Social Policy
(Updated December 2017)

Social Policy - Statesboro Campus
The following policies and procedures are to be followed by all social fraternities and sororities for all social events. In addition, each organization is responsible for following its own national organizational policies concerning risk management and social events. The Fraternal Information & Programming Group (FIPG) Risk is currently used by Fraternity and Sorority Life to inform requirements for Social Event Policy, registration, and risk management practice.

FIPG Risk Management Policy (fipg.org) boasts a mission to be the leading resource of risk management education, programming, and information to the broad based constituency involved in all aspects of Greek life. More than fifty (50) national Greek letter organizations are members of FIPG. The Risk Management Policy of FIPG includes provisions, which shall apply to all fraternities and sororities at Georgia Southern University. Georgia Southern University does not approve, condone, or take responsibility for any social events.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 8AM UNTIL 5PM. IF PICKING UP A PACKET OR DROPPING OFF PAPERWORK ON FRIDAY, YOU MUST COME INTO THE OFFICE BY 4PM WHICH GIVES THE STAFF TIME TO PROCESS YOUR PAPERWORK. IF AN EVENT FALLS ON THE WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY, YOU MUST TURN IN FORMS OR PICK UP PACKETS BEFORE THEN SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY. REMEMBER, ALL DEADLINES ARE REFERRED TO IN “BUSINESS HOURS” SO WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THOSE DAYS. i.e. IF AN EVENT IS ON MONDAY AND FORM B IS DUE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE, THEN THAT FORM MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE EVENT.

Chapter Events:
Chapter events are defined as events where chapter/provisional group members are present and the general perception is that the event is chapter/provisional group related. If you are unsure if it is a chapter/provisional group event, consider the following questions:

- Was it planned or pre-meditated?
- Was it discussed at a meeting?
- Did the majority of the members know about it?
- Were a significant number of members present?
- Were a significant number of those attended invited by members?
- Were chapter funds used in any way?
- Did the officers know about or take part in planning any part of the event?
- Did it occur in concert with a chapter function (initiation, bid day, etc.)?

New Rule effective May 5, 2017 enacted by Southern Greek Housing:
Effective May 5, 2017, Glass Bottles will not be allowed on Southern Greek Housing Property including Beer Bottles, Wine Bottles, Soda Bottles and Liquor Bottles. This rule is for property residents and guests. Security must refuse entry to anyone attempting to bring glass into a party or gathering.
In order to register a non-alcoholic (sober) social event all chapters must do the following:

1. Submit Social Registration Form A with Risk Management Matrix for the event to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life two (2) weeks prior to the event.
   a) Failure to submit Form A with Risk Management Matrix two weeks prior to the event will result in a $500 fine which must be paid before the event.
   b) Form B and a Guest list are NOT required for a sober social and a packet is NOT needed for the event.

In order to register an alcoholic social event all chapters must do the following (Statesboro Campus):

   Before the event:

1. Submit Social Registration Form A with Risk Management Matrix for the event to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life two (2) weeks prior to the event.
   a. Failure to submit Form A with Risk Management Matrix two weeks prior to the event will result in a $500 fine. 
   b. The $500 fine must be paid before picking up the social packet. 
   c. Failure to pay the $500 fine before picking up the social packet may result in the event being cancelled.

2. Submit Social Registration Form B with pre-determined guest list, sober monitors, and sober drivers information to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life 48 business hours before the event.
   a. Pre-determined guest lists must be submitted at the same time as Form B.
   b. Failure to submit Form B with the guest list 48 hours prior to the event will result in a $500 fine.
   c. The fine must be paid within two weeks after the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever comes first.
   d. Failure to pay the fine by the designated timeframe will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

3. Chapters will be provided with a social packet that must be picked up prior to the event. Packages will be available up to three days prior to the event, depending on when form B and guest list are submitted. Failure to pick up the social packet prior to the event and the event continues as scheduled, will result in a $500 fine. A $150 fine will be charged if a chapter does not pick up the social packet and cancels the event, due to the fact that the 48 hour cancellation deadline was not met and the packet was already prepared. Verification of cancellation must be provided to the office. Packets must be picked up by 5pm.
   a. The $500 or $150 fine must be paid within two weeks of the scheduled event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever comes first.
   b. Failure to pay the fine by the designated timeframe will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.
c. Our office will provide wristbands. **Under no circumstances are you to provide or use your own wristbands. If this happens, you will receive a fine.**

