

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 liquor 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 liquor
3. Events must use Bon Appetit or another licensed and fully insured caterer for alcohol service:
 - 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 liquor 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
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, the University Open Container Policy and, for student hosts, the Social Event Registration Policy: http://www.wesleyan.edu/sald/event_planning/soc_event_policy.html. 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.

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