Social Event Policies

The University of Idaho Greek Life follows the NIC Alcohol & Drug Guidelines in addition to its own policies and guidelines. If a chapter/organization has bylaws or risk management policies that are stricter than what is below then that policy is to be followed. All organization’s need to be consistent with the following:

Activities or Events

An event defined as any activity sponsored or endorsed by the chapter/organization, including those that occur on or off organization/chapter premises.

Wet events are defined as any event where alcohol is present and/or there are people in attendance under the influence.

Dry events are defined as any event where 100% of the people in attendance are sober and no alcohol is present or available.

1. All chapter events must be in compliance with the event notification process.
   a. All parties involved with the planning of an event must also turn in an event form.
   b. All events can only take place during the time stated on the Event Notification Form.
      i. If an event is registered as dry event, members and guests of the chapter/organization must remain sober during the predetermined time. No alcohol may be present.
   c. If a chapter/organization needs to make changes to an event form that has already been approved through the Greek Life Office a meeting must take place to discuss the changes.

2. If a chapter/organization is hosting consecutive events where one event has alcohol present there must be an hour break in between events. An event that is deemed dry cannot be preceded by a wet event.

3. Any events that are deemed wet at the chapter’s facility cannot have alcohol visible to the public (e.g., Solo cups, cans, bottles, wine glasses, etc.).

4. Gatherings that a reasonable person would consider a chapter/organization event may be deemed an event and will require an event notification form.

5. No wet events will be approved during University scheduled finals week. Dry events still may be approved through the event notification process.

Event Themes/Activities

1. Themes that are not permitted include, but are not limited to:
   a. Events that single out individuals to drink or do tasks that would embarrass (e.g., weddings, new member events, “family night” “babies night”, etc.)
   b. Events that involve being bonded to another person (e.g., zip ties, handcuffs, etc.)
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c. Any themes that are culturally insensitive (e.g., “Around the World”, “Cinco de Drinko”, etc.)
d. Any themes that are sexist (e.g., “CEOs and Office Hoes”, etc.)

Law/Policy Compliance

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.
   a. If Council members or the Greek Life office is notified of illegal drugs or controlled substances on chapter property local law enforcement may be contacted.

3. The chapter/organization, members and guests must follow all University of Idaho policies and guidelines.

Alcohol Distribution

1. Alcoholic beverages must either be:
   a. Provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or
   b. Brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage (“BYOB”) system.
   c. 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. (i.e., hard alcohol)

2. 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) (e.g. of bulk quantities include kegs of any size, cases, alcoholic punch, “boxed/bagged” alcohols, etc.)

3. Alcoholic beverages must not be purchased with chapter/organizational funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g., admission fees, bar tabs, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).

4. 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.
Hosting Events

1. 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 2:1 maximum guest-to-member ratio, and must not exceed local fire or building code capacity of the chapter/organizational premises or host venue.

2. 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 day” activities, “big/little” events or activities, “family” events or activities, and any ritual or ceremony.

Sober Monitors

1. All chapters co-sponsoring an event or activity must provide sober monitors. Number of sober monitors to be determined by the respective organizations’ national/international policy or the Greek Life Office.

2. Anyone that is a designated sober monitor must not be under the influence of alcohol, or any illegal drug.

3. 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. This includes rapid consumption devices (e.g. beer bongs, etc.).

Failure to follow

1. Violation outcomes will be determined by the chapter/organization’s respective councils and the Greek Life Office.