



Fraternity and Sorority Life Social Policy

The Appalachian State University Fraternity and Sorority Life Social Policy (FSSP) applies to any member, new member, or guest of a member/new member, on or off the chapter premises, or at chapter events/functions or any event that an observer may associate with the fraternity/sorority.

Section I: Policy

- A. The possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, during an official fraternity/sorority event, or in any situation sponsored by a recognized organization of Appalachian State University, must be in accordance with all applicable laws of the state, county, city and university policy. All organizations must also comply with Governing Policies and Inter/National guidelines regarding the sponsoring and/or hosting of any events.
- B. Campus Activities must be notified of any event hosted by a recognized fraternity or sorority on or off-campus where alcohol is present via a **Social Event Registration Form (SERF)**. Failure to complete or submit a SERF may result in the event sponsor(s) being referred to their respective council and/or the [Organizational Conduct](#) Board for hosting an unregistered event.
- C. A SERF must be submitted one week (7 days) prior to the hosted event. This is for all recognized fraternities and sororities of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), the National PanHellenic Council (NPHC), and the Panhellenic Council (PHC) at Appalachian State University. A SERF must be completed by ALL sponsoring and/or co-sponsoring organizations of the event. Upon review of the completed SERF, the Fraternity and Sorority Life staff will review the form. Any questions regarding the approval or denial of any social event should be directed to Fraternity and Sorority Life staff.
- D. All organizations wishing to host an event must have a **current copy** of their Liability Coverage/Insurance Certificate on file with the Campus Activities office, must attend all required meetings, and have completed a chapter wide review for the calendar year.
- E. All social events sponsored by a fraternity or sorority, on or off-campus, involving alcohol must be either a closed Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) or a Third Party Licensed Vendor Function.
- F. Themes for all social events must be appropriate, must not contain any references to alcohol, and should not be derogatory in any way, including but not limited to, culturally or sexually charged themes. This also applies to event advertisements or t-shirts. Those chapters who submit inappropriate themes or have inappropriate advertisements will have their event denied.
- G. Events scheduled on Sundays –Thursdays must conclude by 12 midnight. Events scheduled on Friday or Saturday must conclude by 2am. BYOB social events may only occur Thursday through Saturday evenings. Chapters must request special permission 2 weeks in advance to host events otherwise.
- H. The host chapter(s) are responsible for the actions of both members and guests at any event.
- I. All New Member Activities and Meetings must be dry. This includes any pre or post activities, Bid Day, New Member meetings, New Member Presentations, Initiations, and Big/Little activities.
- J. All Tailgates must be registered and must comply with Campus Activities and the [Appalachian State University Tailgating Policy](#). All house tailgates must be registered with a SERF and are subject to this social policy.
- K. Hard liquor and common sources of alcohol are prohibited at BYOB events.

Section II: General Guidelines for all Social Events

The guidelines and regulations below reflect the social expectations for recognized fraternities and sororities at Appalachian State University.

- A. **Safe Environment:** The location of the event must be clean and free of potential hazards.
- B. **Sober Monitors:** Sober monitors must be equal to or more than 10% of your invited guest list. A list of sober monitors, birth dates, and contact numbers must be included when completing the SERF. They are expected to be members of the sponsoring organization, be on duty for the ENTIRE duration of the event, and are responsible for the proper management of the registered event. Sober monitors must include one officer of the organization and only one-third of the sober monitors can be new members.
- C. **Guest List:** A guest list with birthdates must be included with the SERF submission and shall be followed for the duration of the event. The number of individuals in attendance must be in accordance with the venue's fire code for maximum capacity or no more than two (2) guests per member (whichever is smaller). All guests must be invited by personal invitation only and shall be monitored and recorded in Engage for the purpose of tracing or follow-up in the event that an incident occurs.
- D. **Identification:** All persons shall have their identification and age checked at the entrance to the event. No persons under the age of 21 will be allowed to bring or use alcohol at the event. Every organization must have a system for determining which guests are of legal age. It is recommended that each person over the age of 21 receive a wristband.
- E. **Duration:** Events at which alcoholic beverages are served/consumed may not last longer than five (5) hours. Fraternity and Sorority Life staff must approve events longer than five (5) hours. No pre or post events will be allowed or tolerated.
- F. **Transportation:** Safe transportation (i.e. buses, sober drivers, taxis) must be provided for members and guests attending a registered social event.
- G. **Location:** A BYOB event may only occur at a location listed on the chapter's Property of Record Form (PORF) on file with Fraternity and Sorority Life or otherwise approved location.
- H. **Controlled Substances:** Possession, sale, and/or the use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances, collectively or individually, at any social event is strictly prohibited.
- I. **A Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) Function** is considered a social event that requires all members and guests to provide their own alcoholic beverage. All BYOB events must comply with National Policies and Guidelines.
- J. **Noise Ordinance:** All events must comply with local [Noise Ordinance](#).

Important Note: Chapters are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with their Social Event Registration Form (SERF) and planning. Appalachian State University will not monitor chapter social events. However, Appalachian State University will respond to reports of any failure to comply with this policy and SERF.

Section 3: References

- A. [Appalachian State University Tailgating Policy](#)
- B. [Organizational Code of Conduct](#)
- C. [NIC Alcohol and Drug Guidelines](#)
- D. [Appalachian State University, FSL Governing Council Constitutions and By-Laws](#)