

ARTICLE XVI: Social Policy

I. PURPOSE

- To reduce the risk incurred by chapter officers, chapter members, and volunteers when the chapter provides alcohol to members and guests through the promotion of safe and responsible behavior.
- To promote compliance with University and FIPG regulations.
- To improve the Greek community's relationship and image with the rest of the student body, the University administration, the Inter/national governing bodies, and Syracuse community.
- To affirm the community's tradition of and commitment to responsible and innovative self-government.

II. OVERVIEW

The fraternity community supports a safe and healthy social environment, which promotes individual and chapter responsibility. Our goal is to provide safety and protection to all members and guests, and to properly maintain risk management within each chapter. Activities not specifically covered by this resolution, but which are in violation of its intent, will be subject to review by the IFC Peer Review Board.

III. EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Fraternalities are expected to conduct their functions according to the set of guidelines listed below:

A. Types of functions permitted

1. **Invite-Only (Alcohol).** These events are invite only held at the chapter house, where non-members are in attendance and alcoholic beverages according to Section E of Article XVI may be served to people of legal age. The maximum number of attendants may not exceed fire safety regulations.
2. **Invite-Only (Non-Alcoholic).** These events are invite only held at the chapter house, where non-members are in attendance and alcoholic beverages are not permitted. The maximum number of attendants may not exceed the fire safety regulations.
3. **Philanthropy.** Philanthropy events at a chapter house are encouraged to be alcohol-free and must be registered through the IFC. Use of alcohol at philanthropic events is at the discretion of the IFC Advisor.
4. **Members Only.** These may include alumni, parent(s)/family or faculty events.
5. **Date Parties.** These events must have a ratio of one member per one guest (i.e. formals) with a cap of twice the membership of the chapter.
6. **Outdoor Events.** Any event hosted on the physical grounds of a chapter facility. The size of these parties is at the discretion of the IFC Advisor.

7. **BYOB Events.** These events require guests to bring their own beverage. Guests are allowed to bring a total of 6 alcoholic beverages, none of which may exceed 16 oz. or a 7% alcohol content. Sober monitors and security must enforce these rules at the door.
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1. Before registering ANY event:
 - a. The chapter must be a Fraternity recognized by IFC and the university.
 - b. The chapter President (or appropriate representative if necessary) must attend Chapter Leaders day.
 - c. The chapter needs to have adequate insurance coverage approved by the IFC Advisor.
 - d. The chapter needs to be in good standing with the University.
 - e. The chapter and/or provider of the premises must have up-to-date Fire Insurance/Inspection from the Syracuse Fire Department or a local certified Fire Department.
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- Registration Expectations.** The following registration requirements are expected:
1. A social event qualifies as any event hosted by the chapter that includes guests, in which the number of guests exceeds the total number of brothers living in the chapter house OR any more than 35 guests (whichever is greater). A guest is any person who is not a member (alumni, inactive, active) of the chapter. This qualifies for both the invite list and the event itself.
 2. The IFC definition of a social event does not overrule the chapter's national guidelines for social events at a chapter location or other facility selected by the chapter. However, all chapters are expected to uphold IFC regulations regardless of national policy.
 3. A list of sober monitors for the party. At least one sober monitor is required per 35 guests.
 4. Hired, unarmed, professional security for events with more than 150 guests. Hired security counts as a sober monitor (1 sober monitor equals 1 hired security guard).
 5. A plan to check guest identification.
 6. A full registration form completed and submitted to the GAMMA chair and IFC Advisor at least 48 hours before the start of the social event.
 7. A full guest list completed and submitted to the IFC Advisor at least 1 hour before the start of the social event.

D. Monitoring Events

1. Functions are expected to avoid becoming overcrowded to the point where safety is a concern, nor are events to continue so late that mechanisms for managing the event deteriorate. No chapter may exceed its Maximum Occupancy for Assembly Space. All chapters are required to end social events within 5 hours of the event's starting time, and before 4am. Daytime social events must end by sunset. Exceptions will be made by the IFC Advisor.
2. Decorations are expected to meet all fire code regulations.
3. All event themes are expected to be respectful and appropriate.
4. Chapters must handle complaints from neighbors and police in a courteous, cooperative, and respectful manner.
5. For alcoholic and non-alcoholic events, guests are expected to show a valid SU ID card at the door. Any non-SU students must be accompanied by one SU student and show valid identification, in a 1:1 ratio for every SU student to visitor.
6. Fraternities are reminded that NY State Law prohibits the distribution of alcohol to people under 21 years of age.
7. Fraternities are expected to deny admittance and/or alcohol to individuals who are likely to be irresponsible in their use of alcohol and/or with whom the fraternity cannot exercise reasonable control. This includes individuals who are intoxicated to the point of drunkenness or who exhibit reckless behavior. **The chapter has the right and responsibility to deny admittance to anyone it thinks is already impaired by alcohol and other drugs, even if the person is on the invitation list.**
8. Sober Monitors:
 - a. **For all alcoholic functions**, fraternities are expected to provide monitors who will not consume alcohol throughout the duration of the event, and who will monitor the activities of both members and guests, with the objective of promoting compliance with these guidelines and NYS law.
 - b. **A minimum of ONE (1) monitor for every thirty-five (35) guests is expected at each social event.** A list of the names of the monitors is expected to be posted in clear view at the main entrance and at each alcohol distribution area. The sober monitors hold no more liability than the rest of the chapter.

c. Security professionals from a company licensed by the state of NY must be used to regulate parties with a guest list exceeding 150 people.

d. All (student and professional) monitors are expected to:

- i. Monitor the entire public assembly space in accordance with the chapter's security plan.
- ii. Monitor the designated alcohol distribution areas to encourage and undertake reasonable efforts to prevent overcrowding and underage drinking.
- iii. Monitor the front entrance, parking lots, and other outdoor areas.
- iv. Assist in security's responsibility to check valid identification of members and guests and reject questionable identification.
- v. Stop guests from leaving the party with any alcohol.
- vi. Mediate altercations and fights by contacting security and/or DPS or SPD.

E. **Service of Alcohol and Food**

1. The chapter must ensure that alternative beverages (non-alcoholic beverages) are available at all alcohol distribution areas for the duration of the event.
2. The chapter must ensure that a food source is available in at least one alcohol distribution area for the duration of the event.
3. It is expected that no alcohol be present at any recruitment or new member function. The Recruitment Packet may provide stricter guidelines as the IFC Executive Board and/or IFC Advisor see fit.
4. It is expected that no member will permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in activities that include binge drinking.
5. Distribution of alcohol, quantity of alcohol distributed and what types of alcohol is ultimately the chapter's discretion. The chapter should abide by their national policy and any violations of FIPG will be dealt with by their national organization.
6. There should be signs clearly visible at each alcohol distribution center that list
 - i. The names of the sober monitors for the event
 - ii. The name and phone number of at least three local taxi services
 - iii. Drinking when you are under the age of 21 is against state law.

