

Wesleyan University Policy on Alcohol at Events

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Event hosts must take steps to ensure compliance with Connecticut State law and University policy, including ensuring that alcohol only be served to event attendees who are of legal drinking age

1. Compliance with law: Event hosts are, at all times, required to comply with Connecticut law regarding the serving of alcohol (see Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes).
2. Among other requirements and as a general matter, Connecticut law (and University policy) require the event host to obtain a liquor permit through the Connecticut Liquor Control Commission any time¹:
 - a. The event where the alcoholic beverages is to be served is not strictly a closed, private* event; and/or
 - b. There is any charge or compensation of any type for the alcoholic beverage
 - c. The event is hosted by an external client not affiliated with a University department
3. Events must use Bon Appetit or another licensed and fully insured caterer who holds a State of Connecticut liquor permit for alcohol service and who is also licensed to serve alcoholic beverages:
 - a. At any event that isn't strictly closed as described above;
 - b. At any event where there is a charge or compensation of any type for the alcohol served;
 - c. Any liquor beyond beer and/or wine is to be served at the event; and/or
 - d. Any attendees of the event will or could be under legal drinking age (this includes any student organization sponsored events)
 - e. At any event occurring on campus and hosted by a non University department
4. Other Considerations – Event hosts and organizers must also ensure compliance with all other applicable laws and policies, including without limitation specific University building policies including the University Open Container Policy and Policy on AOD. In addition, event hosts and organizers must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. BYOB events are not permitted
 - b. Event host(s) must be at least 21 years old.
 - c. Organizers should plan to have an appropriate amount of alcohol based upon the number of attendees of legal drinking age.
 - d. Kegs and half kegs are not permitted in facilities; outdoor picnics/receptions that meet all other policy criteria and are managed by Bon Appetit may have kegs/half keg if the amount is appropriate to the event. (Full Keg = ~156 12 oz drinks; Pony Keg = ~82 12 oz drinks).
 - e. Whenever alcohol is to be served, the hosts must provide ample food and non-alcoholic beverages.
 - f. Alcohol may not be served 30 minute prior to the event ending.
 - g. Door monitors, designated event hosts, bartenders, and event staff cannot consume alcohol during the event. All **MUST** be 21 years or older.
 - h. Events hosted by contract clients may not provide their own liquor/beer/wine. If Bon Appetit is not the caterer, the client caterer must be licensed and insured to provide and serve alcoholic

¹ CT law requires that caterers must be licensed to serve alcohol in any circumstance

beverages OR client must use one of the two approved bartender companies authorized to function on campus.

5. Campus wide events, such as Spring Fling, Homecoming and Reunion Commencement, etc. that would require an exception to the above policy should request an exemption through the appropriate reporting office.
6. Requests for alcohol at events sponsored by the Senior Class must be reviewed at least 4-6 weeks in advance of the scheduled event date.

*Private is defined as an event that is not advertised to the public through flyers, social media, University Calendar and not held in an open, reservable space on campus with a limited attendance (~less than 25). Invitations are for specific individuals or there is a guest list.