

StFX University

Alcohol Policy

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Preamble

The philosophies and requirements outlined in this policy have been designed to create an environment in which the responsible use of alcohol is understood and promoted. This policy addresses the use of alcohol from a broad perspective, regulating the use of alcohol according to the laws of Nova Scotia and making clear the University's attitude with respect to alcohol use.

Members of the University community are expected to act responsibly in all matters relating to the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Further, the University encourages campus organizations and groups to provide alternatives to alcohol-related activities, such as sponsoring events where alcohol is not served.

The service and consumption of alcoholic beverages is governed by the *Liquor Control Act of Nova Scotia*. Contravention of the *Act* could result in the University losing its licensed privileges across campus. The University holds a license issued by the Alcohol & Gaming Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the provision and service of alcohol in specific locations and under specific circumstances. Also, under the *Nova Scotia Occupier's Liability Act*, the University is responsible for exercising reasonable care for the safety of anyone on its property, regardless of the nature and extent of the risk.

Responsibility for administering this policy rests with the Director of Ancillary Services.

Alcohol Policy Committee

Under the direction of the Director of Ancillary Services, the Alcohol Policy Committee (APC) advises and makes recommendations on all matters related to the administration of the University's liquor license, the sale or provision of alcohol on campus and the associated safety and risk management issues. This Committee shall work with students, staff, faculty and clients of the University to help facilitate safe and successful alcohol events on and off campus.

Membership of Committee

Director of Ancillary Services (Chair)
Director of Student Life
Director of Residence Services
Golden X Inn Manager
Residence Life Manager
Judicial Affairs Officer
Supervisor of Liquor Services
President of Students' Union
VP Events and Activities
VP Campus Police
VP Student Relations
Student at Large
Faculty Member

1. Type of License

The University operates under a Special Premise License (Appendix A) granted by the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Department of Labour and Workforce Development. All licensed premises on the campus (including the Golden X Inn) operate under this license.

2. Enforcement of Regulations

All individuals involved in the operating, organizing and supervising of events on Campus where liquor is dispensed, are to be familiar with the provisions of the Liquor Control Act of Nova Scotia and are to enforce all the regulations contained therein without exception. Failure to do so is an offence and individuals failing to exercise their responsibilities will be subject to penalties prescribed under the Liquor Control Act, the Community Code and/or other Federal, Provincial or Municipal Legislation.

3. Consumption and Distribution of Liquor on Campus

The University does not condone the consumption or service of alcohol in violation of the Liquor Control Act of Nova Scotia.

Furthermore, the University reserves the right to control the consumption or service of alcohol on its property even in cases where such consumption or service is not in violation of the Act.

For these reasons, the consumption and/or distribution of alcohol on campus is prohibited except in the following locations and circumstances:

- (a) University residences;
- (b) the Golden X Inn
- (c) campus events held in accordance with the University Special Premise License;
- and
- (d) campus events held in accordance with any other license issued by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

4. License Extensions

Any campus alcohol event that does not fall within the categories listed in (a)-(d) above requires the approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Department of Labour and Workforce Development and/or the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board. Applications can be made to these agencies with 21 days written notice and must be made by the Director of Ancillary Services.

5. Licensed Areas and Capacities

Under the conditions listed in the Universities' Special Premise License, the following areas are licensed

Bauer Theatre

- Lounge – 39
- Main Entrance – 15
- Patio - 55

Bloomfield Centre

- MacKay Room - 500
- Main Lounge - 300
- Cafeteria - 300
- Art Gallery - 85
- Council Chambers - 50
- Alumni Lounge - 35
- Golden X Inn – 390 Patio 99

Coady Institute

- Marie Desmond Oval - 139
- Gathering Hall - 35
- Classroom 124 - 35
- William Dennis Hall - 161
- Riley Lounge - 112
- Classroom 118 - 92
- Antigonish Community Foyer - 98
- Marie Michael Library - 141
- Classroom 204 - 47
- Classroom 237 - 56
- Classroom 304 - 60
- Staff Lounge - 40
- Staff Meeting Room - 52

Oland Centre

- Main Gym - 329
- Loney Lounge - 147
- Auxiliary Gym - 136
- Board Room - 22

Crystal Cliffs

- Dining Hall - 144
- Convention Centre (Barn) – 245
- Lawn Area – 389 (June 1-October 1)

Nicholson Hall

- Faculty Lounge (6th Fl) - 108
- Foyer - 169

Morrison Hall

- Main Dining Area - 462

- Green Room/Gold Room/Yellow - 209
- Black Doors - 244
- Priests Dining Room - 172
- Presidents Lounge - 56

Millennium Centre

- Conference Rooms A B C - 326
- Hospitality Room A - 35
- Hospitality Room B - 35
- Hospitality Room C - 28
- Executive Board Room - 65
- Executive Board Room Balcony - 25
- Arena Floor - 1558
- Aux Arena Floor - 1975
- 2nd Floor Foyer - 221

