

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

I. Introduction

This policy governs the possession and consumption of alcohol on the Coastal Carolina University campus and in or at any University owned or managed facility, or at any University hosted or registered event, either on or off campus. Throughout this policy, alcohol is defined to include beer, wine, and distilled spirits. This policy is based on a concern for the welfare of all members of the campus community. Members of the community are expected to comply with and abide by the policies and guidelines as stated below, as well as the laws of the State of South Carolina and the federal government.

II. Possession/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Students

A. Residence Hall Policy

As a member of the campus community, each student is responsible for upholding the regulations of the university. Residents should also help each other grow by establishing positive relationships, setting standards for themselves and their fellow students and confronting negative behaviors. The following policies apply to all students, regardless of age living in the Main Campus residence halls (Waccamaw, Santee, the Gardens and the Woods) and in freshman housing at University Place Apartments:

1. Residents may not possess, consume or be in the presence of alcohol of any quantity at any time. Residents who are visibly overcome by alcohol may be found in violation of the alcohol policy.
2. Residents may not possess or be in the presence of large communal sources of alcohol and paraphernalia (kegs, beer pong tables, funnels, etc.) The alcohol paraphernalia will be permanently confiscated.
3. Residents may not possess or display empty alcohol servers and/or containers, including those for decorative purposes.

For residents of University Place Apartments living in non-freshman housing, the following guidelines apply:

1. Residents who are 21 years of age or older may possess and consume alcohol inside apartments.
2. Residents who are 21 years of age or older who share an apartment with an underage resident may possess/consume alcohol in their apartment when the underage roommate is present.
3. Residents who are 21 years of age or older may not have open containers of alcohol when underage visitors are in the apartment.

Alcohol is not permitted outside of an apartment by any resident or visitor. All individuals who are 21 years of age or older must carry a driver's license or state issued identification on their person. Residents found intentionally or inadvertently providing alcohol to underage students will be subject to violations as noted in the Code of Student Conduct/Residence Life Living Guide including possible permanent

removal from University Residence Halls/Apartments. Students of legal drinking age are responsible for accurately verifying that those in their presence are also of legal drinking age.

B. Student Sponsored Social Events

1. On-Campus Student Events

Alcohol will not be purchased, sold, served, provided, or present at student social events or student organization hosted events that take place on campus.

2. Off-Campus Student Events

Any student organization that hosts an off-campus event where alcohol is served and consumed must register the event with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

The student organization event registration process must be completed before entering into negotiations for contracts or to gain goods or services. Student organizations, its officers, members, and guests are responsible for complying with all University policies as well as local, state, and federal laws governing the use of alcoholic beverages.

Off Campus Student Events involving Alcohol – Guidelines for Registration

- 1) Any student organization planning an off-campus event where alcohol is served must obtain approval through the Office of Student Activities and Leadership at least two weeks before the event. Organizations may not include alcohol at any recruitment, induction, initiation or, bid event or at any campus recreation event or intramural event.
- 2) The student organization sponsoring the event is responsible for insuring an approval process for verifying the age of each individual in attendance.
- 3) Each organization is required to appoint a sober host for the event. The host is required to oversee the event, verify that all individuals attending the event are students, faculty, staff or guests and oversee the age verification process.
- 4) The organization will insure that alcohol service will stop 60 minutes prior to the scheduled closure of the event. There must be an appropriate amount of non-alcoholic beverages and non-salty, non-snack food available.
- 5) The only alcoholic beverages that may be possessed or consumed at the function are those by the licensed server within the designated location.
- 6) Drinking contests and/or any other activities which encourage the rapid and/or excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted. No alcoholic beverages can be provided as free awards, prizes, or rewards to an individual(s) or group(s).
- 7) Event publicity cannot include the advertisement of alcohol.
- 8) All events must have a Third Party Vendor properly licensed by appropriate local and state authorities with a liability insurance policy. All wait staff are required to

be TIPS trained. All alcohol sales must be on a drink by drink basis and staffed only with employees of the host site or Third Party Vendor. All events are required to take place in a location that is properly zoned for the distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

- 9) Organizations must have a designated driver program in place. This program should specifically include provisions for commuting students who will be returning to their residences following the event. In some cases, the organization may be required to provide a bus.
- 10) The Office of Student Activities and Leadership in consultation with the Department of Public Safety may require that an organization have security present at the events where alcohol is served. The organization will be responsible for the cost of the security.
- 11) All recognized chapters of national organizations must also comply with all requirements set forth in their policies in regards to hosting an event where alcohol is served.

Any student/student organization found in violation of this policy is subject to judicial sanctions as outlined in the *Code of Student Conduct* and/or the *Office of Student Activities Student Organization Manual*.

C. Good Samaritan Policy

The Good Samaritan Policy is designed to prevent dangerously intoxicated students from being put to bed and/or left alone by friends because of fear that a request for medical assistance will lead to formal disciplinary action. In those instances in which a student contacts the Department of Public Safety or a member of the Residence Life staff to seek assistance with another intoxicated student, neither the student making the contact nor the student in need of assistance will be charged with violations of the Alcohol Policy. The students, however, will be required to meet with the Director of Residence Life or the Director of Counseling Services to discuss the incident. The Director may refer the student(s) to Counseling Services for alcohol education and/or treatment.

