

CAL POLY

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Dean of Students

Fraternity & Sorority Life

Alcohol and Drugs Policy

The Dean of Students office at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo expects all of its students, including members of the fraternity/sorority community, to abide by state law as it relates to the consumption and distribution of alcohol. Furthermore, fraternities and/or sororities will not be allowed to distribute or sell alcohol to guests during any chapter function regardless of their age. The chapter may contract a third-party vendor or prescribe to a BYOB policy for those guests that are of legal drinking age. At no point is it tolerable for any members or guests of the chapter to consume alcohol while under the age of 21.

Fraternity and sorority chapters will be expected to abide by their inter/national headquarters' policy on alcohol and drugs. If there should ever be a discrepancy on the definition of such a policy or if the chapter does not have a national headquarters alcohol policy, the chapter will prescribe to the Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG) Alcohol and Drug Policy. If a chapter's national headquarters policy is different from that of the university prescribed FIPG policy, the chapter will be expected to abide by the stricter policy.

FIPG RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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(excerpt)

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

1. The possession, sale, use or consumption of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any event an observer would associate with the fraternity, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, province, county, city and institution of higher education, and must comply with either the BYOB or Third Party Vendor Guidelines.
2. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through or with chapter funds nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. The purchase or use of a bulk quantity or common source(s) of alcoholic beverage, for example, kegs or cases, is prohibited.
3. OPEN PARTIES, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, are prohibited.
4. No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e., those under legal drinking age).

5. The possession, sale or use of any ILLEGAL DRUGS or CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or at any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity is strictly prohibited.
6. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor or tavern (tavern defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) at which alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present. This includes any event held in, at or on the property of a tavern as defined above for purposes of fundraising. However, a chapter may rent or use a room or area in a tavern as defined above for a closed event held within the provisions of this policy, including the use of a third party vendor and guest list. An event at which alcohol is present may be conducted or co-sponsored with a charitable organization if the event is held within the provisions of this policy.
7. No chapter may co-sponsor, co-finance or attend or participate in a function at which alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
8. All recruitment or rush activities associated with any chapter will be non-alcoholic. No recruitment or rush activities associated with any chapter may be held at or in conjunction with a tavern or alcohol distributor as defined in this policy.
9. No member or pledge, associate/new member or novice shall permit, tolerate, encourage or participate in "drinking games." The definition of drinking games includes but is not limited to the consumption of shots of alcohol, liquor or alcoholic beverages, the practice of consuming shots equating to one's age, "beer pong," "century club," "dares" or any other activity involving the consumption of alcohol which involves duress or encouragement related to the consumption of alcohol.
10. No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate member/new member/novice program, activity or ritual of the chapter. This includes but is not limited to activities associated with "bid night," "big brother – little brother" events or activities, / "big sister - little sister" events or activities, "family" events or activities and initiation.