Vanderbilt University
Interfraternity Council & Panhellenic Council Alcohol Policy

In planning and implementing social events, all members of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council within the Vanderbilt University community are required to follow the regulations and policies concerning alcohol and other risk-related issues contained in this policy as well as in any other applicable University policy. In order to promote responsible citizenship, all initiated members and new members/pledges/associate members must also abide by all federal, state, county, city, and their national alcohol/risk management policy.

Article I: Definitions

A. “Guest” shall mean a person who is invited by the chapter that is hosting a social event or any of its members.
B. “Member” shall mean those individuals who are considered actives, pledges, or associates in accordance with the chapter’s constitution or by-laws.
C. An “Event” shall be defined as (i) any activity that is planned, sponsored, hosted, promoted or funded by a chapter where alcohol is present and non-members are in attendance or (ii) any activity where the number of people in attendance from any given chapter would lead a reasonable person to believe it was a function of that chapter and there is alcohol present and non-members in attendance.
   a. Promotion includes, but is not limited to, utilizing any form of social media, print materials, or deliberate campaigning to advertise or market an event or to invite or otherwise encourage members and guests to attend an event.
   b. Funding includes, but is not limited to, payments made from chapter dues, the chapter bank account, a collection of funds from chapter members, or an individual member.

Article II: General Policies

The following regulations apply to the possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances by chapters, their members, and their invited guests at all times

A. Possessing and consuming alcohol in the state of Tennessee while under the legal drinking age of 21 is prohibited.
B. Subject to statutory exceptions available under Tennessee law, serving (serving, distributing, furnishing) alcohol to any persons under the legal drinking age (21 years old) in the state of Tennessee is prohibited.
C. Using chapter funds to purchase alcohol is prohibited.
D. Liquor and wine may not be present at any Event (except those held at third-party vendors as outlined in this and other applicable University policies) or within chapter facilities (except for personal consumption by facility residents who are over 21 years of age).
E. The use of common containers of alcoholic beverages such as kegs, pony kegs, or punch bowls at any Event or within chapter facilities is prohibited.
F. The use of pure grain alcohol at any Event is prohibited.
G. The use of devices, such as funnels, vaporizers, and beer bongs, designed for the rapid consumption of alcohol at any Event or within chapter facilities is prohibited.
H. Drinking games at any Event or within chapter facilities are prohibited.
I. Effecting excessive and/or harmful consumption of alcohol through games, peer pressure, subterfuge, or other activities is prohibited.
J. Open parties or functions without guest lists for all guests and members in attendance are prohibited.
K. Unlawful possession, use, distribution, or facilitation of distribution of controlled substances including unauthorized use or prescription drugs or drug paraphernalia at all chapter activities and Events and within chapter facilities is prohibited. The term distribution includes “sharing” of any drug and does not require the exchange of money.
L. Chapters co-sponsoring an Event with any establishment whose alcohol sales account for 50% or more of the total business transactions is prohibited.
   a) However, renting such an establishment for an Event is permitted, subject to registration guidelines.
M. Chapters shall require all those attending an Event to present proof of legal age in order to consume alcoholic beverages.
N. The presence of alcohol at all recruitment, intake, or rush events is prohibited.
O. The presence of alcohol at any pledge/associate member/novice program, activity, or ritual of the chapter, is prohibited
   a) The exchange of alcohol as a gift is prohibited (i.e. Big Brother/Sister to Little Brother/Sister or vice versa).
P. The use of alcohol as an award or trophy for any chapter Event or program is prohibited.
Q. The presence of alcohol at philanthropic events, whether provided by the chapter hosting the philanthropy, or the members of participating chapters, is prohibited.
R. No first-year students are permitted to attend chapter or Greek Events where alcohol is present until five (5) weeks after the beginning of the fall semester, which will be deemed to begin on the official move-in day for first-year students.

Article III: Social Event Notification and Registration

A. All on-campus social Events must be registered through Anchor Link by the Wednesday prior to the week of the Event. Every chapter involved with a single Event must register separately.
   a. A guest list for the Event, including the designated party patrol members, must be provided with registration.
B. Chapters that host social Events off campus must utilize a third-party vendor and are subject to any applicable General Policies above. They must notify the Office of Greek Life about the Event via Anchor Link by the Wednesday prior to the week of the event (10 days).
   a. If the Event is not registered a week and a half (10 days) prior to the anticipated date of the Event, it is up to the discretion of the security and bartender provider or the Office of Greek Life to not approve the event.
   b. Event title, description, party theme, party patrol, guest list, non-alcoholic drink and food, and other FIPG compliant requisites must be listed in the event registration otherwise the event would be subject to being denied.

** Pre-football game tailgates may only occur from 4.5 hours prior to and must end 30 minutes before kickoff.

Article IV: On Campus Social Event Management

A. Each chapter must provide at least (6) sober monitors to serve on Party Patrol. Among this group, two (2) non-drinking Members must be stationed at the door; two (2) non-drinking Members must roam the event and monitor the common areas, including the hallway leading to resident rooms; and two (2) non-drinking Members must assist the third party bartenders in managing the bar area for a minimum total of six (6) people per chapter Event unless directed otherwise by the Office of Greek Life.
a. For Friday and Saturday night Events, Party Patrol must attend an IFC/VPD meeting 30 minutes prior to the start of the Event and remain on duty until the Event has come to its conclusion and trash outside has been picked up.

b. Large-scale Events will require at least an additional 2 party patrol members and additional third party security. The IFC Executive Board will designate Events as large-scale events by reviewing the registration forms submitted by chapters. Large-scale events may be defined by:
   i. A major act/band that has been signed to play at the chapter facility (e.g., 3-6 Mafia, 17th floor, etc.);
   ii. A major chapter/annual theme party (e.g., first weekend parties, build parties); or
   iii. Whether an Event is the only one occurring on a given night.
   iv. At the discretion of the Third-Party Bartender provider, VUPD, Office of Greek Life, or IFC Judicial Team.

c. Party patrol must be comprised of active, initiated Members. If current new Members that have yet to be initiated into the organization are serving on party patrol, the new Members may not be listed as the majority of party patrol and cannot exceed 50% of the total number of Members on party patrol.
   i. Ex. If six (6) party patrol members are listed for the Event, a maximum of three (3) of the six (6) party patrol may be new Members. If the event requires more than six (6) party patrol, then the rule still applies.

