



## Collegiate Alcohol Policy

**1. Purpose.** This document governs the Delta Gamma alcohol policy for collegiate members. This policy is in place to ensure a healthy, safe learning and living environment; promote social responsibility; and ensure our collegians do not engage in high-risk behavior that too often results in unhealthy/tragic outcomes. Delta Gamma's purpose is, "To foster high ideals of friendship, promote educational and cultural interests, create a true sense of social responsibility and develop the best qualities of character." Delta Gamma believes the misuse of alcohol does not create a healthy living and learning environment for our members. Delta Gamma's alcohol policies are rooted in safety for our members to ensure our members are not engaging in high-risk behaviors. Delta Gamma's policies incorporate FIPG (Fraternal Information and Programming Group) standards. Additionally, Delta Gamma's policies are reflective of the most common issues encountered by collegiate chapters.

**2. Applicability and Scope Statement.** This policy applies to Delta Gamma collegiate members and new members when involved in formal (Delta Gamma Registered) and informal/public (Unregistered) events/venues where their affiliation as a Delta Gamma is recognized and/or known. All Delta Gamma members are responsible for enforcing this policy and must notify appropriate authorities, (e.g. chapter leadership, advisory team, regional team, Executive Offices) when violations of this policy occur to ensure a timely assessment and remediation of behaviors that counter Delta Gamma values, policies and procedures. Each chapter must also adhere to their respective university/college agreements. Respective chapter policies/bylaws regarding alcohol may be more restrictive, but never more lenient. In instances where university policies or Delta Gamma policies conflict in measure, the more conservative policy shall be followed.

**3. Affiliations.** Please refer to the Collegiate Chapter Officers Manual found in the library on the Delta Gamma website and the Social Event Planning Guide.

**4. Effective date.** This policy is in effect immediately.

**5. Policy statements.**

1. Delta Gamma Events (see definition) must be approved following the procedures and meeting the standards outlined by Delta Gamma Executive Offices. Any event not approved in accordance is considered an Unregistered Event (see definition).
2. Members and new members shall not be required to attend any function/event where alcohol is available.
3. Alcohol is forbidden at the following events:
  - a. Any fundraising or philanthropic event hosted by a collegiate chapter.
    - (1) Any participant, member, or attendee who consumes alcohol during the event or arrives at the event under the influence of alcohol will be disqualified and not allowed to participate in or observe the event.
    - (2) Social events with alcohol (Registered or Unregistered) are not permitted 24 hours prior to a fundraising event hosted by a collegiate chapter or 24 hours after a fundraising event hosted by a collegiate chapter.
    - (3) A silent auction at a social event with alcohol is not considered a philanthropic event under this policy.
  - b. Delta Gamma Ritual events.
    - (1) Social events with alcohol (Registered or Unregistered) hosted by a collegiate chapter are not permitted 24 hours prior to Inspiration/Initiation.
    - (2) Alcohol may not be present at any post-ritual activities (Registered or Unregistered) (whether for an individual pairing, "family," or larger group) for 24 hours following the conclusion of Initiation/Celebration. The Celebration is to be an alcohol-free event.
    - (3) No events with alcohol should occur between Inspiration and Initiation.
    - (4) Post-ritual activities (whether for an individual pairing, "family," or larger group) where alcoholic beverages are available are not permitted for 24 hours following Big/Little Sister Revealing.

