

Policy on Alcoholic Beverages

1. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages at any Fraternity activity shall be in compliance with all federal, state, local and university regulations.
2. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited at any of the following Theta Tau programs: chapter meetings, initiation ceremonies, and all Convention business meetings.
3. Only rush events and pledge education activities held at properly licensed venues shall alcohol be allowed.
4. The Fraternity encourages its chapters to implement a membership recruitment program, which eliminates the use of alcoholic beverages.
5. Chapter funds shall not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages nor shall any member, on behalf of the chapter, coordinate the collection of funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
6. The only activities, in which alcohol is served, that Theta Tau may participate in whether with an individual, group or business, are those activities served by a properly licensed provider.
7. Open parties are strictly prohibited. Parties and other social activities are only open to members of Theta Tau and their guests by invitation only. An open party is one in which there is unrestricted and/or public access to the party or to alcoholic beverages.
8. It is recommended that each chapter post a doorwatch for each chapter function in order to control access to said function and to guard the safety and welfare of every member and guest of the Fraternity. The doorwatch(es) should be selected in advance of the event and the names and times of responsibility should be posted in a central area for review in advance to the event. The doorwatch(es) duties should include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Observation of all members and guests entering and leaving the party. It is the responsibility of the doorwatch to deny entry to any uninvited individuals.
 - b. Ensuring any impaired member or guest safe transportation home; It is recommended that the doorwatch(es) also serve as designated drivers
 - c. Remaining sober when performing these duties.
9. It is recommended that Chapters set a designated start and end time for all chapter events involving alcohol.
10. An alternative beverage shall be supplied to members and their guests by the chapter at all events. An alternative beverage is a non-alcoholic substance excluding water. If food is provided, it must include non-salty options such as fruits, vegetables, cookies, etc.
11. In order to reduce the liability that can be incurred when a Fraternity event involves the use of alcohol, the Fraternity requires that all chapter events where alcohol will be present conform to one of the following alternatives:
 - a. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) event – such events make each individual attending the party responsible for their own consumption.
 - b. Use of a licensed site – the site is responsible for the control of alcohol.
 - c. Use of a catering service – a catering service with a proper liquor license and liability insurance policy will reduce the Fraternity’s liability while still allowing for the choice of location.
12. Each chapter is encouraged to regularly participate in an alcohol and drug awareness program at the chapter’s University to educate its members on the responsibilities and consequences of alcohol consumption.
13. Chapter officers are obliged to take disciplinary measures, in accordance with Chapter VI of the Bylaws, when warranted, on any individual who negatively affects the chapter or Fraternity through misuse of alcoholic beverages. [over]