After the event:

Submit completed social packet back to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life within **three (3) business days after the event.** All forms and member sign-in sheets must be completed, signed and included in the packet, as well as any unused wristbands, upon return. **Be sure that members and guests sign in themselves - your chapter will be fined if you simply write in names on the sheets. You will be fined if you provide or use your own wristbands or if the packet is damaged in any way.**

a. Failure to submit the completed social packet will result in a $250 fine.
   b. The $250 fine must be paid within two weeks after the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever comes first.
   c. Failure to pay the fine by the designated timeframe will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

**In order to register an alcoholic social event all chapters must do the following (Armstrong Campus):**

The following procedures are to be followed for each function for Greek-Letter social fraternities and sororities at the Georgia Southern - Armstrong Campus. In addition, each organization is responsible for its own national risk management policies.

A fraternity function is any gathering of members or person affiliated with an organization, in which an observer would identify members of the organization with an event or any organizational activity, other than regular business meetings. All organizations are expected to establish and maintain appropriate behavior standards for all members and guests. As elected leaders, the organization’s officers are responsible for incidents or events that occur either directly or indirectly as a result of fraternity functions.

1. All Greek events must be registered by submitting a Greek Event Registration Form to the Program Coordinator of Student Life at least one week prior to the event.
2. No events may be scheduled on campus when the University is closed.
3. All events must be in compliance with all college policies and national risk management guidelines for the chapter/provisional group(s) hosting the event.

Event Registration Forms are to be submitted online [here](#).

Two security officers are required for events where attendance is anticipated to be 75 or more persons. One additional security officer must be present for every additional 75 attendees.

Security officers must be a certified State of Georgia police officer or an officer approved by Georgia Southern University Campus Police.
In order to register a tailgate social event all chapters must do the following:

1. Submit Social Registration Form A with Risk Management Matrix for the event to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life five (5) business days prior to date of tailgating event.
   a. Failure to submit Form A with Risk Management Matrix 5 days prior to the event will result in a $500 fine.
   b. The $500 fine must be paid before picking up the social packet.
   c. Failure to pay the $500 fine before picking up the social packet may result in the event being cancelled.

2. Submit Social Registration Form B to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life 48 business hours before the event.
   a. Failure to submit Form B within 48 hours prior to the event will result in a $500 fine.
   b. The fine must be paid within two weeks after the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever comes first.
   c. Failure to pay the fine by the designated timeframe will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

3. Chapters will be provided with a social packet that must be picked up prior to the event. Packages will be available up to three days prior to the event, depending on when form B and guest list are submitted. Failure to pick up the social packet prior to the event and the event continues as scheduled, will result in a $500 fine. A $150 fine will be charged if a chapter does not pick up the social packet and cancels the event, due to the fact that the 48 hour cancellation deadline was not met and the packet was already prepared. Verification of cancellation must be provided to the office. Packets must be picked up by 5pm.
   a. The $500 or $150 fine must be paid within two weeks of the scheduled event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever comes first.
   b. Failure to pay the fine by the designated timeframe will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

After the event:

1. Submit completed social packet back to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life within three (3) business days after the event. All forms and member sign-in sheets must be completed, signed and included in the packet upon return. Be sure that members sign in themselves - your chapter will be fined if you simply write in names on the sheets. You will also be fined if the packet is damaged in any way.
   a. Failure to submit the completed social packet will result in a $250 fine.
   b. The $250 fine must be paid within two weeks after the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever comes first.
c. Failure to pay the fine by the designated timeframe will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life.