Mount Saint Bernard

- Immaculta Hall - 272
- Gilmora Gym - 178

Schwartz School of Business

- Auditorium (Rm. 110) - 334
- Lobby (Rm. 130) - 115
- Classroom Lobby (Rm. 150) - 45
- Gallery Lounge (Rm. 210/230) - 255
- Classroom Lobby (Rm. 250) - 40
- Meeting Room (Rm. 281) - 30
- Board Room (Rm. 285) - 60
- Staff Lounge (Rm. 330) - 168
- Classroom Lobby (Rm. 360) - 39
- McKenna Centre (Rm 414) - 175
- McKenna Lobby (Rm. 430) - 39
- Classroom Lobby (Rm. 450) - 41
- Lounge (Rm. 456) - 125

Science Centre

- Foyer - 158
- Room 3046 - 91
- Room 4047 - 68

6. Hours of Operation

Under the conditions listed in the Universities' Special Premise License, alcohol may be distributed from 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon of the day until 1:00 a.m. in the forenoon of the following day. The University is not permitted to distribute alcohol on Sunday without approval from the AGA.

7. Application Process

Liquor License application forms are available from the office of the Supervisor of Liquor Services and Manager of Student Union Bar Services. Event organizers are to complete the Liquor License form and submit it to the office at least seven (7) days before the event. **If the event requires approval from the Event Review Committee the Primary Event Organizer (PEO) should include a copy of the approved application with the Risk Management Form.** The Supervisor and/or Manager shall satisfy him/her self that the facility requested is available, arrange for bartender service and request Campus Police coverage through the Vice President, Campus Police, using the norm of one C.P. for each 50 people attending. The approved application form is to be prominently displayed at the bar of the event in question.

8. Admittance Policy

Under the conditions listed in the Universities' Special Premise License, Students, Faculty, Alumni and Guests of the University are entitled to attend licensed functions on campus.

Students of the University are entitled to sign in one guest at all **student** functions provided they are **both** 19 years of age and older **unless otherwise stated**. On occasion, the University may apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Division to allow students who are under the age of 19 years with a valid University ID to attend **licensed** events.

9. Wet/Dry Events

The University's liquor license allows for underage students to be at "wet/dry events" in which students over 19 may drink alcohol (wet) and under 19's may not (dry).

StFX recognizes that its membership includes individuals who are not yet nineteen years of age, and are thus not permitted to purchase or consume liquor. The University appreciates its responsibility to these individuals and will maintain appropriate operating procedures to ensure that these individuals do not violate the Liquor Control Act of Nova Scotia.

Failure by any individual to comply with the age of majority regulations will result in penalties imposed to the offender(s) and the campus pub or conference services.

Approval:

All events involving the sale or consumption of alcohol must follow the PEO process (link) and/or receive final approval from the Director of Ancillary Services. The Director of Ancillary Services reserves the right to disallow any event which has not met the appropriate planning requirements. The Event Review Committee may make segregation a requirement for approval. The Committee shall have the right to limit the number of events in any given week.

No event shall be organized which permits the sale of alcoholic beverages at prices below full cost.

All Wet/Dry events will have a purchasing limit of two drinks per person at point of sale.

Identification:

The license holder shall ensure that suitable government identification of a person apparently under the age of nineteen years is inspected upon entrance to an all ages event and before liquor is sold or served to that person.

A student who is 19 years of age or older will be provided with a wrist bracelet or identifying marker indicating that they are indeed 19 years of age.

Guests:

Students of StFX University are entitled to sign in one guest at all University functions provided the guest is 19 years of age or older.

Procedures for Compliance:

Security and event management for each wet/dry event will be responsible for regularly checking that only those wearing appropriate wrist bracelets or identifying marker are purchasing and/or consuming alcohol.

Those found consuming alcohol, without appropriate identification, will be removed from the event and face follow up under the Community Code (link). Students will be held accountable for their guest who violate the policy.

If a student under the age of 19 years arrives to a wet/dry event intoxicated, he/she will not be permitted entrance.

10. Identification

It is a students' responsibility to bring their University ID and one other piece of government photo identification to all licensed social events. **All others are also required to produce suitable government photo identification.** Admittance will not be permitted if the appropriate identification is not produced

11. Pricing

In accordance with the Liquor Control Act, a serving of alcohol cannot be sold for less than \$2.50 including all taxes. A serving of alcohol is considered one of the following:

- a. 355 ml (12 oz.) of beer, cider or cooler
- b. 29 ml (1 oz.) of spirits
- c. 142 ml (5 oz.) of wine
- d. 85 ml (3 oz.) of fortified wine

If an event is offering for sale or supply a serving of alcohol that differs from the volume noted above, the minimum price for that serving must increase or decrease in direct proportion to the difference between the volume of alcohol contained in that serving and the volume prescribed.

