University Alcohol Policy

Standard Operating Procedure

Authority: Chancellor

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Related Policies: University Alcohol Policy
Use of University Facilities and Outdoor Facilities Regulation
Student Conduct Process

I. Introduction

Within the defined jurisdiction of the University Alcohol Policy (the “Policy”), the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited: (a) for all persons under the age of 21; (b) in areas of classrooms being used for instructional purposes; and (c) in all other buildings, facilities, and grounds of the University except as permitted by the Policy or in other areas approved by the Chancellor or his designee (the “Other Approved Areas”). The below designates the Other Approved Areas where the Chancellor has approved the possession and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, as defined by the Policy. Wherever Alcoholic Beverages are possessed or consumed: 1) the persons possessing and/or serving the alcohol must ensure adequate safeguards are in place for compliance with federal, state, and municipal ordinances and laws and all University Policies; 2) for University or University Associated Entity (e.g., foundation) sponsored events or activities, Alcoholic Beverages must be distributed by a bartender through the University contracted catering services or through a University-approved bartender of any external catering services; 3) approval for the possession and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages must be obtained in advance as and to the extent specified in the Policy; and 4) the designation of an Other Approved Area notwithstanding, Alcoholic Beverages will not be made available, possessed, or consumed within areas designated for use by the University as “Alcohol Free” (such as at alcohol free student events sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs). Alcoholic Beverages is defined as spirituous liquor, mixed beverages, and fortified and unfortified wines, malt beverages. New requests to add a location to this list of Other Approved Areas are to be submitted to the Chancellor’s Chief of Staff.

II. Other Approved Areas:

1. Athletic Facilities and Athletic Facilities Parking Area

1.1. Alcohol in any form is prohibited within the Athletic Facilities of East Carolina University except as permitted by the Policy or as designated herein. The Athletic Facilities are defined as the inside environs of any University owned or leased athletic venue (including, but not limited to, Minges Coliseum, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Clark-LeClair Stadium, ECU Softball Stadium, etc.). The Athletic Facilities Parking Area is defined as all permanent and leased parking facilities in and around the Athletic Facilities that provide parking space for athletic and other events held at the Athletic Facilities, listed below.

1.2. Athletic Facilities Parking Area
1.2.1. General Prohibition on spirituous liquor, mixed beverages, and fortified wine.
Possession and consumption of spirituous liquor, mixed beverages and fortified wine is not permitted in the Athletics Facilities Parking Area except on such occasions as the Chancellor or his or her representative shall designate. The Chancellor or his/her designee may permit possession and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages only at non-University occasions unrelated to any athletic event tailgating or any other event being held in the Athletics Facilities and only if the service of such beverages is pursuant to an applicable license issued by the State Board of Alcoholic Control, under pertinent provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

1.2.2. Tailgating. Persons at least 21 years of age (sometimes referred to as “of legal age”) possessing a government-issued identification as proof of his or her age, such as a driver’s license, is permitted to possess and consume malt beverages and unfortified wine in the Athletics Facilities parking areas in connection with tailgating at events being held in the Athletics Facilities, or on such other occasions as permitted by the Chancellor or the Chancellor’s representative, during times and at locations within the Athletics Facilities Parking Area specified by the University. While malt beverages and unfortified wine may be possessed and consumed in the Athletics Facilities Parking Area, no alcoholic beverage may be taken in or possessed or consumed inside the Athletics Facilities (e.g., Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium or Minges Coliseum) except as served and restricted by an Associated Entity of ECU that has applied for and obtained permission to serve Alcoholic Beverages in compliance with ECU policy and applicable law, regulations, and ordinances. Persons found in possession of alcoholic beverages within the Athletics Facilities, except as otherwise permitted by the Policy or as designated herein, will forfeit their game or event ticket(s) with no right of refund and be expelled from the game or event and may be permanently banned from all or any part of the University, including the Athletics Facilities, for violation(s) of the Policy, including but not limited to this Standard Operating Procedure. Disciplinary actions taken against University students and employees for violations of the Policy shall be in accordance with applicable University policies.

