

Social Event Guidelines

Shippensburg University Fraternity & Sorority Life

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All events and programs sponsored or endorsed by recognized fraternity and sorority chapters at Shippensburg University must be in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances – including those that happen on or off organizational premises and on or off Shippensburg University property.

It is the expectation that chapter events and programs are to be in compliance with all applicable University policies including, but not limited to, the Shippensburg University Student Code of Conduct, SU Antihazing Policy, & the Swataney Student Handbook.

Additionally, it is the expectation of Shippensburg University that each organization will comply fully with any Inter/National Headquarters guidelines and policies for sponsored or endorsed events and programs, so long as they do not directly contradict provisions of Shippensburg University policy.

In regard to chapter sponsored or endorsed programs on or off campus where alcohol is present, Shippensburg University applies the NIC Alcohol & Other Drug Guidelines as developed by the North American Interfraternity Conference as standards of expectations (below).

In any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter/organization, including those that occur on or off organizational/chapter premises:

1. *The chapter/organization, members and guests must comply with all federal, state, provincial and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide or be provided alcoholic beverages.*
2. *The chapter/organization, members and guests must follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while on chapter/organizational premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter/organization.*
3. *Alcoholic beverages must either be:*
 1. *Provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or*
 2. *Brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage (“BYOB”) system. The presence of alcohol products above 15% alcohol by volume (“ABV”) is prohibited on any chapter/organization premises or at any event, except when served by a licensed and insured third-party vendor.*
4. *Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities, which are not being served by a licensed and insured third party vendor, are prohibited (i.e., amounts of alcohol greater than what a reasonable person should consume over the duration of an event).*
5. *Alcoholic beverages must not be purchased with chapter/organizational funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g., admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).*

6. *A chapter/organization must not co-host or co-sponsor, or in any way participate in, an activity or event with another group or entity that purchases or provides alcohol.*
7. *A chapter/organization must not co-host or co-sponsor an event with a bar, event promoter or alcohol distributor; however, a chapter/organization may rent a bar, restaurant, or other licensed and insured third-party vendor to host a chapter/organization event.*
8. *Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only, and the chapter/organization must utilize a guest list system. Attendance at events with alcohol is limited to a 3:1 maximum guest-to-member ratio and must not exceed local fire or building code capacity of the chapter/organizational premises or host venue.*
9. *Any event or activity related to the new member joining process (e.g., recruitment, intake, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into an organization, including but not limited to "bid night," "big/little" events or activities, "family" events or activities and any ritual or ceremony.*
10. *The chapter/organization, members or guests must not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify, or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.*