



Policy Number 60-006

Policy Title Alcohol on CSUB Campus

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Purpose CSUB is committed to creating a healthy working and learning environment in which illegal or improper use or possession of alcohol does not interfere with student learning, performance, or development, nor impede the ability to maintain a safe environment for our campus students, employees, and visitors.

This policy is intended to guide practices related to the use and possession of alcohol to create a safe and secure environment, and to consistently enforce laws and policies regarding the use and/or possession of alcohol.

Definitions ABC: Refers to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, which is tasked with enforcement of the California Business and Professions Code as related to the sale and serving of alcohol in the State of California.
Alcoholic Beverage: Includes alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and every liquid or solid containing alcohol, spirits, wine, or beer, and which contains one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed, or combined with other substances.
Intoxication: A condition of alcohol influence causing one to be unable to exercise care for their own safety or the safety of others. (CA Penal Code §647(f)).
CSUB Property: Any real property, land, facility, or annex property thereof, which is owned, leased, licensed, rented, used, or otherwise controlled by CSUB.
University-sponsored Event: Any event, meeting, conference, party, or gathering that is conducted on CSUB property or that is conducted or sponsored off-campus by CSUB, or by a component thereof, or by an official, employee, or agent thereof, acting in their capacity as such, or by any club, team, or organization that is permitted to use the name of CSUB or that is officially affiliated with CSUB. Off-campus University-sponsored events typically include events funded by the University or activities offered for academic credit to students.

Scope Campus-wide

UNIVERSITY POLICE

California State University, Bakersfield
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Policy/Procedure

CSUB is committed to maintaining compliance with federal and state laws and CSU System-wide mandates and directives. Students, employees, or visitors who violate state laws or University policies concerning alcoholic beverages on CSUB property shall be subject to criminal prosecution and/or institutional sanctions.

I General Requirements for All Events Serving Alcoholic Beverages

A. Approval

The possession, consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages of California State University Bakersfield property is prohibited unless approved by the President of the University or his/her designee, the Chief of Police and designated Cabinet Officers. Individuals or groups wishing to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages at an event must comply with the rules and regulations pertaining to alcohol outlined in the Interim Systemwide Time, Place and Manner Policy, issued November 20, 2024 as well as specific Events Procedures obtained from the Office of Events.

B. Server's Responsibilities

1. The service of alcoholic beverages on University property must be conducted in accordance with all applicable state and local laws, including the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, any regulations under the auspices of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), the Directive and this Program.
2. Whenever required by the ABC, the vendor providing alcohol service (Server) and/or the event host (when permitted by ABC) must submit to the University a license issued by the ABC indicating it is allowed to serve alcoholic beverages on University property on the date of the event.
3. All servers of alcoholic beverages and on-site supervisors must be currently eligible under the California Responsible Beverage Service Training Program and follow all requirements of the CDABC. At a minimum, servers and on-site supervisors must be able to do the following:
 - a. Identify an altered or otherwise invalid ID.
 - b. Identify a customer who has had too much to drink.
 - c. Notify a customer that they will not be served any additional alcoholic beverages.
 - d. Notify the appropriate security or law enforcement personnel if a customer exhibits behavior that suggests they may be intoxicated.
4. Server must comply with the following service guidelines:
 - a. Identification of all customers appearing to be under 30 years of age wishing to be served alcohol must be checked.
 - b. All customers with a valid ID and/or who appear to be over 30 years of age must receive a wristband, unless the University has agreed to an alternative in writing in advance of the event. For recurring events such as athletic contests, wristband colors must change for every event.
 - c. No one without a wristband may be served alcoholic beverages.
 - d. No one should receive a wristband if there is any question whether an ID is valid.
 - e. Customers may not be served more than two (2) alcoholic beverages

