EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Policy: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL OR CONTROLLED DRUGS

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INTENT

The intent of this policy is to establish clear regulations concerning the use of alcohol on the Edinboro University campus, as well as University-related events held at off-campus locations. The policy also affirms that illegal drugs are not permitted on campus.

DEFINITIONS

1. Alcoholic Beverage – any beverage containing more than one-half percent of alcohol by volume, which is capable of use for beverage purposes, either alone or when diluted.

POLICY

A. Subject to Disciplinary Action

Any violation of this policy may be investigated by Edinboro University and may result in disciplinary action, regardless of whether the violation is a violation of state or federal law.

B. Drugs

Students who engage in illegal drug use or abuse shall be considered in violation of this policy. Specific violations include but are not limited to the following: (a) possession or use, (b) possession of drug paraphernalia, (c) possession of a significant quantity, distribution, or sale of illegal drugs, and/or (d) driving under the influence.
C. Alcohol

The University opposes the misuse and abuse of alcoholic beverages. The sale, service, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University property and at University-sponsored events is expressly prohibited, except as outlined in this policy:

1. In accordance with Commonwealth law, the serving, distribution and/or sale of alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21 is prohibited. Individuals under the age of 21 shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Individuals misrepresenting their own age or the age of a minor to obtain alcohol, may be subject to University disciplinary action whether or not the particular acts would have constituted a violation of law.

2. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any University building or on any University-owned, leased, or controlled property, including residence halls, athletic fields and facilities, and vehicles is prohibited except as outlined in this policy.

3. No open containers of alcoholic beverages are permitted on University property for non-University sponsored activities, except as allowable by this policy.

4. University funds, including funds from state appropriations, from tuition and fees charged to students, including funds derived from the Student Activity Fee, and from grant funds cannot be used for alcohol-related expenses (i.e., alcoholic beverages, liquor liability insurance).

5. Advertising of any event, on- or off-campus, where alcohol is served cannot encourage the direct consumption of alcoholic beverages nor can the serving of alcoholic beverages be the main theme of the advertisement. Violations will result in removal of the advertisement.

6. Any violation of Edinboro University policy or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law regarding the purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of alcoholic beverages will be investigated, and may result in revocation of privileges and/or the institution of disciplinary actions and/or formal charges.

PROCEDURE

A. Alcohol at Events

1. Alcoholic beverages may be present at events on-campus and at University-sponsored events off-campus, where permission is obtained in writing from the President, or the President's designee, by completing the Request for Use of
Alcoholic Beverages. Events sponsored by student organizations may not serve alcohol.

2. Individuals participating in events where alcoholic beverages are present on-campus or at University-sponsored events are subject to University disciplinary action for any violation of this policy regardless of whether the particular violation constitutes a violation of law.

3. The sale of alcoholic beverages on-campus or at University-sponsored events without a license from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board or in disregard of the provisions of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code and/or the regulations of the Liquor Control Board is prohibited and constitutes a violation of law.

4. Any sale or service of alcoholic beverages on-campus or at University-sponsored events must be provided and served by a third-party vendor(s). The vendor(s) must have completed the Commonwealth’s RAMP training and possess liquor liability insurance naming Edinboro University as additionally insured. The third party shall also be responsible for implementing precautionary measures to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible or served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear intoxicated.

5. Alcoholic beverages must be served; self-service arrangements are prohibited.

6. The serving of alcoholic beverages will end at least one-half hour before the end of the event.

7. No alcoholic beverages will be served at an event where the majority of those expected to attend will be under the legal drinking age.

8. At no on-campus or university-sponsored event will unsafe or excessive consumption of alcohol be encouraged or facilitated.

9. Alcohol consumption is limited to the immediate premises where alcohol is approved to be served. It is the responsibility of the third-party vendor and the event coordinator to ensure all alcohol remains within the perimeter of the approved event. Alcohol served at events approved to be held outside or in public areas must have controlled access (i.e., physical barrier) that restricts access and consumption to a specified area.

10. All events at which alcoholic beverages are served must also have non-alcoholic beverages and food available.

11. The third-party vendor(s), event coordinator, and the University Police have the authority to limit or discontinue alcohol service at their discretion.

12. Clear signage specifying that alcohol will only be served to those who present valid I.D. must be posted at the location where alcohol is being distributed.
13. Venues where individuals under the age of 21 may be present, must use wrist bands, hand stamps, or other similar methods for identifying individuals who are 21 years or older.

B. Alcohol Use and Possession in Residence Halls

1. Edinboro University students the age of 21 and older are permitted to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in their personal, private residence hall space.

2. Alcohol in public common areas is prohibited (e.g., kitchens, lobbies, gathering rooms, laundry facilities), including in shared living space within a suite unless all suitemates and guests are the age of 21 or older.

3. A student who is properly in possession of alcohol under this policy is responsible for ensuring that it is not accessible to anyone under the age of 21.

4. Parties involving alcohol are prohibited. A party is defined as a gathering of 5 or more people in a residence hall room regardless of this purpose of the gathering.

5. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages that contain in excess of fourteen percent (14%) alcohol by volume is prohibited. This regulation applies to all students and their guests, regardless of age.

6. Kegs (including those which are empty or untapped), bulk sources of alcohol, or any item used to facilitate the rapid consumption or distribution of alcohol are prohibited.

7. Alcohol may not be manufactured or produced in residence hall rooms/facilities.

8. Students of legal age may possess or transport up to 144 fluid ounces of a carbonated and/or malt beverage (e.g., beer or cider) or up to 3 liters of wine for personal use to their on-campus residence in closed containers and in suitable packaging. These students are responsible for ensuring that the consumption of this alcohol occurs in moderation and in accordance with this policy.

9. Actions, including but not limited to the following, are considered to be an abuse of the privilege of alcohol use and possession in residence halls and, as such, are violations of the policy subject to disciplinary action:
   a. Participating in drinking games, consuming shots of alcohol, drinking to the point of physical illness, “shot-gunning” alcohol, or the possession or use of any instrument of alcohol abuse (e.g., “beer bongs”).
   b. Consumption of alcohol directly from containers intended for multiple servings (e.g., quart bottles, 40 oz. bottles, 750 ml wine bottles, growlers, etc.).
10. Once alcohol has been consumed, the original container should be properly disposed of via trash or recycling. Student should not keep a collection, as these empty containers will be considered in use, regardless of when the container last contained alcohol.

RELATED POLICIES

Student Code of Conduct and Judicial Procedures
C023 Alcohol and Tobacco Advertising
C029 Advertisement of Social Functions by University Student Organizations
D056 Accident and Illness Prevention

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