



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

- 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.
- Campus Activities must be notified of any event hosted by a recognized fraternity/sorority organization on or off-campus where alcohol is present via Engage. Failure to register a social event may result in the event sponsor(s) being referred to their respective council and/or Student Conduct for hosting an unregistered event.
- Social events must be submitted the **Monday prior to the hosted event at 4 pm via Engage**. 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 social event must be completed by at least one of the sponsoring/co-sponsoring organizations. Upon review of the social event submission, 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.
- 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 the harm reduction workshop each semester, and have completed a chapter-wide review for the calendar year.
- No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through organization funds nor may the purchase of the same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve, or sell alcoholic beverages to anyone under the legal drinking age (21). The purchase or use of bulk sources of alcoholic beverages (e.g. kegs, cases, punch, etc.) is prohibited. No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups, or organizations.
- 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.
- 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 that submit inappropriate themes or have inappropriate advertisements will have their event denied.
- Social events may only occur Thursday through Saturday evenings. Thursdays must conclude by

midnight. Events scheduled on Friday or Saturday must conclude by 2 am. Chapters must request special permission 2 weeks in advance to host events outside of these dates/times.

- The host chapter(s) are responsible for the actions of both members and guests at any event.
- All recruitment, intake, and new member activities and meetings must be dry. This includes but isn't limited to, any pre or post-activities, Bid Day, New Member meetings, New Member Presentations, Initiations, and Big/Little activities.
- All Tailgates must be registered and must comply with Campus Activities and the [Appalachian State University Tailgating Policy](#). All house tailgates must be registered and are subject to this social policy.

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.

- **Safe Environment:** The location of the event must be clean and free of potential hazards.
- **Sober Monitors:** Sober monitors must be equal to or more than 10% of your total number of attendees. A list of sober monitors and contact numbers must be included when registering the event. 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.
- **Guest List:** A guest list with birth dates must be included with the event 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 three (3) 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. *It is strongly recommended that you check with your landlord before hosting any events at your residence.*
- **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. *Student IDs are not considered an acceptable form of identification.*
- **Duration:** Events at which alcoholic beverages are served/consumed may not last longer than five (5) hours, this includes two separate events in one day. No pre or post-events will be allowed or tolerated.
- **Transportation:** Safe transportation (i.e. buses, sober drivers, taxis) must be provided for members and guests attending a registered social event.
- **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 an otherwise approved location. All other social events must occur on campus or at a 3rd party vendor.
- **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.
- **A Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) Function** is considered a social event that requires all members and guests to provide their own alcoholic beverage. Only guests that are 21 years of age or older may bring their own beer, wine, or malt beverage that has an ABV of less than 15% (30 proof). All BYOB events must comply with National Policies and Guidelines.
- **Noise Ordinance:** All events must comply with the local [Noise Ordinance](#).

Important Note: Chapters are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with their social event registration 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.