

## University of New Hampshire

### GREEK SOCIAL POLICY

**Statement of Purpose:** *The Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council (PHC) of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) have established this set of rules to reduce risk for the members and associates of its recognized organizations. The implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of this policy is essential in fostering a safe, positive and respectful environment for the recognized Greek system at the University of New Hampshire.*

Throughout the course of this document, the terms “fraternity”, “chapter”, and “organization” are used to identify both men’s and women’s Greek organizations. The term “event” is used to identify **social event** (defined below).

**Statement of Risk:** The Social Policy of the IFC and PHC of UNH includes the following provisions and shall apply to all fraternity entities and all levels of fraternity membership. IFC and PHC do not approve social events, but must be informed as to their occurrence.

**Social Event:** Any event held on chapter premises, or any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or any event an observer would associate with the fraternity. Social events include, but are not limited to, formal third-party vended events (“cocktails”), fraternity sponsored/hosted events, and brotherhood/sisterhood events.

#### I. Authority

- A. All recognized organizations of the IFC/PHC at UNH must adhere to this policy unless proper documentation is received by the UNH IFC/PHC at least seven days prior to the event. IFC/PHC must give final approval of such an exception.
- B. The monitoring body for fraternities is the Interfraternity Executive Council.
- C. The sponsoring organization(s) must follow all state and local laws, the IFC/PHC Social Policy, FIPG/insurance, National/International regulations, and the UNH Student Rights, Rules and Responsibilities Handbook.
- D. If the sponsoring organization(s) fail(s) to comply with all state and local laws, the IFC Social Policy, FIPG/insurance, National/International regulations, and the UNH Student Rights, Rules and Responsibilities Handbook in the preparation for the function, the IFC Risk Management Chair or the PHC Risk Coordinator have the authority to cancel the said function prior to its start.

#### II. Responsibility

- A. Students and organizations may be referred to the appropriate conduct board to answer allegations about behavior.
- B. The sponsoring organization(s) is/are responsible for providing a safe environment for its members and guests. The sponsoring organization(s) must

be in compliance with all fire codes and regulations, with particular attention to the maximum occupancy rating of the event as determined by the Durham Fire Department.

### III. Registering a Social Event

- A. A roster from each recognized organization must be submitted within the first two weeks of each new semester to the Office of Greek Affairs. The roster must include all members names, social security numbers, executive position and executive phone numbers and email addresses. Events may not be registered before these rosters are received.
- B. Any recognized organization planning to host an event must inform IFC/PHC by **12:40 pm on the Tuesday preceding the scheduled event**. This deadline may be waived at the discretion of the IFC Risk Management Chair or the PHC Risk Coordinator if they are contacted by a chapter prior to the deadline for an extenuating circumstance. All events must be registered for a Thursday, Friday or Saturday only. Alcohol related events are not to begin before 6:00 pm, unless otherwise approved by the IFC/PHC Executive board. Events must end by 2:00 am. Guests and alcohol are not permitted to enter a registered social event after 1:30 am. An event may not be hosted by an organization(s) for more than a total of five hours. The exact hours of the registered event must be indicated on the party registration form. All event registrations are filed in the IFC/PHC social event log book the day they are received.
- C. All chapter “mixers/raids” must be held in accordance of the approved (May 7, 2000) Panhellenic Resolution, entitled Alcohol-Free Social Functions. Co-sponsored social events involving alcohol are strictly forbidden, with the exception of those held at a third-party vendor site.
- D. At the scheduled event all invitees’ names must be recorded on the social event list by a chapter member. This list will be generated at the start of the event and continue to be updated throughout the length of the event. The social event must be submitted to the IFC Social Chairperson at the following Social Chair weekly meeting.
- E. An organization may not sponsor or host more than one social event per day.
- F. No social events may be held with organizations that are not recognized by the University of New Hampshire. No social events may be held during freshmen summer orientation. No social events may be held prior to the first Friday of the week classes begin each semester.
- G. The IFC strongly recommends the presence of independent security assistance for monitoring of guest behavior, ID verification and overall assistance in risk management.

