

**Utah State University Greek Council**  
**Fraternity and Sorority Alcohol Policy**  
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Article 1: Scope

1. Any chapter/colony at Utah State University associated with Greek Council that are allowed to consume alcohol on their house's property may do so with the provision that only those who are of proper age and that have proper identification are allowed to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. No alcoholic beverage may be purchased through the undergraduate chapter treasury or through any means that can be construed as a chapter activity, such as "passing the hat."
2. Alcohol misuse, including, but not limited to excessive alcohol consumption, binge drinking, driving under the influence of alcohol, or public intoxication will not be condoned. No chapter shall permit, tolerate, encourage or participate in "drinking games" at chapter-sponsored events (i.e., chapter advertised event).
3. Each chapter/colony is responsible to ensure that all pledges, members, alumni, and guests that are attending sponsored events are abiding by all federal, state, local, and Utah State University laws regarding chapter/colony maintenance and existence; they are also responsible for upholding the policies established by each chapter's International/National organizations.
4. Any chapter/colony that desires to host an event where alcohol will be present must submit a semi-annual report to Greek Council that outlines the organizations risk management and security programs that they plan to implement at these kind of events.
5. Alcohol will only be allowed at official chapter functions that apply to one of the following three categories:  
(defined in Article 2)
  - a. Registered Closed Party
  - b. General Weekend
  - c. Registered Alumni Functions that may result in the consumption of alcohol at the chapter house.
6. Alcohol will *not* be allowed at any of the following Greek events:
  - a. Registered exchanges between fraternities and sororities
  - b. Philanthropy/Community Service events
  - c. Recruitment/Rush events

## **Article 2: Definitions and Expectations for Events Involving Alcohol**

### 1. Definition of events listed in Article 1, Section 5

#### 2.

##### a . Registered Closed Party

- i. Event must be registered with Greek Advisor and V.P. Judicial/Finance at least 14 calendar days in advance of the event by completing the Social Event Form; proposal must include the planned theme for approval as well.
- ii. A detailed, accurate, and enforceable guest list must be submitted to the Greek Advisor at least 48 hours before the event is scheduled to begin.
- iii. A guest/member ratio of 3:1 must be enforced, and a system to identify who is old enough to drink needs to be in place (Wristbands for those over 21)
- iv. Guests shall only enter through one main, monitored entrance. Admission fees cannot be charged.
- v. It is mandatory that the chapter hosting the event apply the risk management and security programs it has in place to ensure a safe environment is provided for everyone in attendance.
- vi. Every event must have one member designated as the Risk Management contact, be on site for the duration of the event, and may not drink. It is strongly recommended that this person holds the Risk Management/Standards Position in the chapter.
- vii. It is also highly recommended that the chapter hosting the event supply non-alcoholic beverages.
- viii. To ensure all policies and procedures are followed a member of Greek Council will have to check once before the said event is to begin and once after the event is to be over.

##### b. General Weekend

- i. This is not an “event” that is planned or premeditated by a chapter/colony, and therefore does not require registration with Greek Council.
- ii. These events cannot be themed, and they cannot be advertised to the campus or community in any medium (i.e. posters, social networking sites, mass texts, etc).
- iii. The risk management policies that the chapter/colony have in place, as well as security (provided by either the chapter or a third-party company) are required in order to maintain a safe environment.
- iv. The following member/guest ratios are to be followed:
  - i. 1-20 members (present) = maximum of 50 people total
  - ii. 21-40 members = maximum of 70 people total

- iii. 41-50 members = maximum of 100 people total
- iv. 51-60+ members = Follow the Fire Code.

c. Registered Alumni events:

- i. Definition: Any event that is put together by a chapter/colony explicitly to engage and socialize with alumni members (i.e. Homecoming, Alumni Banquet).
- ii. The chapter/colony hosting the event is accountable for the actions of their alumni and their guests. (Article 1 Section 2)
- iii. Event must be registered with Greek Advisor and V.P. Judicial/Finance at least 14 calendar days in advance of the event by completing the Social Event Form.

### **Article 3: Reporting Violations**

1. Suspected violation of the rules set forth in this policy are grounds for an immediate investigation to be carried out by the Greek Council Judicial Vice President; see Greek Council Constitution for judicial board procedures.

2. Suspected violations of the alcohol policy need to be reported within 3 business days of an incident. Violations can be reported via the incident report on ASUSU/Greek Life website (<http://www.usu.edu/asusu/greeks/incidentreport.cfm>).

3. If the Greek Advisor receives a police report, he/she will have 3 business days to process the report, address the chapter presidents involved and submit it to IFC Judicials for an immediate investigation.

### **Article 4: Penalties**

After a chapter/colony's first violation of the alcohol policy occurs, a compounding probationary period of 365 days will begin.

1. First Violation

a. Required Sanctions

- i. \$50 fine
- ii. Two week mandatory dry period
- iii. Signed copies of the Greek Council & chapter alcohol policy need to be submitted by every member of the chapter to the Greek Council Judicial Vice President.
- iv. Service requirement of 10 hours per member (to be logged with Service Center)

## 2. Second Violation

- a. Required Sanctions
  - i. \$100 fine
  - ii. Thirty day mandatory dry period
  - iii. Meeting with Chapter Advisor, Greek Council, and campus administration
  - iv. The president of the chapter/colony must sign a contract stating that they agree to the stipulation that if they receive another violation, they will be suspended from Greek Council
- b. Recommended Sanctions
  - i. Meeting with a University Prevention Specialist
  - ii. Meet with Academic Resource center to develop an academic plan, especially if minimum grade requirements aren't being met by the chapter.

## 3. Third Violation

- a. Required Sanctions
  - i. \$200 fine
  - ii. Ninety day mandatory dry period
  - iii. The headquarters of the chapter/colony in question will be informed of the reoccurring issues going on with the chapter
  - iv. Suspension from Greek Council
  - v. The president of the chapter/colony must sign a contract with Greek Council stating that they agree to the stipulation that if they receive another violation, they will be removed from Greek Council

## 4. Fourth Violation

- a. Removal from Greek Council
- b. The headquarters of the chapter/colony in question will be informed of the removal from Greek Council