No judicial action will be taken unless the student(s) involved demonstrate a repeated lack of care for their well-being and that of the University community or fail to follow the recommendations of the Director of Residence Life or the Director of Counseling Services. Students should also be aware that this policy does not prevent action by local/state/federal authorities.

D. Alcohol at Athletic Events

Individuals attending events at Coastal Carolina University are expected to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of others. Persons acting in a disruptive, disrespectful or disorderly manner may be asked to leave the premises and/or be subject to citation. Students may also be charged with a violation of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Guidelines for use of alcohol while tailgating for football events are as follows:

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is not permitted until 4 hours before the starting time of the event.
- All beverages must be consumed in paper or plastic cups and no glass bottles are permitted.
- Kegs, other common containers, drinking games, and the use of devices intended to accelerate the consumption of alcohol (including but not limited to beer pong tables, funnels, etc.) are prohibited.
- All state and local laws must be observed.
- Alcohol may not be sold on university property.

Additional Guidelines for General and Student Parking Lots

- All individuals over the age of 21 are required to obtain a wrist band at the check-in station located near general and student parking lots.
- Tailgating will end 15 minutes prior to the start of the game; no halftime tailgating is allowed.
- Post game tailgating will be limited to one hour.

III. Non-student Events

A. General Guidelines

External and internal groups renting/utilizing University facilities for events that include alcohol must receive advance written approval for such event(s) through the Office of the President. The organization may not sell alcoholic beverages at its function(s) nor use alcohol in any manner which might require an alcohol beverage license from the state of South Carolina. Such beverages must be provided and served by the University's campus dining service.

Only beer and wine may be served and consumed at these functions and must only be distributed on a complimentary basis: no alcoholic beverages can be sold; no charges for the event may be collected; no raffle tickets or admission tickets may be sold; no donations may be collected; no money may change hands in any manner. On rare occasions, the President may approve the service of distilled spirits for private University functions not open to the public.

The sponsors of the event will ensure that all alcohol service and consumption is in accordance with any pertinent state and county law(s), regulation(s), and ordinances(s). The company serving the alcohol is responsible for monitoring the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages to ensure that neither an intoxicated person nor an underage person is served.

B. External Group Compliance

Any external group using University facilities must agree to indemnify and hold the University harmless for any personal injury or property damage which might occur as a result of the service or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any member(s) of its group. The external group must sign an agreement to this policy and accept responsibilities for any violation.

IV. Campus Drug Policy

The University prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances by Coastal students, faculty, and staff. The term “controlled substances” as used in this policy refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under South Carolina law.

A. Drug-Free Workplace Policy

The Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illegal drugs in the workplace and provides for sanctions against faculty, staff, and student employees, permanent or temporary, which violate this policy. Pursuant to federal law, the policy also requires grant or contract employees to notify the employer of any criminal drug statute convictions for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after the conviction. Any student employee who violates the Drug-Free Workplace Policy is subject to prosecution and punishment by the criminal courts as well as to disciplinary procedures by Coastal Carolina University and may also be terminated from his/her position of employment by the supervising department.

B. Eligibility for Federal Financial Aid

Students found in violation of the campus drug policy may jeopardize their ability to receive financial aid for which they might otherwise be eligible.

V. Sanctions

Students, faculty, or staff who violate the University policies, or state or federal law, regarding the use of alcohol and/or drugs are subject to the proceedings and sanctions of the University and may also be subject to charges from the civil and criminal court system. Student discipline will be conducted in accordance with this policy and due process as specified in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

VI. Alcohol and Drug Prevention

The Office of Counseling Services leads university efforts to provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention activities. Students are encouraged to participate in campus activities which promote alcohol and drug free experiences. Abstinence from alcohol and other drugs is encouraged and viewed as a legitimate and socially acceptable choice for any member of the campus community. Prevention efforts include printed and web-based materials provided to students and parents, group presentations, on-line assessments, awareness and prevention events. Many University departments and offices collaborate on prevention efforts by providing educational programs and offering campus activities that are viable social alternatives to high risk drinking.

Educational Services

Alcohol and drug education classes occur on a regular basis. Students who violate drug and/or alcohol policies are usually required to attend these classes where students have an opportunity to examine alcohol and drug use behavior, as well as consequences of that use, and make decisions regarding behavior change. A fee is charged for this session when

attendance is required for judicial reasons. Any student can attend the class for free when not judicially required to attend.

Other educational programs may be individually tailored to meet special needs of students, faculty, and staff and can be arranged by contacting Counseling Services (843-349-2305).

Counseling

Students who are concerned about the use or abuse of alcohol and drugs – either their own or others – may receive assistance from Counseling Services. Individual assessments, individual counseling, and group counseling are offered depending upon student need and preference. Referrals to local agencies and practitioners are made when more extensive treatment is required. Confidentiality is maintained within legal and professional standards.

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