- (5) Alcohol is not to be included in any Delta Gamma ritual, whether formal or informal.
  - c. Recruitment activities. Recruitment activities include, but are not limited to, Recruitment Preparation Workshops, Formal Recruitment events, Continuous Open Bidding events, and any events taking place during the college/university's designated recruitment period.
  - d. New Member Program.
    - (1) Delta Gamma collegiate chapters shall not incorporate alcohol into any new member activities, whether formal or informal.
    - (2) New member activities include, but are not limited to, activities associated with Bid Day/Night, new member meetings, "family" events, or any other event that encourages or requires new member attendance.
    - (3) Chapters may schedule Registered social events with alcohol during the new member period for the entire chapter.
    - (4) Gifts given to new members shall not include alcohol or Alcohol-Related Paraphernalia (see definition).
  - e. Overnight/Weekend Parties. Delta Gamma collegiate chapters shall not sponsor or cosponsor overnight parties which include men or alcohol.
- 4. No alcoholic beverages should be served or stored on Delta Gamma Property (see definition).
  - 5. Chapter and/or Fraternity funds shall not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
    - a. Members or guests shall not coordinate the purchase of alcoholic beverages on behalf of the chapter.
    - b. Members or guests shall not purchase, serve or sell alcoholic beverages to minors (i.e., those under legal drinking age).
  - 6. Delta Gamma Fraternity or Foundation functions shall not be sponsored by distributors of alcoholic beverages.
  - 7. Unregistered Events with alcohol (individual or group) are not permitted before or after a Delta Gamma Event.

- a. Any guest or member who arrives at a Delta Gamma Event under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to attend the event.
- 8. Events involving Bar Crawls (see definition), or Apartment Crawls (see definition) are not permitted.
- 9. The use of a bulk quantity or common source(s) of alcoholic beverages, for example, kegs, cases, or handles of liquor, is prohibited.
- 10. Events with alcohol with unrestricted access by non-members of the Fraternity, without specific invitation, i.e., open parties, are prohibited.
- 11. Delta Gamma members are not to act as agents of Panhellenic or the fraternity/sorority community to monitor or act as party checkers or patrollers for other fraternity/sorority events, commonly known as peer monitors. Delta Gamma members are expected to monitor the events of their own chapter according to Delta Gamma policies and procedures.
  - a. If peer monitoring is a requirement of the host institution, Delta Gamma collegiate members should only monitor their own events and members. If peer monitoring is a requirement of the host institution, and Delta Gamma collegiate members are required to monitor another organization's event or another organization's members, please contact Executive Offices.
  - b. At all events with alcohol, it is important to ensure that at least one member of CMT is completely sober at the event in case an emergency arises. This person should be listed on the Guest List.
- 12. Events with alcohol for only one member class are only permitted if:
  - a. Attendance is open to all members in good standing of that given class
  - b. All alcohol policies and event guidelines are followed
  - c. All funds utilized in planning said event (venue, food, transportation, etc.) are from that given member class or designated for the given member class, and not from the chapter budget as a whole. None of said funds may ever be used to purchase alcohol.
- 13. Events with alcohol may be cosponsored with sororities, men's fraternities and other student organizations when those groups are not suspended for reasons of organizational misconduct and are:

- a. Chapters or newly established chapters recognized and in good standing with both their inter/national organization and the college/university; or
- b. Chapters or newly established chapters recognized and in good standing with their inter/national organization, but which have voluntarily withdrawn from recognition by the college/university with no disciplinary action pending, or have had recognition denied or rescinded by the college/university for reasons other than organizational misconduct; or
- c. Chapters or newly established chapters recognized and in good standing with their inter/national organization, but where the entire National Panhellenic Council community or Interfraternity Council community lacks recognition from the college/university; or ;
- d. Local fraternities and other student organizations recognized and in good standing with the college/university.

## **6. Responsibilities.**

- a. Director: Chapter Advancement and Director: Chapter Support.
  - (1) Serves as proponent for this policy. All recommended changes will be provided to them for consideration/development.
  - (2) Serves as resource for regional team for explanation/training.
- b. Collegiate Specialist.
  - (1) Monitors submissions from their chapters.
  - (2) Reports any incidents which may be in violation of the policy.
  - (3) Provides high level education to their chapters on the policy.
- c. Advisory Team Chair (ATC).
  - (1) Responsible for ensuring that chapter events are properly registered in accordance with Delta Gamma expectations and procedures.
  - (2) Ensure that officers complete the necessary event training and are supported in answering standard questions or obtaining the necessary documentation for event approvals.