#### IV. Social Event Rules and Requirements

- A. In reference to guests, all social events shall be strictly BYOB (Bring Your Own Beer or Alcohol). No one under the legal drinking age of 21 should consume or bring alcohol into an event. No one shall be allowed by the sponsoring organization(s) to bring more than six, 12-ounce beers, or four 12-ounce wine coolers into the event. *Any alcoholic beverage other than beer or wine coolers is prohibited.*
- B. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through chapter funds nor may the purchase of the same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name or, or on behalf of, the chapter. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (ie. Those under the legal “drinking age”). The purchase or use of bulk quantity of common sources of such alcoholic beverages (ie. Kegs or cases, punch, lined trash cans, party balls, “brothers’ beer, etc.) is prohibited. *No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.*
- C. To bring alcohol into a social event, invited guests must produce proper identification, such as a valid driver’s license or passport indicating that they are least 21 years of age. These individuals must wear a wrist-band given by the sponsoring organization(s). Individuals who are under 21 must also show proof of identification. In addition, IFC/PHC strongly encourage the checking of UNH ID for all guests, to ensure that the guest is a student of the University of New Hampshire.
- D. Student(s) perceived as being intoxicated will not be permitted to enter the social event.
- E. Under no circumstances may any person(s) who voluntarily or involuntarily leave the premises, be allowed to re-enter the social event, with the exception of residents and members of the sponsoring organization(s).
- F. OPEN PARTIES, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be forbidden. All social events are to be closed functions with invited guests only. All guests must present proper identification. Only members attending the event are allowed to invite guests. Guests are limited to three people per attending member.
- G. The sponsoring organization(s) is/are responsible for providing seven monitors for all social events. At least one of the monitors must be an executive officer of the organization. There must be at least one monitor present at the entrance to the social event at all times throughout the duration of the event. All of the names of the monitors must be submitted on the event registration form. All monitors must be accessible at all times during the event. All monitors are to be

“dry” (not having consumed alcohol or any other drug at any time of the day of the event).

- H. The sponsoring organization(s) is prohibited from collecting money in association with a social event (ie. Donations, tickets, raffles, bands), unless otherwise approved by the IFC/PHC Executive board.
- I. An adequate amount of alternative food and beverages, and a sign indicating their location must be available at all functions where alcohol is present. The alternative food and beverages must be located in an easily accessible area of the event. A supply of alternative food and beverage must be kept throughout the duration of the registered event.
- J. Sponsoring organization members are permitted to search backpacks, bags, and parcels. If a guest does not permit such a search, the sponsoring organization or any of its members may deny that guest entrance to the social event.
- K. The possession, sale or use of any ILLEGAL DRUGS or CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or any event that any observer would associate with the fraternity, is strictly prohibited.
- L. All rush activities associated with any chapter will be a DRY rush function.
- M. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate/novice/new member program, activity or ritual of the chapter.
- N. No member shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in “drinking games”.

**V. Third-Party Vendors**

- A. Third-party vendors must be licensed and insured. The third-party vendor must sell alcohol by the drink at a true cost, may not charge a flat-rate at the entrance for all you can drink or to subsidize the cost of drinks, and must identify all customers and serve only those of drinking age.
- B. No fraternity may be allowed to obtain a liquor license for any purpose. The third-party vendor is responsible for having their own liquor license.
- C. No advertising is allowed for social events in which alcohol is present.
- D. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern (tavern defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross from sales of alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present.

## VI. Other Risk Areas

*In compliance with FIPG/insurance, National/International regulations, state and local laws and the UNH Student Rights, Rules and Responsibilities Handbook.*

**HAZING:** No chapter, colony, student or alumnus, under any circumstance shall conduct nor condone hazing activities. See UNH Hazing Policy for more detail.

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE:** No chapter, under any circumstance, shall tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive/violent behavior on the part of its members whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions which are demeaning to women or men, including but not limited to date rape, gang rape, physical or verbal harassment.

## VII. Violations

Students and organizations may be referred to the appropriate conduct board to answer allegations about violations to this policy. This policy falls under the jurisdiction of all State and Local laws, and the UNH Student Rights, Rules and Responsibilities Handbook and policies. Any additional violations of codes besides the IFC/PHC social policy will be handled by the appropriate judicial body or bodies.