



POLICY STATEMENT

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SUBJECT: SERVING, POSSESSING, AND CONSUMING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

I. PURPOSE

This policy applies to the serving, possessing, and consuming of alcoholic beverages on University property and within University facilities. This Policy Statement outlines the policies and procedures explicitly applicable to the serving, possessing, and consuming of alcoholic beverages on University property and within University facilities by students, University personnel, and their guests.

II. DEFINITIONS

Alcohol: Beer, wine, or distilled spirits (liquor) as defined by state law.

Authorized Vendor/Server: A caterer in compliance with the University through the Office of Procurement to engage in the sale and service of alcoholic beverages on the LSU campus under applicable law and University policy. Any/All alcohol must be served by a third-party vendor.

An Authorized Vendor/Server must have:

1. All required governmental permits or licenses;
2. Completed Responsible Alcohol Service Training as required by state law;
3. Agreed in writing to adhere to University policies and regulations, city ordinances, and state laws;
4. Obtained LSUS required insurance; and

5. Must ensure that any Vendor/Server performing such services on the LSUS campus is at least 21 years old and not a member or affiliate of the host/sponsor organization/department.

Event: For this policy, an Event is an assembly of individuals on campus for a gathering where alcohol is involved.

Event Registration: The event host, whether on-campus department or external user, is responsible for submitting all required documentation/contracts. This documentation/contracts specify the conditions of alcohol service and certify that the host/sponsor understands and agrees to abide by University policies and applicable federal, state, and local laws governing such alcoholic beverage service. The Event Registration must be submitted by the host/sponsor to the University Center office at least **ten business days** prior to the event. The Event Registration must specify the campus location for the proposed activity, which is subject to approval.

Possession: Any situation in which an individual is or reasonably can be assumed to be holding, drinking, or transporting an alcoholic beverage. The totality of the circumstances, including alcoholic beverage containers and the number of people present under age 21, may indicate possession.

Responsible Parties: Those individuals and the entities they represent who sign the Event Registration.

III. PRINCIPLES

LSUS is committed to maintaining a safe, healthful environment that supports its educational mission. The abuse of alcoholic beverages by its students, University personnel, and their guests interferes with the accomplishment of this mission.

Because LSUS seeks to create a social environment that enhances learning, the following values concerning alcohol apply:

1. Although moderate and legal alcohol use may be permitted, the drinking of alcohol is never encouraged;
2. Abusive consumption of alcohol is always discouraged; and
3. Participation in illegal behaviors involving alcohol is not tolerated.

Accordingly, the possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol may be done only in accordance with the provisions of federal and state laws, local laws and ordinances, and University regulations, including this policy.

In appropriate behaviors and associated negative consequences of alcohol misuse will not be tolerated. All persons on campus, regardless of their status (e.g., students, personnel, and guests), must adhere to the alcohol policies herein. The enforcement of community standards is a shared responsibility among all community members.

IV. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

The serving, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on or around the property owned, operated, or controlled by the University must be in accordance with all applicable laws and University regulations. The following University policies shall apply:


1. No alcoholic beverages of any kind may be possessed, distributed, served, or consumed on campus by persons under 21. The Responsible Parties are accountable for ensuring that no one under the age of 21 possesses, consumes, or is served alcohol at an Event.
2. Anyone under the age of 21 possessing/consuming alcohol, or anyone giving alcohol to an underage person, will be subject to arrest and referred to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability.
3. Alcohol is strictly prohibited at all registered student organization events.
4. Campus events open to the public and sponsored by Student Activities must have the Chancellor's written approval to serve alcohol.
5. In all other cases, persons age 21 or older may possess and consume alcohol on campus only when the following conditions are met:
 - a. When a University Authorized Vendor/Server serves the alcohol, and
 - b. When alcoholic beverages are served and consumed at a University Preapproved Site or an Event registered and approved by the University.
6. The following policies pertain to the sale, purchase, and cost of alcohol on campus:
 - a. Alcohol may be sold, purchased, or served only by an authorized third-party Vendor/Server.

- b. Alcohol may not be sold on campus by an alcohol wholesaler or distributor; unless permission is granted by the Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, and all state and local regulations are followed.
 - c. Alcoholic beverages may not be furnished as an award or prize.
 - d. University funds may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
7. The following regulations govern the serving of alcohol at Events regardless of the sponsoring organization:
- a. Alcohol may be sold, purchased, or served only by an authorized third-party Vendor/Server.
 - b. The Authorized Vendor/Server is responsible for assuring that no person under the age of 21 is served alcohol.
 - c. Alcoholic beverages are to be served as an adjunct to social events and may not be the primary focus of the event.
 - d. All alcohol will be stored and legally dispensed in a designated service area within the approved site. The supply of alcoholic beverages must not be accessible to anyone except the server.
8. The sponsoring organization is responsible for ensuring that members and guests display responsible behavior. To that end:
- a. It is prohibited to host an event where there is explicit or implicit pressure or an expectation for anyone to consume alcohol, or where there is no diversion from drinking alcohol, or where lewd, abusive, or sexually degrading behavior occurs in conjunction with alcohol consumption.
 - b. Any activity or event which encourages rapid drinking, drinking games, or drunkenness is prohibited.
 - c. Obviously intoxicated persons shall not be admitted or served alcohol at activities or social events.
 - d. Engaging in such high-risk activities or events may be considered aggravating circumstances if corrective measures are necessary.
9. Persons representing LSUS off-campus or who reasonably could be construed as doing so (e.g., at conferences, seminars, competitions, performers, other activities/events) must behave legally and responsibly regarding the use of alcohol, abiding by the laws and policies of the states and/or institutions where they are visiting. The University may take action against individuals who engage in off-campus consumption of alcohol when it violates LSUS policies, including the Student Code of Conduct and/or when it negatively

- impacts or threatens to negatively impact the University's mission, activities, or the health, safety, or welfare of the University community.
10. Only authorized guests will be admitted to events at which alcoholic beverages are served. The facility user is responsible for ensuring that this regulation is observed.
 11. Uniformed police officers must be on duty where alcoholic beverages are served. The need for officers will be determined by the Chief of University Police and/or the policies of contracted law enforcement officers. The facility user is responsible for paying all associated costs for all required uniformed police officers. Officers will report 30 minutes prior to the event and must remain 30 minutes after the event is ended or until attendees have left the facility in which the event was held and/or grounds and adjacent parking lots.
 12. The facility user must make available non-alcoholic beverages and food.
 13. Alcoholic beverages can be consumed only in the room or immediate area of service.
 14. Food service personnel, alcoholic beverage service providers, or any other official(s) designated by the University, shall refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any person whose behavior appears to have been influenced by consumption of alcoholic beverages.
 15. The University reserves the right to require the cessation of alcohol services before the event's scheduled end.
 16. All local and state laws and ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages must be observed.
 17. Any violation of these regulations will result in action against the facility user and/or organization. Penalties may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Dismissal/expulsion from the event,
 - b. Disciplinary probation and/or expulsion from the University (students),
 - c. Exclusion from all current and future University events,
 - d. Disciplinary probation for the organization and/or revoking of the organizational registration (students),
 - e. Refusal of future use of University facilities,
 - f. Immediate cancellation of current event, and
 - g. Fines and/or fees associated with violations of policies and/or payment of damages and expenses.


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