

Alcohol Service

Original Implementation: July 29, 2014

Last Revision: January 30, 2018

The sale and service of alcohol on campus is prohibited except in designated special use venues as permitted by this policy.

Special Use Venues

The president may designate campus facilities/areas as special use venues. The president may amend this list as appropriate and may designate a campus facility or area as a special use venue on a temporary basis. The director of student services will maintain the most current list of designated special use venues. Tailgating areas, as designated by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, and events at the Ed and Gwen Cole Art Center, as approved by the dean of the College of Fine Arts, are exempt from this policy if conducted in compliance with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Policies and Procedures Manual or The Ed and Gwen Cole Art Center and the Griffith Gallery (16.27) university policy, respectively.

Licensed Server

Only the university's contracted food service provider may sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages in special use venues upon proper university authorization and in accordance with applicable law.

Application

Persons or groups seeking permission to have alcoholic beverages sold and/or served in a special use venue must make application with the student center reservations office. This application must be submitted:

- no later than 21 days in advance of the event when the sponsor seeks to use their own existing coverage with the university named as additionally insured;
- no later than 14 days in advance of the event when the university arranges for insurance coverage.

Each application will be reviewed based upon the nature of the event, organizational planning, frequency of the event, group(s) served by the activity, activity focus, appropriate level of insurance, and an appropriate level of accompanying food service.

Police

Police officers may be required for any event where alcohol is sold and/or served. The number of officers required will be determined by the chief of police. The event sponsor will be responsible for the cost of the officers assigned.

Funds

The only university funds that may be used to purchase alcohol are approved discretionary accounts. Appropriated funds, funds under the control of the athletics department, or funds generated by research grants and contracts may not be used to purchase alcohol. Texas

Government Code Section 2113.012 prohibits use of appropriated funds to compensate an officer or employee who uses alcoholic beverages on active duty; therefore, alcoholic beverages may not be served at official functions between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Final

In all cases, possession or use of alcohol must be in full compliance with applicable state laws including the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Nothing in this policy shall be taken as an assumption of risk or responsibility on the part of the Board of Regents, the university or its employees for any injuries or damages, whatever kind, resulting from any person's possession or use of alcohol, whether such use is legal or illegal.

Cross Reference: Tex. Gov't Code § 2113.012; Student Center Operations (16.26); Illicit Drugs and Alcohol Abuse (13.11); The Ed and Gwen Cole Art Center and the Griffith Gallery (16.27); Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Policies and Procedures Manual

Responsible for Implementation: President

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