1.2.3. Athletic Facilities - Other Approved Areas

1.2.3.1. Pirate Club Sponsored Events. Possession and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in the areas specified in this Section 1.2.3.1 may occur only in connection with and through service of Alcoholic Beverages by one or more professional bartender(s) secured by the Pirate Club or the ECU Alumni Association for that purpose, in compliance with a duly issued permit or license from a State or local agency with jurisdiction over such service under applicable provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

1.2.3.1.1. Old Pirate Club Building
1.2.3.1.2. Minges Coliseum
1.2.3.1.3. Murphy Center
1.2.3.1.4. Williams Clark Club Level

1.2.3.2. Pirate Club Tailgating Lots. Alcoholic Beverages may be possessed and consumed by persons at least 21 years of age within the following Athletics Facilities Parking Areas opened for tailgating events, during a period beginning no earlier than ten (10) hours immediately before and ending no later than six (6) hours immediately after the University’s official start time for the related athletic event (e.g., kickoff, tipoff, first pitch, etc.):
1.2.3.2.1. Strafford Arms
1.2.3.2.2. Williams Jungle
1.2.3.2.3. Clark-LeClair Lot
1.2.3.2.4. Carol Belk Lot
1.2.3.2.5. Elmhurst School
1.2.3.2.6. Swashbuckler Car Wash
1.2.3.2.7. Silver Lot
1.2.3.2.8. Gold Lot
1.2.3.2.9. Blue Lot
1.2.3.2.10. Gray Lot
1.2.3.2.11. White Lot
1.2.3.2.12. Purple Lot
1.2.3.2.13. Lower Minges
1.2.3.2.14. Height Field
1.2.3.2.15. College Hill Lot

2. Locations other than Athletic Facilities. Alcoholic Beverages may be possessed and consumed if served by professional bartenders, as referenced above, at University-approved special events held by the University or University Associated Entities at the following locations:

2.1 East Campus Locations

2.1.1. Spilman Building (Lobby and conference rooms only)
2.1.2. Croatan (Green Room only)
2.1.3. Whichard Building (Lobby only)
2.1.4. Joyner Library (Lobby of Faulkner Gallery)
2.1.5. Howell Science Building (Lobby only)
2.1.6. Brewster Building (Lobby only)
2.1.7. Rivers Building (Lobby only)
2.1.8. Jenkins Fine Art Center (Lobby and Gray Gallery only)
2.1.9. Science and Technology (1st & 2nd floor lobby)
2.1.10. Rawl Annex (Faculty Senate office only)
2.1.11. Willis Building (multipurpose room and lobby only)
2.1.12. ECU Mall (at formally approved ECU Alumni Association events only)
2.1.13. Mendenhall Student Center (Great Rooms, lobby outside GR, Cynthia’s Lounge, MSC Brickyard, 244, 221)
2.1.14. Greenville Centre (Room 1200)
2.1.15. Gateway West (The Sounds/Belk Plaza)
2.1.16. Wright Auditorium, Friends Lounge

2.2 West Campus Locations

2.2.1. Brody School of Medicine (2 West rooms only)
2.2.2. Brody School of Medicine-Commons
2.2.3. Ross Hall (2nd Floor Rotunda and Conference room 3001)
2.2.4. East Carolina Heart Institute (Lobby, Conference Rooms A-D only)
2.2.5. Medical & Health Foundation Building (Room #2; Courtyard)
2.2.6. Family Medicine Building (conference room)
2.2.7. Health Sciences Building
   2.2.7.1. College of Nursing (Lobby)
2.2.7.2. Laupus Library (2nd floor Donor Wall/Reference Floor; 4th floor-Gallery)
2.2.7.3. College of Allied Health (Lobby and Conference Room 4415)

3. Other

3.1 Chancellor’s Residence
3.2 Instructional classrooms where the subject matter of the curriculum of a course listed in a University Catalog is related to alcoholic beverages (e.g., zymology, viticulture and/or oenology, food and beverage science, nutrition, etc.); provided, however, the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a classroom setting must be approved in advance in writing by the Dean or Director of the academic unit, as applicable, and must comport to the highest industry standards of instructional practice (e.g., the use of spittoons for wine tasting, etc.).
3.3 Coastal Studies Institute, Wanchese, NC (Lobby and Conference Room(s) only).