Social Packet
The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life will create and provide the chapters with a Social Packet that is to be opened by security only. This packet must be used by your chapter - you may not create your own packet. The social packet will include the following:

- Member Sign-in Sheet with current members’ Birthdates (members must sign-in)
- Copies of Form A and B
- Security Company Event Report Form (green form - to be filled out by security)
- Social Event Report Form (pink form - to be filled out by the social chair or president)
- wristbands and guests list (if applicable - guests list and bands are not used for tailgates)

Blackout Dates
No weekday (Monday – Thursday) social events involving alcohol will be allowed to be registered during the following dates:

- First week of school during the fall and spring academic terms
- Finals week during the fall and spring academic terms

In addition, no social events involving alcohol will be allowed to be registered before the start of the academic calendar (Fall & Spring) nor on Sundays, or during Greek sponsored events such as Greek Week.

Charter Bus Pickup for Socials:
Currently, bus pickup for socials is allowed at both the Russell Union and the Stadium parking lots. You may NOT use the RAC for bus pickup or drop off. Effective immediately: The organization will be fined if trash of ANY kind is left at any bus pickup location including paper, cups, bottles, cans, etc., and the organization may lose its privileges to use buses at any location on campus. A fine of $500 will be enforced upon the chapter and must be paid immediately.

Cancellation or Changes of Events
Chapters are responsible for notifying the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life if the event is being cancelled or has any change of venue, time, security, number of guests, co-host, etc., in writing via email (socials@georgiasouthern.edu), at least 48 hours before the event is scheduled to take place. If the office is not notified in writing of the cancellation or change, the chapter will receive a fine of $150.00 which will have to be paid before the next scheduled event.

Sound Permits
The chapter is responsible for obtaining any necessary sound permits for Olympic Blvd. (Greek Row) through the Statesboro Police Dept. If a sound permit is not obtained, the event may be shut down by the Statesboro Police if the event is in violation of the noise ordinance set by the City of Statesboro.
Collection and Distribution of Fines
The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life will collect all fines and a receipt will be issued to the chapter to show record of payment. Checks must be made payable to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life. The fines collected will be deposited in the Fraternity & Sorority Programming Agency account and will be used for programming efforts for the fraternity and sorority community.

Inappropriate Event Themes
Whether Halloween parties, or mixers, the themes that are chosen say a great deal about the sponsoring organizations. Choose poorly, and your chapter’s bad judgment could show up on YouTube or Facebook.

Chapters may face loss of recognition as a result of these parties. By avoiding racially and culturally sensitive words and themes, fraternity and sorority members can prove respect for, and acceptance of, the communities in which they live.

Before your party, ask yourself:
- Does this event rely on stereotype of certain groups or encourage offensive dress?
- If both men and women are invited, or even if they are not, does the event/title stereotype one of those genders?
- Not sure if a theme is sexist? Try interchanging the word/theme with a racial word/theme.
- Is your theme centered on “making fun” of a particular people/culture/campus group? Even if it is not, will people “go there?”
- Would you be willing to send photos of your event to your parents, your inter/national office, the campus newspaper, or your college/university community?

All fun, no foul: creative, yet inoffensive themes:
- Heroes and Villains
- Disco Party
- Decade themes
- Mardi Gras
- Famous Couples
- Winter Wonderland
- Rodeo
- Movie themes
- Viva Las Vegas

The following are simply suggestive measures and guidelines to help you and your chapters think about the way you represent yourselves to the larger campus community. Themes to avoid:
- Blackface
- Themes with a binge drinking connotation
- Men dressing like women
- Wearing letters that are not your own
- Using the word “Ho” in the title
- Culturally insensitive themes your event
Risk Management Matrix
All chapters must submit a Risk Management Matrix form with Form A. The form provides an educational tool for chapters to develop a process for identifying and discussing potential risk issues. They are not designed to take the place of careful review of applicable rules, policies, and laws, or discussion with a chapter and or faculty/staff advisor or staff member of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life. Completion of this form does not imply approval or authorization of your event by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life. If the event is to be a semi-formal or formal, then a representative from the chapter must arrange a risk management meeting with a staff member in the office prior to the event.

Security Companies
Chapters are responsible for providing security for all their social events involving alcohol. As specified by FIPG, security needs to be properly licensed and bonded by the appropriate local and state authority; and be properly insured with a minimum of $1,000,000 of general liability insurance, evidenced by a properly completed certificate of insurance prepared by the insurance broker. Ideally, the certificate of insurance should name as additional insured (at a minimum) the local chapter of the fraternity/sorority hiring the vendor, as well as the inter/national fraternity/sorority with whom the local chapter is affiliated.

THE OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE NEEDS TO OBTAIN COPIES OF VENDOR’S STATE AND LOCAL LICENSES; AND A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE ON AN ACORD FORM 125.

Expectations of Security Officers
- Officers must arrive at the event 30 minutes prior to stated start time and meet with all of the organization’s sober monitors and drivers, discuss event security, and receive the sealed wristband package from the organization.
- Identify the organization’s sober monitors in charge and the security officer in charge.
- The organization’s monitors must assist the security in monitoring the event and determination of guest admission, as well as any problems that arise. In addition, the security officers must assist the monitors in addressing any issues that may arise.
- Security Guards must check identification and issue the age verified wristband to members and guests provided by our office who are of drinking age. Underage members and guests will not receive a wristband.
- Underage consumption of alcohol is prohibited by law and must be stopped if occurring. Individuals may be arrested and/or referred to Judicial Affairs for disciplinary action.
- Additional security may be necessary to help patrol the event and parking lot.
- Glass Bottles will not be allowed on Southern Greek Housing Property including Beer Bottles, Wine Bottles, Soda Bottles and Liquor Bottles. This rule is for property residents and Guests. Security must refuse entry to anyone attempting to bring glass into a party or gathering.
- When gross violations of regulations occur, the security officer in charge must inform the officers of the organization of the fact and if corrective action is not immediately taken, the event must be closed. If the organization refuses to cooperate, the security officer must call the applicable law enforcement agency.
- The security officer in charge must make sure all members and guests SIGN IN on the provided sign in sheets. A simple check mark by their name is not acceptable.
If a name is missing from the list, have the individual simply print their names at the bottom of the list and sign. Be sure the chapter receives all sign in sheets back in their packet to submit to the Fraternity and Sorority Life office.

- The security officer in charge must fill out the “Security Company Event Form” and return it to the chapter to be included in their packet upon return to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office. The security form is to be kept by security ONLY if there was a problem and must be filed with the Fraternity and Sorority Life office by the end of the next working day.
- A copy of these expectations will be provided to security companies or Third-Party Vendors prior to the start of each semester for them to return to OFSL for approval of social events at their venues or use of their company. This will be done each semester.

**Sober Event Monitors and Safe Drivers**

All alcoholic social events must have both sober event monitors and safe drivers. The chapter must provide at least two (2) chapter members who will be in charge of the event; they must be chapter officers. These individuals must be sober and available at all times during the event.

There must be one (1) additional monitor per every 50 guests. The individuals listed on Form B will be the only designated sober event monitors/safe drivers for the duration of the event. Once the form is turned in, no changes in sober event monitors or safe drivers are allowed. Designated drivers must have a Class C driver’s license.

- **Sober Event Monitors**
  - There must always be two (2) monitors plus 1 additional monitor per every 50 guests.
  - Monitors must be initiated members and two must be chapter officers.

- **Safe Drivers**
  - Safe drivers must be provided by the chapter and be present for the entire event.
  - New members **MUST NOT** serve as sole safe driver.
  - Designated safe drivers must have a valid driver’s license.
  - If national insurance regulations prohibit chapter members from providing safe rides, third-party transportation must be utilized to assist with guest transportation.

**Tailgates**

Tailgating events are defined as any social activity or event organized formally or informally by the organization or a group of its members prior to, during, or after an athletic event. The following guidelines will apply to all chapter tailgate events:

- Unless an otherwise stipulated requirement of your National risk management policy, it is **NOT** an expectation to obligate chapter members as safe drivers.
- The host chapter **MUST** make a reasonable effort to not allow persons who have consumed alcohol to operate a motor vehicle.
- Chapters are also responsible for posting and distributing educational materials outlining available safe rides or for hire transportation contact information.
• Unless an otherwise stipulated requirement of your National risk management policy, a predetermined Guest List is **NOT** required prior to or after the event.
• Chapters will be required to list total number of anticipated guests. Unless an otherwise stipulated requirement of your National risk management policy, members x 3 limit will **NOT** apply.
• Unless an otherwise stipulated requirement of your National risk management policy, duration of event is **NOT** limited to four (4) hours. A designated start and end time must be identified. It is strongly recommended that your social event does not take place during the athletic event. If your event ends prior to game time and similar activity will again begin after game time then you must list both start and end times for your event and all practices listed herein apply.
• Host organization is responsible for allowing a safe number of people at the tailgating event. A safe number of people is determined by the host organization’s sober monitors given the space constraints, occupancy limits, and hazardous objects within your tailgating location.
• Should chapter need assistance in managing your crowd, dial 911 for assistance.
• If alcohol will be present, you must have a process in place to verify alcohol is provided to persons of legal drinking age. If not providing alcohol but allowing Bring Your Own Beverage, a culture/pattern of underage drinking could be considered the same as allowing underage drinking.
• Unless an otherwise stipulated requirement of your National risk management policy, a minimum of one (1) bonded, licensed, professional security officer per event is required.

It is recommended that the host Chapter maintains a safe environment and maintain responsibility for activity that takes place within or around the tailgate location. Vehicles double parked or blocking roadways, vehicles or large objects within the tailgate area preventing safe evacuation of the area in the event of an emergency, irresponsible use of alcohol that promotes an atmosphere of abuse, and/or any behavior which compromises the safety of individuals can be viewed as inability to maintain a safe control over your social tailgating event.

**Three Strike Rule**
A chapter is allowed three fines in one semester. If a fourth fine is received, the chapter will be referred to the FSL Standards Board for disciplinary action. The board could determine that no further socials can be had by the chapter for that semester.

**Violations**
Chapters are responsible for following these policies in addition to any and all local, state, and University policies as they relate to hosting an alcoholic social event. Failure to comply with university or local police or violations to any of these policies will result in the host chapter and or individual chapter members may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct or the FSL Standards Board for disciplinary action.
# SOCIAL FINE STRUCTURE

Failure to pay fines by the designated time frame will result in that chapter not being able to register any future social events involving alcohol until the fine is received by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

| Failure to submit Social Registration Form A **two weeks prior to the event.** | • Chapter will be assessed a $500 fine  
• The fine must be paid before picking up the social packet.  
• Failure to pay the fine before picking up the social packet may result in the event not being registered. |
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| Failure to submit Social Registration Form B **48 Business hours before the event.** | • Chapter will be assessed a $500 fine  
• The fine must be paid within two weeks of the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever come first. |
| *Guest list **MUST** be submitted at the same time as Social Registration Form B if guests will be in attendance. |  |
| Failure to submit notice of cancellation or change of the event at least **48 business hours in advance.** | • Chapter will be assessed a $150 fine  
• The fine must be paid within two weeks of the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever come first. |
| Failure to leave the charter bus pickup area clean from any and all trash. | • Chapter will be assessed a $500 fine  
• The fine must be paid immediately after receipt of fine invoice. |
| Failure to pick up the social packet prior to the event and the event continues as scheduled. | • Chapter will be assessed a $500 fine  
• The fine must be paid within two weeks of the scheduled event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever come first. |
| Failure to pick up the social packet prior to the event and the event does not continue as scheduled or the event is cancelled (verification needed). | • Chapter will be assessed a $150 fine  
• The fine must be paid within two weeks of the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever come first. |
| Failure to submit the completed social packet *within three (3) business days after the event*, and with all documents filled out properly, including sign in sheets, with no documents are missing, any unused wristbands are returned, and packet is not damaged in any way. | • Chapter will be assessed a $250 fine  
• The fine must be paid within two weeks of the event, or before the next scheduled event, whichever come first.  

If you have provided or used your own wristbands, you will be assessed a $150 fine. You must use the wristbands that we provide. |
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