Hill and Fraternity and Sorority Alcohol Policies are applicable to any chapter events that may occur subsequent to this policy (see definition of "chapter event" above).