Philosophy Statement on Alcohol:
Fraternity & Sorority Life believes in the benefit of fraternities and sororities, and advocates for the organizations and students in their pursuit of fraternal ideals. We strive to provide opportunities to create life-long bonds through the principles encompassed in the shared values of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship within fraternity and sorority life. Our mission is to provide a quality undergraduate fraternal experience enhancing student development with a commitment to [...] prevention with all community stakeholders. Fraternity & Sorority Life is most committed to providing a safe fraternal experience for members and guests. Fraternity & Sorority Life believes that alcohol abuse and unsafe social events prevents individual members from realizing their full potential as citizens and contributing members of the campus community.

While the moderate and legal consumption of alcohol, in and of itself, does not constitute a problem, the illegal use and abuse of alcoholic beverages is widely recognized as a major problem in our society. Seeking to be a responsible member of the Texas Tech University community, Fraternity & Sorority Life is highly concerned with alcohol abuse. Our staff believes very strongly in the betterment of men and women through our organizations. Fraternity & Sorority Life upholds the following philosophy specifically related to alcohol:

- Fraternity & Sorority Life expects that our organizations and students will follow all applicable laws concerning alcohol.
- Fraternity & Sorority Life supports and enhances the mission of Texas Tech University through application of student development theory.
- As a subset of the fraternal world, Fraternity & Sorority Life collaborates with inter/national headquarters staff to address the problem of alcohol misuse.
- Fraternity & Sorority Life works to address the negative behaviors associated with alcohol misuse and abuse. As such, Fraternity & Sorority Life strives to address these behaviors with a comprehensive educational approach.
- Through education, training, and partnerships, we provide the tools to help students make good choices, and to understand the consequences of their choices. Fraternity & Sorority Life will hold organizations and individual members accountable for the choices they make.
- Fraternity & Sorority Life expects personal responsibility from its members and accountability through local self-governance.
- Fraternity & Sorority Life follows a consistent and progressive discipline strategy with our organizations in partnership with students, advisors, inter/national headquarters staff, and the Office of Student Conduct.
- We are concerned for the safety and well-being of our members and guests.

Purpose of Policy:
The purpose of the Social Event Policy is to allow Fraternity & Sorority Life the ability to work with organizations and student leaders to better understand their inter/national organizations’ policies and provide a backstop for the expectations we have of our organizations while hosting social events. FIPG is the industry standard with 51 inter/national members and reads in line with the majority of inter/national organizations’ policies as they are written today.
The Policy:
The Social Event Policy shall apply to all student organizations listed in the category of Greek Organizations by the Center for Campus Life and all levels of fraternity/sorority membership.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS
1. The possession, sale, use or consumption of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, while on organization premises or during a fraternity/sorority event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the organization, or at any event an observer would associate with the fraternity/sorority, 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 fraternity/sorority 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 organization. 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/sorority, 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 organization premises or during a fraternity/sorority event or at any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity/sorority is strictly prohibited.

6. No fraternity/sorority 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 premises 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 fraternity/sorority 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
The Procedures:
This policy applies to all social events, on or off campus, planned by social fraternities and sororities hosted by Texas Tech University. Fraternity & Sorority Life and the Office of Student Conduct will utilize the “Reasonable Observer Rule” to determine if the event is associated with an organization.

The Education:
Fraternity & Sorority Life staff will educate organization leadership and advisors on this policy annually through requested Ladder of Risk presentations, social event management digital resources, and the Clay R. Warren Summit.
For more information, refer to the Fraternity & Sorority Life website www.fsl.ttu.edu and www.fipg.org. Ladder of Risk presentations may be requested by emailing fsl@ttu.edu. Digital Resources are available under the Tool Box area of the Fraternity & Sorority Life website. Fireside Chats may be requested using this form: https://orgsync.com/61623/forms/130660. Fraternity & Sorority Life recommends requesting Fireside Chats at least 2 weeks prior to your social event.

The Enforcement:
Failure to meet the expectations of any part of this policy will be a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, Section B., 16. Violation of Published University Policies, Rules or Regulations and will be referred to the appropriate governing council judicial board or the Office of Student Conduct at the discretion of the Office of Student Conduct staff.