

Delta State University strives to create a safe environment, which promotes and reinforces healthy, responsible living, within the context of its educational mission. To this end, and due to the health risks and safety of individuals and the community, the University is opposed to the use and abuse of alcohol and/or any other drug for any purpose other than legitimate use.

In effort to comply with Federal, State, and Local Law, and with the Delta State University Alcohol Policy, the member Chapters of the DSU Interfraternity (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic (NPHC), and the Panhellenic Councils, in conjunction with the Office of Student Life, will abide by the following guidelines for the consumption of alcohol at fraternity, sorority, and/or all-Greek functions:

1. Fraternity/Sorority functions without the consumption of alcohol are to be promoted. Abstinence from alcohol and/or other drug(s) for any purpose other than legitimate use is encouraged and respected in all circumstances.
 2. Fraternity/Sorority functions where alcoholic beverages are present must comply with Federal and State Laws, Municipal and County Ordinances, and with the Delta State University Alcohol Policy. Any person who purchases or consumes alcoholic beverages shall be of legal age, 21 years old. Proof of age shall be required at the time of purchase, entry in to the event, or at any time of the event, including during consumption by authorized University or law enforcement officials. Students, faculty and staff are expected to take full responsibility for their own choices and behavior.
 3. Fraternities/Sororities are prohibited from 'serving' alcoholic beverages under any circumstances. The presence of keg beer and/or a community alcoholic punch will constitute 'serving.' The presence of alcohol which can be reasonably construed to be assessable and/or available for any person present will also constitute 'serving.'
 4. Any fraternity/sorority function at which alcoholic beverages are present must be a B.Y.O.B. function. For the purpose of this police, a B.Y.O.B. function is defined as follows:
 - a. A function at which there exists no alcoholic beverages purchased with chapter funds or with funds collected from members or alumni and made available for consumption by anyone other than the actual purchaser.
 - b. A function at which no individual(s) under the legal drinking age will be allowed into the function or allowed to remain at the function if found to be consuming alcohol.
 5. Legal aged chapter members and guests may purchase alcoholic beverages at a fraternity/sorority function if that function is held at an establishment with a licensed cash bar and a licensed bartender. If a licensed establishment is used, security offered by that establishment will be sufficient, under this policy, to regulate that function.
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6. Where National Risk Management policies are more restrictive than this stated policy, the organizations under such policies will abide by those stated procedures. This policy, however, may not be superseded by a more lenient National policy.
7. In situations where two or more organizations are hosting joint social functions (i.e. swaps), no organization shall superseded the risk management procedures of any of the participating groups. Organizations with more restrictive participating groups. Organizations with more restrictive policies are expected to communicate their procedures to other participating groups prior to a scheduled event.
8. For these functions to run smoothly, the member chapters of the Delta State Interfraternity, B.Y.O.B. functions:
 - a. All functions, including swaps, must be registered on the Greek Life Calendar five (5) days prior to the event and must have a police or security officer present from the beginning to the end of the function duration.
 - b. At least two (2) executive officers must be present from the beginning to the end of the function. In addition, non-drinking members will be in attendance to monitor the function.
 - c. Each organization will provide designated drivers who will be available to assist individuals who have been drinking alcoholic beverages.
 - d. Each organization will annually submit to their respective Council and Council's advisor a written plan describing the measures it will take to insure that only legal-aged drinkers are consuming alcohol at their B.Y.O.B. functions. In addition, each chapter shall present an annual program to educate its members on the effects of alcohol consumption and consequences involved with its use. The programs should be supplement to Greek Life programming.
9. In cases where there are questions as to whether an incident or activity was/is a fraternity/sorority event or a group of individual members active independently, each Council will independently establish criteria to make such determinations.
10. Fraternities/Sororities are responsible for the actions of alumni who attend their events and, therefore, responsible for informing such alumni of this policy and the criteria stated herein.
11. Fraternities/Sororities are responsible for the actions of non-Greek member who attend their events and, therefore, responsible for informing such non-Greek members of this policy and the criteria stated herein.
12. Fraternity/Sorority housing on the University grounds are alcohol-free facilities.