C. University's Responsibilities

1. The University entity sponsoring the event must comply with the following guidelines:
 - a. Attendees may not bring alcoholic beverages into the event and may not leave the event with alcohol. An exception to the latter may be made if the alcoholic beverage was a prize or purchased at a silent auction and is in its original packaging in a closed container.
 - b. Wristbands are not transferrable.
 - c. Donated alcoholic beverages may not be served unless the donation is received from a distributor of alcoholic beverages or a business licensed to serve alcohol.
 - d. An adequate supply of non-alcoholic beverages and appropriate food items must be available before, during and after the time period alcoholic beverages are allowed to be served.
2. Signage with the text below must be visible in areas where alcoholic beverages are served.
 - a. Anyone appearing to be under 30 years of age will be asked to provide identification before being served alcoholic beverages.
 - b. Wristbands are required to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages. Individuals are subject to removal for purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages without a proper wristband.
 - c. Providing or purchasing alcoholic beverages for underage individuals is against the law. Individuals will be subject to arrest and/or University discipline for providing or purchasing alcoholic beverages to underage individuals.
 - d. Underage purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages is against the law. Underage individuals purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages are subject to arrest and/or University discipline.

D. Advertising & Promotion

Any advertising and promotion of alcoholic beverages on University property must comply with the provisions of CSU Executive Order 1109. In addition, such advertising and promotion must comply with the following:

1. Programs marketing alcoholic beverages held on University property must avoid demeaning sexual or otherwise discriminatory portrayals of individuals.
2. Alcoholic beverages may not be provided as awards to individuals or campus organizations.
3. Uncontrolled sampling as part of any marketing program, including "drinking games", is not permitted.
4. The consumption of alcoholic beverages may not be the sole purpose of any promotional event.

II Sales and Service of Alcoholic Beverages at University Athletics Events on University Property

All of the general requirements set forth in Section I above apply to University athletic events, except as noted below.

A. Service

1. Alcoholic beverages service may begin no earlier than 60 minutes prior to the start of an athletic event.
2. Beer may only be served in containers that hold 20 ounces or less.
3. Wine may only be served in containers that hold 8 ounces or less.

4. Service of alcoholic beverages must end by no later than the start of the:
 - a. 2nd half for men's and women's soccer
 - b. 2nd half for men's basketball
 - c. 3rd quarter for women's basketball
 - d. 3rd set for women's volleyball
 - e. 5th inning for softball
 - f. 7th inning for baseball
 - g. 3rd inning of the 2nd game of a softball or baseball doubleheader.
5. The service of alcoholic beverages at athletic events not listed above will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

B. Security

1. Appropriate levels of security must be maintained at athletic events where alcoholic beverages are served.
2. Contracted security/University Athletics events personnel will conduct bag searches at all public entrances and/or exits to prevent alcoholic beverages from entering or leaving athletic facilities.
3. UPD and University Athletics event management staff will coordinate the appropriate UPD staffing for athletic events; however, a minimum of two (2) University uniformed, special duty police officers must be present at any event where alcoholic beverages are served.
4. UPD and University Athletics will coordinate and identify selected events to have "plain clothes" special duty police officers to monitor and enforce this Program. These individuals will work in conjunction with uniformed special duty police officers, ASC and University Athletics employees, and any contracted security employees at the event.

For additional rules and regulations pertaining to alcohol at University-sponsored events, including CSUB sponsored off-campus events, see the Interim Systemwide Time, Place and Manner Policy, issued November 20, 2024 as well as specific Events Procedures obtained from the Office of Events.

Server's Responsibilities

Enforcement

On CSUB property, the CSUB Police Department and other law enforcement agencies can exercise police powers in enforcing state laws regarding the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages (CA B&P § 25620 and 25662). Violators of the law may be referred to the District Attorney for prosecution. In addition to requesting prosecution under appropriate laws, CSUB may impose its own institutional sanctions against CSUB students and employees consistent with the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreement and/or Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

This policy does not apply to the use of alcohol inside CSUB student housing for individuals 21 years or older. Rules and Regulations pertaining to the possession and consumption of alcohol in Student Housing are outlined in the CSUB Student Housing Residence Life Handbook

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Related Documents