

Wisconsin Alumni Association Alcohol Policy

The Wisconsin Alumni Association and its board of directors support the position the university has taken with respect to creating an environment that reduces or eliminates the adverse consequences of alcohol misuse. Furthermore, the purpose of this policy is to maximize safety and minimize the opportunity for liability that the university, university staff, volunteers and/or the alumni association may encounter should an accident occur at an off-campus alumni event.

Considerations for Events with Alcohol

- Social activities at which the consumption of alcohol is the primary activity are not permitted.
- Food must be provided or available for purchase at events in which alcohol is being served.
- Non-alcoholic beverages must also be offered at events.
- Alcoholic beverages should not be served to minors, individuals who arrive intoxicated or individuals who become intoxicated at the event.
- Alcoholic beverages must be served by a qualified third-party alcohol server.
- Alcoholic beverages must not be served “self-service” style or by any other uncontrolled means.
- Alcoholic beverages must not be offered in a manner that promotes them as “free” or “without cost.”
- Alcoholic beverages must not be served by any volunteer or staff person representing WAA.

Alumni Events Held at Locations Other Than University of Wisconsin-Madison Property

Alcohol can be served at events that are hosted, sponsored, and/or supported by the Wisconsin Alumni Association, provided the alcohol is served and/or sold by a caterer/restaurant (third-party vendor) that is authorized and licensed to serve alcohol. Under no circumstances will “bring your own beer/alcohol” (BYOB) events be allowed.

Staff and volunteers must understand that the best protection against tragedy and legal liability is to use care and discretion in planning events.

If an instance should arise where a guest has consumed too much alcohol, staff and/or volunteers should notify the manager of the facility and ask him or her to handle the situation.

Alumni Events Held on University of Wisconsin-Madison Property

Events held on the property of the University of Wisconsin-Madison must follow established university policies and laws of the State of Wisconsin, which follow below:

All alcohol served within this policy should be served by a caterer previously approved by the Wisconsin Alumni Association and the chief executive officer of the university. Consumption of

alcoholic beverages on University of Wisconsin lands and buildings is regulated under Wisconsin Administrative Code UWS18.06 (13):

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on all university premises, except in faculty and staff housing and as permitted by the chief executive officer, subject to statutory age restrictions. The chief executive officer may generally permit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages by promulgating institutional regulations in consultation with appropriate staff, or in specific instances by written permission.

This regulation extends to laboratories and individual offices. A university employee must agree to be present at and supervise any event where alcoholic beverages are served. Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in academic, administrative, or research areas during usual business hours.