

POLICY STATEMENT: Alcohol within Fraternities & Sororities

POLICY NUMBER: 002

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2012

The following policies are rooted in the Risk Management Policy of Fraternal Information & Programming Group (FIPG), Inc., which includes the provisions which follow and shall apply to all social fraternity & sorority chapters at Florida Atlantic University and includes all levels of membership within said organizations. This policy shall be in addition to any other regulations or policies pertaining to alcohol, including but not limited to:

POLICY

- A. The possession, sale, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages, while on chapter premises, or during a fraternity/sorority EVENT, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any EVENT an observer would associate with the fraternity/sorority, must be in compliance with any and all applicable policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances, and laws of the United States, State of Florida, province, county, city, Florida Atlantic University and those of the international organization of the fraternity/sorority chapter.
- B. Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased through or with chapter funds nor may the purchase of alcohol beverages for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter. The purchase or sale of a bulk quantity or common source(s) of alcoholic beverages, for example, kegs/cases, is prohibited.
- C. OPEN PARTIES, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity/sorority, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, are prohibited.
- D. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e., those under legal “drinking age”).
- E. No chapter may CO-SPONSOR an EVENT with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present. This includes any event held in, at or on the property of a tavern as defined above for the purposes

of fundraising. A chapter may rent or use a room or area in a tavern as defined above for a closed EVENT held within the provisions of this policy, including the use of a third party vendor and a guest list.

- F. No chapter may CO-SPONSOR or co-finance or attend or participate in an EVENT where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
- G. All membership recruitment/membership intake activities associated with any chapter will be nonalcoholic. No membership recruitment/membership intake activities associated with any chapter may be held at or in conjunction with an alcohol distributor or tavern as defined in this policy.
- H. No member or pledge/associate/new member/novice, shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in "DRINKING GAMES."
- I. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate/new member/novice program, activity or ritual of the chapter. This includes but is not limited to activities associated with "bid night," "big brother – little brother" events or activities, / "big sister - little sister" events or activities, "family" events or activities and initiation.
- J. All EVENTS involving alcohol must end by 3:00 a.m.
- K. EVENTS involving alcohol may not take place during the 1st week of any academic semester.

DEFINITIONS

- A. **EVENTS:** Any event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or any event an observer would associate with the fraternity/sorority.
- B. **DRINKING GAMES:** includes but is not limited to the consumption of shots of alcohol, liquor or alcoholic beverages, the practice of consuming shots equating to one's age, "beer pong", "century club", "dares" or any other activity involving the consumption of alcohol which involves duress or encouragement related to the consumption of alcohol.
- C. **Local/State/Federal Law:** includes the laws of the United States, State of Florida, and any local ordinance or law that may apply.
- D. **CO-SPONSOR:** Providing assistance, financial or otherwise, to support an event; and/or 2 or more chapters have an exclusive event (e.g. ABC fraternity invites only XYZ sorority).
- E. **TAVERN:** An establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol.