

Theta Delta Chi Fraternity
Statement of Policy on Alcohol and Drugs
Approved by the Grand Lodge April 29, 2023
Approved by the 176th Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, August 3, 2023

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges strive to provide a safe environment for its members and guests; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges believe in being socially responsible;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges that the following policies be formally adopted by consent of the 176th Annual Convention for any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the Charge, including those that occur on or off Theta Delta Chi premises:

- (1) Theta Delta Chi members and guests must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide, sell, or be provided alcoholic beverages.
- (2) Theta Delta Chi members and guests must follow federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell, and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances on Charge premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the Charge.
- (3) Alcoholic beverages must either be: (1) provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or (2) brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage (“BYOB”) system.
- (4) The presence of alcohol products above 15% alcohol by volume (“ABV”) is prohibited on any Charge premises or at any event, except when served at an event by a licensed and insured third-party vendor.
- (5) Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities not being served by a licensed and insured third-party vendor, are prohibited (i.e., amounts of alcohol greater than what a reasonable person should consume over the duration of an event).
- (6) Alcoholic beverages must not be purchased with Charge funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g., admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).
- (7) A Charge must not co-host or cosponsor, or in any way participate in, an activity or event with another group or entity that purchases or provides alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances.
- (8) A Charge must not co-host or cosponsor an event with a bar, event promoter, or alcohol distributor; however, a Charge may rent a bar, restaurant, or other licensed and insured third-party vendors to host a chapter event.
- (9) Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only, and the Charge must utilize a guest list system. Attendance at events with alcohol must not exceed the local fire or building code capacity of the Charge premises or host venue.
- (10) Any event or activity related to the new member joining process (e.g., recruitment, intake, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into a Charge of Theta Delta Chi, including but not limited to “bid night,” “Big/Little” events, or activities, “family” events or activities, and any ritual or ceremony.
- (11) Charge members or guests must not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify, or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.
- (12) Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.
- (13) The possession, sale, and/or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances by any member or pledge/new member is strictly prohibited, and under Article XVII, Section 1. (f) of the By-laws of Theta Delta Chi is an offense worthy of expulsion from the fraternity.
- (14) No Charge or colony may be considered the holder of a liquor license at any time.
- (15) This policy does not preclude an individual Charge or colony from establishing a stricter policy if the members of that chapter vote to do so.