Interfraternity Council
ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

In an effort to reaffirm an IFC Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy that will show the University and also the community of Stillwater and or alumni the high standards that we set for ourselves as Oklahoma State University Greeks, the Risk Management Committee has formulated this policy. This policy is also designed to be fair to all chapters on this campus. If for any reason your chapter’s National policies are more stringent that these, you will be expected to follow your National policies. If your National policies are less strict, you will be expected to follow the IFC Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy. This policy adheres closely to the “expectations” set out for the Greek Community by the University and the rules in the Student’s Rights and Responsibilities Document. The following is the opening statement in the alcohol section of the “expectations” handout. This statement is then followed by our alcohol and substance abuse policy.

It is expected that the chapter or its individuals will neither misuse nor support misuse of alcohol as well as use or support the use of illegal substances. It is an expectation of Oklahoma State University that the Greek Community will establish a positive model for the rest of the campus community in the area of alcohol use as well as substance abuse. The individual chapters and their members shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a positive and pro-active approach in the University’s efforts to eliminate alcohol abuse and substance abuse by OSU students.

a) The possession, use, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances on chapter premises, including but not limited to property under authority of the chapter, parking lots, annexes, in vehicles is strictly prohibited.

b) All chapter property and adjoining streets and alleys at Oklahoma State University shall remain free of all alcohol/illegal substances at all times.

c) The executive committee with the exception of the Internal Vice-President, who shall coordinate the chapters to be inspected, will perform random checks. Members of the executive council are strictly prohibited from participating in the inspection of the chapter in which they are affiliated.

d) At no point in time may the chapter treasury funds be allocated for the purchase of alcohol or illegal substances. [Alcoholic beverages include any substance intended for consumption, notwithstanding beverages of 3.2% alcoholic content or above. This includes purchase of bulk quantities of alcohol such as kegs.]
e) At no point in time may the Interfraternity Council spend any funds allocated through the university to purchase alcohol or illegal substances.

f) No chapter may co-sponsor/co-finance an event or function where alcohol or illegal substances are purchased through chapter treasury funds by any of the hosting chapters, groups or organizations.

g) No chapter’s members/pledges, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcohol beverages or illegal substances to anyone underage as determined by state and federal law.

h) No chapter may co-sponsor/co-finance an event with, but not limited to, an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern where alcohol shall be included in the list of expenditures. (Tavern is defined as an establishment that generates more than 50 percent annual income from the sale of alcohol.)

i) Any chapter that has an event where alcohol is present must provide non-alcoholic beverages at such date party/functions.

j) Any and all recruitment activities, including but not limited to, recruitment dinners, parties, functions, and visits at any location, the use of alcohol or illegal substances is strictly prohibited.

k) Any recruitment apartment, house or location paid for or operated by a chapter or any location where recruitment events take place shall be free of alcohol or illegal substances on the premises.

l) No consumption of alcohol/illegal substances shall occur on chapter premises, this includes, but is not limited to, times during recruitment events.

m) Open parties where alcohol shall be present, defined as those with unrestricted access by non-affiliates of the fraternity(ies) without specific written invitation, shall be strictly prohibited.

n) No “drinking games” in any form shall be permitted, tolerated, or encouraged.

o) Any chapter event where alcohol shall be present the chapter shall be required to provide transportation to and from the event.
p) All chapters shall make the operation of motor vehicles by any member under the influence of alcohol prohibited. It is strongly encouraged by the Interfraternity Council to implement a designated non-drinking driver.

q) All chapters are required to keep a current copy of its National Fraternity’s RISK management policies (or equivalent documentation) and/or chapter policies on file in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.

r) The Interfraternity Council shall discourage the display of empty or used bottles in the chapter house as decorations, trophies, or display items.

Violations of this policy will result in judicial proceedings; through a judicial board hearing or the Student Judicial Office. Chapter presidents and risk management chairs will meet with Fraternity & Sorority Affairs advisors to review risk management policies. Chapter will be put up for review.

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