



Policy Number and Chapter: 04.016 Administration

Policy Title: Use of Alcoholic Beverages

Policy Statement. It is the responsibility of UNT to maintain an environment that is conducive to teaching and learning, and to personal and professional growth. It is the intent of UNT to establish practices and procedures that discourage irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages and to ensure compliance with state laws by all individuals on university property or property under the control of the university. In furtherance of this responsibility and intent, the consumption, possession, service, and sale of alcoholic beverages on university property is prohibited except as set out in this policy.

Application of Policy. All University.

Definitions.

1. **Athletic Venue.** “Athletic Venue” means Apogee Stadium and other facilities on university property where sanctioned intercollegiate athletic events or Athletic Department activities are held.
2. **Attempt.** “Attempt” includes misrepresentation of age or identity.
3. **Underage Individual.** “Underage Individual” means a person less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

Procedures and Responsibilities.

- I. **Consumption, Sale, Service and Storage of Alcohol.**
 - A. **Request to Consume, Serve or Sell Alcohol on University Property.** University departments and student organizations, and non-university individuals and organizations desiring to consume, serve, or sell any type of alcoholic beverage at any activity held on university property or property under the control of the university must request and obtain permission in advance of the activity. Requests to consume, serve, or sell alcohol on university property must be submitted on the [Alcohol Use Request Form](#).
 - B. **Exceptions to Requirement to Submit a Request.** An Alcohol Use Request Form is not required for the following locations or activities:
 1. University Residence Hall Rooms: Persons 21 years of age or older may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their rooms in accordance with the rules for residence hall living published by the [Department of Housing and Residence Life](#).
 2. University Union/Gateway Center: Events scheduled for and presented in

the University Union or the Gateway Center.

3. The Syndicate: This venue within the Union will sell beer and wine in accordance with this policy.
 4. Faculty & Staff Club: Alcohol sales in this venue are permitted weekdays beginning at 4:00 p.m.
 5. Leased Property: Property leased by UNT to another person or organization, including property leased to fraternities and sororities for residential use.
 6. Intercollegiate Athletic Purposes: Apogee Stadium and other venues where an NCAA event is held, or at events hosted by the Athletic Department. See Administrative Procedures, Sections III, IV and V. Alcohol may not be consumed, served or sold at high school athletic events held on university property.
 7. Tailgating: Tailgating is allowed on university property in accordance with [Guidelines](#) approved by the President. A committee comprised of a member from Athletics, Risk Management, and the UNT Police departments shall review the guidelines annually and forward any proposed changes to the President for consideration.
- C. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold on university property or any property under the control of the university without a license obtained from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).
 - D. Storage of Alcohol. All alcoholic beverages remaining on university property must be stored in a secured location in accordance with TABC regulations.
 - E. Administrative Procedures for Use of Alcohol. Administrative procedures for the consumption, service and sale of alcohol on university property must be approved by the President and shall be published annually. All individuals and organizations consuming, serving or selling alcoholic beverages are responsible for complying with these procedures.

Responsible Party: Union Food Director

II. General Guidelines.

- A. Underage Individuals may not consume, possess, purchase, or attempt to possess or purchase alcoholic beverages on any university property or property under the control of the university.
- B. Individuals, organizations, and vendors may not sell, give, or otherwise make available any alcoholic beverage to Underage Individuals.
- C. An alcoholic beverage may not be sold or served to a person who is or reasonably appears to be intoxicated.
- D. University employees are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages while

on duty. University employees are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages in or on any university property or property under the control of the university while on duty, as designated by their position and according to Govt. Code 658.005 and Govt. Code 2113.012.

- E. Appropriated funds may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages; or to pay the salary of an employee who consumes alcoholic beverages while on duty.
- F. Funds controlled by intercollegiate athletics may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- G. Security provided by the UNT Police Department may be required at locations and activities where alcoholic beverages are consumed. The university department, student organization, or non-university individual or organization hosting the event is responsible for expenses associated with providing security. The number of officers required will be determined by the UNT Police Department.
- H. Any individual possessing, consuming, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages must maintain, on his or her person, proper documentation of proof of age.
- I. Individuals, organizations, and vendors hosting or attending an event where alcohol is being served, are responsible for ensuring that any consumption of alcoholic beverages occurs in a lawful and responsible manner. The university reserves the right to refuse service to any person who appears to be intoxicated, who incites a verbal or physical altercation, or who lacks proper documentation of proof of age. Should such action be warranted, the event host will be informed of the situation. UNT reserves the right to take action necessary to resolve the situation, including contacting security and suspending alcoholic beverage service.
- J. Individuals, organizations, and vendors hosting an event where alcoholic beverages are served must provide non-alcoholic beverages and food in reasonable quantities. All food and alcoholic beverages must remain in the area scheduled for said event.
- K. Advertising and promotional materials for events serving alcohol must not promote irresponsible consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- L. Customer provided and/or donated alcoholic beverages must be delivered to the event location no earlier than sixty (60) minutes prior to the event; and all alcoholic beverages must be removed from the premises at the end of event, except at Apogee Stadium.
- M. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed or served at an event sponsored by the university before 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday except at Athletic Venues and at tailgating activities as set out in published tailgating guidelines. The only exception is the Faculty/Staff Club as outlined in I.B.4. above. Alcohol may not be sold earlier than ninety (90)

minutes before the beginning of an athletic event; and alcohol sales will conclude at the end of the third quarter of football games and 30 minutes before the end of all other intercollegiate athletic events. All service and consumption of alcoholic beverages at events sponsored by the university must terminate by midnight Sunday through Friday, and by 1:00 a.m. Saturday (Sunday morning). All sales of alcoholic beverages will terminate no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the end of any university sponsored event.

Responsible Party: Union Food Director

- III. Approval of Exceptions. The President may approve the service or sale of alcoholic beverages on any university property or at any activity held on university property. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing.

Responsible Party: President

IV. Sanctions.

- A. Any individual violating State laws or regulations related to the consumption, possession, service, or sale of alcohol while on university property is subject to criminal prosecution in addition to disciplinary action.
- B. Employees violating this policy or published Administrative Procedures are subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment. Students or Student Groups violating this policy or published Administrative Procedures are subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct.
- C. Other individuals or organizations violating this policy or the published Administrative Procedures are subject to administrative action, including being prohibited from coming on to or using university property, and termination of business relationships.

Responsible Party: Employee Supervisor, Dean of Students Office, UNT Police Department

References and Cross-references.

General Appropriations Act, 83rd Leg., R.S., art. III-242, section 9

Procedures for UNT Policy 04.016

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Tex. Govt. Code, section 658.005

Tex. Govt. Code, section 2113.012

UNT Policy 05.004, Illegal Drugs and Alcohol

UNT Policy 05.033, Staff Employee Discipline and Involuntary Termination

UNT Policy 06.025, Faculty Misconduct and Discipline

UNT Policy 07.012, Code of Student Conduct

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