



Fraternity and Sorority Life
Social Event Policy

The Appalachian State University Fraternity & Sorority Social Policy (FSSP) applies to any member, new member, or guest of a member, on or off the chapter premises, or at chapter events/functions or any event that an observer may associate with the fraternity/sorority. Chapters are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with their social planning and event implementation. 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 general guidelines through the Organizational Code of Conduct.

SECTION 1: POLICY

- A. The possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, during an official fraternity/sorority event, or in any situation sponsored by the chapter, must comply with all applicable laws of the state, county, city and university policy. All organizations must also comply with FIPG and Inter/National guidelines regarding the sponsoring and/or hosting of social events. In all instances, the most stringent policy applies.
- B. All social events sponsored by a recognized fraternity or sorority at Appalachian State University where alcohol is present, must be registered with Campus Activities. Failure to notify Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff of an event via a Social Event Registration Form (SERF) may result in the event sponsor(s) being referred to their respective council and/or the Organizational Conduct Board.
- C. All Social Event Registrations Forms (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 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.
- 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 and must attend all required meetings.
- 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 advertisement 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.
- H. The hosting chapter(s) is 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, meetings, New Member Presentations, Initiations, and Big/Little activities as outlined in FIPG.
- J. All Tailgates must be registered and must comply with Campus Activities and the University Tailgate Policy.
- K. Hard liquor and common sources of alcohol are prohibited at BYOB events.

SECTION 2: GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL SOCIAL EVENTS

The guidelines and regulations below reflect the social guidelines 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. 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.
- 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 will 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 for Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- 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 an 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 the BYOB Checklist.
- J. **Noise Ordinance:** All events must comply with local noise ordinance provisions.

SECTION 3: REFERENCES

- A. University Policy Manual 106.1 Alcoholic Beverages and 106.2 Tailgating
- B. Appalachian State University Organizational Code of Conduct
- C. Clubs and Organizations Policy Manual
- D. Fraternal Information and Programming Guide (FIPG)
- E. BYOB: Hosting Safe Social Events
- F. Interfraternity Council Constitution and Bylaws
- G. National PanHellenic Council Constitution and Bylaws
- H. Panhellenic Council Constitution and Bylaws