A list must be clearly posted at all events indicating the quantities and price in which the alcohol is being sold.

12. Alcohol Consumption on Campus:

(i) Bar Services Sales:

Other than the Golden X Inn, University Liquor Services and the Students' Union Bar Services are the only parties permitted to sell or serve liquor on the StFX campus.

Types of bars:

- a) Cash Bar - Bars at which patrons pay cash for each drink.
- b) Open Bar - Bars at which the hosting organization pays the bar bill.

Location of bars:

Bar Services may only sell in the licensable locations listed in Section 5. Campus Police are required in appropriate numbers at all liquor events.

Groups wishing to have Bar Service at locations that are not listed in Section 5 are required to have the approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Department of Labour and Workforce Development and/or the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board. Applications can be made to these agencies with 14 days written notice and must be made by the Director of Ancillary Services.

(ii) Students bringing their own alcohol:

Students may bring alcohol only to permitted residence floor parties but not to any other campus event. Restrictions on glass containers and **the amount of alcohol transported into the residence may apply in some areas at the discretion of the Residence Office.**

Any form of games involving drinking or the awarding of alcohol as a prize is not permitted.

13. Open Liquor:

a) It is an offence for anyone at all to have open liquor anywhere on campus outside residence rooms and **approved floor parties** except for those 19 and over at officially licensed events.

b) Open liquor is, for example, but not limited to: a cup with alcohol in it, an open bottle of beer or wine or liquor, loose bottles in your pockets. Campus Police and Residence Staff have the right to search for and seize unauthorized alcohol. **Seized alcohol will be poured out immediately.**

14. Relations with Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries:

Alcoholic beverage companies are not permitted to distribute alcohol to students or run contests to provide free alcohol to students or groups of students. Failure to comply will result in a ban on the sale of the company's products on campus for a

period to be determined by the committee. Logoed vehicles are only permitted on campus as part of a regular visit by an employee of an alcoholic beverage companies. They may not be placed on campus for advertising purposes.

15. Advertising

The advertising of alcoholic beverages on the campus, including athletic events in university owned or an operated facility is permissible, but is subject to conditions set out in the Liquor Control Act of Nova Scotia.

Advertising for licensed premises

- A licensee may advertise liquor, beer or wine as set out in this Section.
- A licensee may advertise using any medium.
- A licensee may include any or all of the following information for their licensed premises in an advertisement:
 - liquor prices;
 - hours of sale;
 - names of liquor manufacturers or brands sold.
- A licensee must not use an advertisement that does any of the following:
 - encourages people to drink liquor irresponsibly;
 - depicts people drinking liquor;
 - depicts a person who is intoxicated;
 - depicts a person behaving irresponsibly or illegally;
 - implies that driving while consuming or having consumed liquor is acceptable conduct;
 - directly targets minors or is used in locations used or visited mostly by minors;
 - depicts liquor as one of life's necessities;
 - depicts liquor as a key to social acceptance or personal success;
 - depicts liquor as central to the enjoyment of any activity;
 - depicts liquor as a status symbol;
 - uses pictures or descriptions of minors or of personalities, images or activities that may appeal to minors.

In addition to the regulations set out in the Liquor Control Act, those wishing to advertise events on the campus, must observe the following

1. Alcohol distributors must support campus alcohol awareness programs that encourage and inform students about the responsible use or non-use of beer, wine, or distilled spirits.
2. Alcohol beverage promotions permitted by the university may not incorporate students or employees (including coaches, faculty, etc.) as active participants in a promotional message.

3. In all promotions, alcohol beverage trademarks or logos must be clearly subordinate to the sponsored event itself and to the logos of the University
4. Promotional activities should not be associated with existing campus events or programs without the prior knowledge or consent of the Alcohol Policy Committee.
5. The name of an alcoholic beverage product may not be connected to the name of a university event or a facility (e.g., Budweiser StFX Business Society Golf tournament, etc.).
6. The university's name or department or any related nickname may not be utilized in a way that implies a product endorsement by the university (e.g., ABC Beer - beverage of choice for StFX fans).
7. University departments and organizations may not distribute clothing, posters, or other promotional items that utilize the university symbol in combination with an alcoholic beverage trademark or logo without prior approval from the Alcohol Policy Committee. To obtain this approval, an application must be made to the Director of Ancillary Services who will then meet with the Director of Student Life and one other committee member to make this decision
8. Only wet/dry events may be promoted within the University Residences and University Dining Halls and Food Retail Areas.
9. Posters advertising events where alcohol will be served must be placed on bulletin boards within University buildings. Posters placed in other areas will be removed.
10. Advertising must include that the function is for members (Faculty, staff, students, Alumni) and invited guests only; sign-in is encouraged whenever possible.
11. All forms of advertising including such mediums as Facebook, Twitter and websites, must include the age restriction "19 yrs and older" unless it is a Wet/Dry event.