Student Organization Alcohol Policy

The NYU School of Medicine policies on alcohol, under New York University, are governed by the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and other laws of the State of New York. The NYU School of Medicine has adopted its own policies governing alcohol use. These policies are based on a perspective of harm reduction that emphasizes personal responsibility in decision making regarding alcohol use and its impact on the individual and the community. The following is a summary of the main points of the NYU SoM policy on alcohol. Student Council expects all student organizations to adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy. Violations will be subject to consequences deemed appropriate by Student Council, ranging from club sanctions to club dissolution. For more information a complete copy of the NYU SoM alcohol policy can be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs.

Guidelines to alcohol purchase and use:

• Any student organization may serve alcoholic beverages at events, provided that: alcoholic beverages are served without profit or consideration received; and in compliance with all legal procedures, policies and regulations at the federal, state, and institutional level regarding alcoholic beverages.
• No hard liquor may be served on campus. Only beer and wine are permitted. Kegs are not permitted at on-campus events.
• You may not sell alcoholic beverages on campus (this includes the selling of items, such as chips, that can be redeemed for alcohol).
• Alcoholic beverages for on-campus events must be ordered through the School of Medicine Catering Department. Note that this will incur an additional expense that must be factored into your event budget.
• Student Council funds used to fund on and off-campus alcohol purchases must only be used for NYU SoM students.
• A designated sober monitor must be present at all on-campus events with alcohol and is recommended for all off-campus events. A sober monitor is defined as someone who does not drink ANY alcoholic beverages prior to or during the event.
• Any on-campus event where alcohol is served must provide non-alcoholic beverages as well as food in equal to or greater amounts than that of alcoholic beverages.
• Any on-campus event where alcohol is served must register with the Office of Student Affairs and obtain written approval prior to the event.
• On-campus advertising cannot contain information on the availability of alcohol. This includes prices, images of alcoholic beverages or pictures of individuals.
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consuming alcohol, information indicating or implying NYU SoM sponsorship, or information about discounts for alcoholic beverages with student ID’s.

All requested exemptions to the Alcohol Policy (i.e. Wine Tasting Club, religious ceremonies, etc) must be submitted directly to the Office of Student Affairs. Students must also comply with the University Policies on Substance Abuse and Alcoholic Beverages set forth by the Washington Square Campus.