- (3) Notify the appropriate channels if the chapter needs further guidance and support past what they can provide.
- d. Chapter advisers/volunteers are responsible for ensuring procedures and protocols are followed when violations of this policy are alleged, investigated, adjudicated and/or remediated.
- e. Chapter officers are responsible for addressing violations of this policy in accordance with procedures outlined in the Honor Board Handbook.
- f. Executive Offices.
  - (1) Implements, enforces and monitors this Policy, in conjunction with Cabinet and regional teams.
  - (2) Provides training tools/training for regional team leadership.
  - (3) Recommends changes to policy/procedures to policy proponent and collaborates accordingly.
- g. Council Trustee: Collegians
  - (1) Serves as proponent for this policy.
  - (2) Serves as resource for Director: Chapter Advancement and Director: Chapter Support.

## **7. Definitions.**

- a. Delta Gamma Event: A Delta Gamma Event is an event, whether registered or unregistered, that a reasonable observer or campus official may associate with the Fraternity. Events which have not obtained the required approvals or are not conducted in compliance with the policies and procedures of Delta Gamma Fraternity or any applicable campus policies or city, state, provincial or federal laws (i.e. “Unregistered Events”) shall not be covered by the Fraternity or the chapter’s liability insurance coverage.
- b. Registered Event: A Registered Event is an event which is sponsored by the chapter, either with or without alcohol, that has followed the appropriate approval process as outlined by and conducted in compliance with Delta Gamma policies and procedures. Conduct at Registered Events which violates Delta Gamma policies and procedures may subject the individuals involved to disciplinary action and may constitute a chapter incident requiring assessment.

- c. **Unregistered Event:** Any event which a reasonable observer or campus official may associate with the Fraternity, perhaps because of attire, conduct or because the affiliation of the individual(s) involved with Delta Gamma is recognized or known, that has not obtained the appropriate approvals or is not conducted in compliance with Delta Gamma policies and procedures will be considered an Unregistered Event.

Conduct at such Unregistered Events, even if they are completely private, which violates Delta Gamma policies and procedures may subject the individuals involved to disciplinary action and may constitute a chapter incident requiring assessment. Please reference the Social Event Planning Guide for further explanation of what types of events must be registered.

- d. **Alcohol-Related Paraphernalia:** Alcohol-Related Paraphernalia is defined as any item that would be used for or associated with the consumption of alcohol. This includes but is not limited to wine glasses, shot glasses, beer mugs, funnels, and drinking game supplies.
- e. **Delta Gamma Property:** Delta Gamma Property is defined as houses, apartments, lodges, suites, dorms, dorm floors, annexes, and meeting rooms. This includes yards, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots owned, rented, leased or designated for Delta Gamma use by house corporations or chapters. This includes any motor vehicles located on the premises.
- f. **Bar Crawl:** A Bar Crawl is defined as an unregistered event regarding the intentional movement of members to two or more third party vendors. Please refer to the definition of "Unregistered Event."
- g. **Apartment Crawl:** An Apartment Crawl is defined as an unregistered event regarding the intentional movement of members to two or more apartments or other residences. Please refer to the definition of "Unregistered Event."
- h. **Sponsored Event:** A Sponsored Event is a Registered Event or Unregistered Event hosted solely by the Delta Gamma chapter.
- i. **Co-Sponsored Event:** A Co-Sponsored Event is a Delta Gamma event or unregistered event hosted by the Delta Gamma chapter, in addition to other organizations.

**8. Policy Proponent.** The proponents of this policy are the Council Trustee: Collegians, Director: Chapter Advancement, Director: Chapter Support and Director of Member Services. Chapters may request a waiver to portions of this policy by providing justification that includes a full analysis of their implementation plan, approval from the university, endorsement from the chapter's regional team and final authorization by Executive Offices staff. Waivers may be granted or revoked at any time for any reason at the discretion of the chapter's institution, regional team or Executive Office staff.

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