



Clubs and Societies Alcohol Policy

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1. PURPOSE AND AIM

The purpose of USU's Clubs and Societies Alcohol Policy is to encourage the responsible consumption of alcohol at club events both on and off the campuses of the University of Sydney. USU aims to encourage individuals to make an informed and responsible choice as to the level of their alcohol consumption. All policy statements in the Clubs and Societies Alcohol Policy, relevant legislation and C&S and USYD guidelines and policies are to be adhered to where relevant by all USU clubs and societies.

2. PRINCIPLES

The USU Clubs & Societies Program is dedicated to being responsible in relation to the service of alcohol.

We take on a commitment to ensure that our alcohol policy:

- Ensures that all legislative guidelines are upheld at club events where alcohol is served
- Provides members of the USU with adequate information about alcohol use and misuse
- Engages with all stakeholders to ensure that best practices are implemented
- Minimises alcohol related harm to the individual
- Minimises alcohol related damage to property
- Upholds the reputation of the USU and University brands

The funding of events at which alcohol is present is contingent on compliance with the Clubs and Societies Alcohol Policy and C&S handbook guidelines.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all club events held by those registered clubs and societies within the USU C&S Program. This includes all events held both on and off of the campuses of the University of Sydney.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The University of Sydney Union

- USU will ensure that all clubs and societies are aware of the Clubs and Societies Alcohol Policy.
- At the discretion of the Clubs and Societies Manager and USU Board, USU will provide funding for events that fall within the Clubs and Societies Guidelines and the funding regulations of this policy.

Clubs and Societies

- Club Executive and event organisers are to be aware of and act in accordance with the Clubs and Societies Alcohol Policy.
- Clubs and societies will adhere to the Clubs and Societies Funding Guidelines and C&S handbook.
- Clubs and societies will adhere to any legal obligations relating to alcohol consumption at USU and non-USU venues.
- Will complete a risk assessment for any events where alcohol will be served.

5. AMENITIES

Club should ensure that all required amenities such as toilets and hand basin facilities are provided as required.

6. SECURITY

Security & RSA monitoring should be confirmed with the venue prior to the event.

7. PROMOTION

- All USU funded events where alcohol is present must have the following text on all publicity material: **“USU supports responsible drinking”**
- All Clubs and societies are encouraged to state their support of responsible drinking in their publicity material for events where alcohol is present.

USU considers the following practices **unacceptable**. Clubs and societies engaging in the following practices will not be eligible for USU funding and may be reported to the USU Board:

- Any labelling or titling of promotions that may encourage members to consume liquor irresponsibly and excessively to an intoxicated state.
- Any promotion that encourages members to consume liquor excessively such as “all you can drink” offers, “girls drink free” promotions, “two for one”, ‘free drinks’ promotions, and promotions encouraging the consumption of alcohol in an unreasonable time period.
- Drinking at venues that are not USU licensed venues, will not be funded by C&S event funding.

Unacceptable wording for promotion of events where alcohol is being served include:

- Free Drinks/Cheap Drinks
- Members Drink Free
- Advertising of heavily discounted alcohol price, i.e. ‘\$2.00 beers’

Suitable wording for promotion of events where alcohol is being served include:

- Discounted beverage vouchers for first attendees
- \$5 entry and beverage voucher
- Members discounts offered

- Collect your beverage voucher from event organisers
- MOCK Soc invites you to Hermann's bar for discounted beverages

Further factsheets, guidelines and laws surrounding the promotion or advertising of alcohol can be found [here](#).

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUB EXECUTIVES & EVENT ORGANISERS

Clubs Executives, and others involved in organising club activity, are required to take reasonable care to avoid adversely affecting the safety and health of other people through their actions or through their failure to act. Checkout the [Intoxication Guidelines](#) from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing.

9. RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

- It is against the law to serve anyone to a point of intoxication
- It is against the law to serve someone who is observed as intoxicated
- It is against the law to serve someone who is under the age of 18. Event organisers and security contractors have the right to request proof of age from any attendee that is thought to be under 25
- The only acceptable forms of ID are a current Australian driver's license, an RTA Proof of Age card, or a current Passport. Attendees must have their ID on their person at all times during events where they are consuming alcohol
- Events must not encourage excessive consumption of alcohol by allowing/promoting double shots, jugs of beer, and bottles of wine.

Checkout the full list of requirements for events with alcohol and RSA requirements on the [NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing](#) website.

Being aware of risks and having precautions in place falls under the duty of care to the event organisers, so be prepared.

Find more information regarding NSW law and the University of Sydney Policy below.

[Standard drink guidelines and preventing intoxication](#)
[USYD Alcohol Policy](#)