B. In order to be admitted to an on-campus Event, attendees must present their Vanderbilt ID for verification and swipe their own cards with the Anchor Link scanners in order to enter the Event. Party patrol members should verify that attendees are on the guest list and record the times of Guest’s arrival in 15 minute increments. Any Guests that are not Vanderbilt students will show their state issued ID to the party patrol and their name will be recorded alongside the Vanderbilt student that has brought them to the party.

C. A third party security staff member will check state issued IDs and distribute wristbands to those Members and Guests that are of legal drinking age.

D. There can be only one entrance to the Event. All Members and Guests must go through the designated entrance to be signed in to the party.

E. Food and non-alcoholic drinks must be made readily available for Guests at all times. Bottled water must be visible and readily available.

F. Alcohol distribution/consumption must cease and music must be shut down by midnight on Sunday –Thursday; 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

** For pre-football game tailgates, third party security is required and sober monitors must be in place to manage the single tailgate entrance and ensure that all applicable alcohol policies are being followed by Members and Guests. Chapters hosting pre-football tailgates must also have food and non-alcoholic drinks readily available at all times. Guest and sign-in lists are not required, however.

Article V: On Campus Alcohol Beverage Management

A. The possession, use, and/or consumption of alcohol at an event shall be in full compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations of the federal, state, and county government; the city of Nashville; Vanderbilt University; and the Interfraternity Council.

B. Liquor and wine may not be present at any on-campus social Events.
C. All alcohol is to be distributed from one location.

D. All Events are to be “Bring Your Own” (BYO)
   a) No individual Member or Guest may bring in more than six (6) twelve (12) oz. cans (no glass) of alcoholic beverages (beer, ale, malt beverage) that can be purchased in a grocery/convenience store in the state of Tennessee (i.e., any beverage that contains 5% or less alcohol by weight regardless of the fruit or grain used to make it, with the exception of grapes). No liquor or wine shall be permitted.
   b) The sale of alcoholic beverages or any other drug by a member fraternity or individual fraternity member is strictly forbidden.

E. The bar wristband system must be used for all BYO Events
   a. Upon arrival at the Event, all alcohol must be checked at the bar, with a third party bartender, in exchange for a bar wristband which the third party bartender will provide.
   b. Chapter Party Patrol and third party bartenders will maintain a numbered (in accordance with wristband) list of all members and guests who have checked in alcohol to the party.
   c. In order to obtain alcohol, all Members and Guests checking out alcohol must have the beer wristband, in addition to the 21+ wristbands distributed at the door by the third party security officer.
   d. The beer wristband and list will be marked for every beer received.
   e. The third party bartenders will operate at all times in accordance with their contractual obligations, company policies, and applicable laws and regulations, which includes declining to serve those who are already intoxicated.
   f. If an individual has checked in alcohol at the bar with a third party bartender, it can only be checked back out prior to a 1:30 a.m. deadline.

F. Beverages may not be consumed out of glass containers.

G. Open containers of alcoholic beverages shall, in no case, be permitted to leave the Event; they must be discarded in a trashcan before leaving the Event.

** For pre-football game tailgates, a centralized beer check, third party bartenders and wristband system are not required, but sober monitors must be in place to ensure that all applicable alcohol policies are being followed by Members and Guests.

Article VI: IFC Party Patrol & Rounds

A. IFC Party Patrol consists of two (2) IFC Executive Board members and two (2) fraternity presidents.

B. IFC Party Patrol will be responsible for ensuring that each member fraternity enforces this alcohol policy, and address those fraternities who are not in compliance.

C. IFC Party Patrol members will report any violations to the fraternity Party Patrol Officer on-site, so a violation can be corrected prior to departure.

D. IFC Party Patrol will fill out the appropriate online form found on Anchor Link after visiting each house.

Article VII: Expectations for Third Party Vendor Events

A. The chapter president and social chair should communicate expectations of their national risk management policy with the vendor in advance of the function. These include, but are not limited to:
   a. Checking identification cards upon entry.
   b. Only Members and their Guests on the designated guest list shall be granted entry into the Event.
c. Not serving alcohol to minors.
d. Not serving alcohol to individuals who appear to be intoxicated.
e. Maintaining absolute control of all alcoholic containers present.
f. Collecting all remaining alcohol at the end of the Event (no excess alcohol – opened or unopened – is to be given, sold, or furnished to the chapter).

B. Chapter Members should submit their Guests’ names and birthdays in advance of the function to be supplied to the third party security and chapter officers to be checked at the door.
C. It is recommended that all Members and their Guests be transported on busses to the venue.
D. Chapter Members and their Guests are expected to check-in with chapter officers at the designated location on-campus prior to departing for the third-party vendor.
E. Chapter officers should ensure that obviously intoxicated or disorderly Members or Guests are not granted entrance to the bus or other mode of transportation. Appropriate measures to ensure the Member’s safety must be taken.
F. Chapter officers should also ensure that chapters develop a scheduling system to stagger the arrival of Members and Guests.
G. Throughout the function, chapter officers should work to ensure the continued safety of their Members and Guests.