

Registration of Student Organization Activities

Summary/Purpose: To set forth guidelines for registration of social activities.

Opportunities for social activities on The University of Mississippi campus are encouraged when these activities serve as a complement to the educational pursuits of students. To achieve that end, the University has established guidelines for sponsorship, promotion, and execution of social activities. Any activity occurring on or off campus, involving a planned gathering of students for social purposes is considered a social activity. Student organizations are expected to follow the guidelines presented in this policy and in other stated University policies. Violations of these regulations may result in sanctions or discipline through the University Conduct System or other appropriate governing body.

Registering Activities

Every social activity, held both on and off campus, must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. Student organizations must register the activity at least 14 days in advance and provide the information requested on the event registration form. Additionally, the advisor or chairman of the advisory board when applicable, also must be notified and accept the event. The Office of the Dean of Students will consider exceptions. Requests for exceptions must be made on the event registration form.

Regardless of the event location, the student organization is responsible for all usages fees and any damages that might occur to event facilities. Event registration forms are available online through Org Sync, which can be found at the Office of the Dean of Students' website (<http://dos.olemiss.edu>).

Scheduling of Social Activities

The University of Mississippi is an institution of higher learning and no activity shall interfere with the academic integrity of the institution. Therefore, no student organization, Greek or otherwise, shall be permitted to schedule, register, or host social functions during the period beginning Sunday the week of final examinations, and lasting through the end of final exam week. This includes both on and off campus functions and applies to all academic terms. Social activities shall not be permitted when the University is not in session including during any intra semester breaks such as, but not limited to, fall break and spring break. The Office of the Dean of Students will consider exceptions. Requests for exceptions must be made on the event registration form.

Time Restrictions on Activities

Any social activity held on The University of Mississippi campus on Sunday through Friday may not commence prior to 4:00 p.m. without the special permission of the Office of the Dean of Students. Activities held on Sunday through Thursday nights shall not continue beyond midnight. Activities held on Friday or Saturday may not continue beyond 1:00 a.m. Exceptions will be considered by the Office of the Dean of Students and may be approved by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Requests for exceptions must be made on the Event Registration Form. Students or student organizations violating this policy are subject to disciplinary action through the University Conduct System (DSA.SC.300.001).

Social Activities Involving Alcohol

Student organizations facilitating social activities where alcohol may be present are required to follow all local, state, and federal laws, University of Mississippi policy, and all other policies outlined within the Student Organization Handbook. Additionally, organizations allowing the lawful consumption of alcohol at any event should be familiar with Mississippi's Social Host Law (please refer to Miss. Code Ann. § 97-5-49 (2011)).

It is the responsibility of the host organization to implement a sound risk management plan and ensure all social events taking place where beverages containing alcohol (alcohol) are present conform to the following standards:

1. Registered student organizations may not host an on-campus event open to the general public where alcohol is permitted. All social events occurring on University property where alcohol is present must have a guest list.
2. For events on campus, the host organization and/or its designee is responsible for taking steps necessary to prevent uninvited guests and noticeably intoxicated individuals from entering the event.
3. Social events are not to exceed a 5:1 ratio; five guests to every one member of the host organization.
4. Signs should be displayed, in plain view, at all entrances indicating the event is restricted to members and invited guests and stating the ending time of the event.
5. The host organization must provide adequate security personnel who are identifiable and employed by a bonded security company. The security personnel should work to secure a safe environment for the entirety of the event.
6. The organization must designate at least one member of its leadership team who will remain sober and be in attendance for the entirety of the event.
7. Wristbands must be provided to students 21 years of age and older. The only means of removal of the wristband must be cutting or tearing to prevent transfer to those under 21.
8. Wristbands are intended to identify those who are at least 21 years of age. The host organization is responsible for ensuring that only persons 21 years of age or older with appropriate wristbands consume alcohol. The host organization is responsible for making appropriate decisions regarding underage drinking at its event (i.e. asking the person to leave, or shutting down the event). The host organization should be familiar with Mississippi's Social Host Law (please refer to Miss. Code Ann. § 97-5-49).
9. Each person attending an event on campus is responsible for bringing his/her own alcohol for personal consumption. Underage persons may not bring alcohol into any social event hosted by a registered student organization. The host organization and/or its designee is responsible for ensuring individuals do not enter with excessive amounts of alcohol and that individuals consume only their own alcohol.

Common Transportation to Off Campus Sites

Organizations traveling in large groups are strongly encouraged to use common transportation to be provided by a chartered transportation company (vans, charter service, shuttles, etc.). In the event that common transportation is used, the departure location must be provided to the Office of the Dean of Students on the event registration form. Parking vehicles in unapproved locations could result in personal vehicles being towed from the location at the owner's expense.

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The sponsoring organization is responsible for providing a safe and orderly boarding and drop-off procedure and for the cleanup of the boarding location. Organizations will be charged for the cleanup of trash or damage to property by their members or guests.