SONORAN UNIVERSITY
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

# Alcoholic Beverage Consumption in Sonoran Facilities

1. **POLICY STATEMENT/PURPOSE**
   Sonoran University of Health Sciences (Sonoran University) recognizes that the use of alcoholic beverages by those of legal age is a matter of personal choice. Sonoran University supports strict enforcement of Arizona's liquor laws. This policy incorporates such laws, and violation of applicable provisions of such laws shall be considered a violation of this policy as well. Accordingly, Sonoran University requires that those who choose to drink on Sonoran University property, and those who seek approval to serve alcohol at events on Sonoran property, abide by state law and university regulations, and conduct themselves responsibly, mindful of the rights of others.

2. **HISTORY/BACKGROUND**
   Policy has historically existed indirectly in the employee and student handbook. Policy needed to be clearly defined and codified to address consumption on Sonoran University premises, and to allow for events and activities that may be approved to serve alcoholic beverages.

3. **SCOPE/KEY STAKEHOLDERS**
   The following policy and regulations apply to the use, possession, consumption, service, or sale of alcoholic beverages on Sonoran property.

4. **POLICY ITEMS**
   a. Arizona Revised Statutes make it unlawful, among other prohibitions:
      i. For a person under the age of 21 years to buy, receive, have in possession, or consume spirituous liquor. A.R.S. § 4-244(9).
      ii. For a person to buy for resale, sell, or deal in spirituous liquors in this state without first having procured a license duly issued by the Arizona State Liquor Board. A.R.S. § 4-244(1).
      iii. To consume spirituous liquor in a public place, thoroughfare, or gathering as set forth in A.R.S. § 4-244(20).
      iv. For any person to serve or to furnish spirituous liquor to an obviously intoxicated or disorderly person, or for any person to allow or to permit an obviously intoxicated or disorderly person to come into or to remain at an event where spirituous liquor is being served or consumed. A.R.S. § 4-244(14).
      v. For a person to operate a motor vehicle on any highway while consuming spirituous liquor. A.R.S.§§ 4-251; 4-244(34).
      vi. To conduct drinking contests, or to sell or provide to a person an unlimited number of spirituous liquor beverages during any set period of time for a fixed price or as otherwise prohibited under A.R.S. § 4-244(23).
   b. Authorization for Service or Sale of Alcohol on Sonoran University Property
      i. Authorization for the service or sale of alcohol on Sonoran University property shall be by permission of the President, or his/her designee, whose decision shall be final. The authorization shall be by written agreement containing the parameters of such authorization, including but not limited to appropriate provisions requiring proof of General Liability and Liquor Legal Liability (Certificate of Insurance), in an amount

applicable to the type of event, and confirmation that the university is named as an 'Additional Insured' on the certificate. Other insurance/surety requirements may be required by the Sonoran University's Business Office and Insurance Carrier, depending on the nature of the event.

ii. Consistent with Arizona Revised Statutes, the following additional rules shall apply to any service or sale of alcohol on Sonoran University property that is authorized under this Policy:
    1. Any sale of alcohol under this Policy must be by a liquor licensee.
    2. No service or sale to persons under age 21;
    3. No service or sale by persons under age 21;
    4. No consumption of alcohol by persons selling or serving alcohol;
    5. No service or sale of alcohol to persons who are obviously intoxicated or disorderly. Such persons shall not be allowed to remain on the premises where alcohol is furnished for more than 30 minutes after such condition is known, or should be known, to the person selling or serving alcohol;
    6. Persons under 21 are not allowed in an area where alcohol is sold unless they are an on-duty employee or are accompanied by a spouse, parent, or legal guardian who is of legal drinking age;
    7. Any person who is authorized to serve or sell alcohol who has reason to question the age of a person ordering alcohol must verify age by requesting a photo identification that proves the individual is over 21;
    8. Non-alcoholic beverages and food should be made available at events where alcohol is served or sold; and
    9. Alcohol may only be consumed in approved locations.

c. Rules Governing Consumption of Alcohol on Sonoran University Property:
    i. Sanctions/Authority
        1. Sonoran University Community: Violations of Arizona State Law may be cited under the criminal code. Further, violations of Arizona State Law, Sonoran University Policy regarding alcohol, or these regulations by any student, staff, faculty member or organization shall be grounds for disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct or the Employee Handbook.
        2. Sanctions may be imposed upon students and third –party organizations utilizing our facilities for violations of these regulations by the Dean of Students.
        3. In cases where alcohol contributes to or exacerbates violation of Sonoran University rules, students may be required by the Dean of Students to participate in alcohol abuse education or counseling.
    ii. General Limitations on Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages:
        1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on Sonoran property only by persons of legal drinking age, and only at pre-approved events.
        2. Only beer and wine are authorized for consumption on Sonoran property. No other alcohol is permitted.
        3. Any consumption of alcohol authorized under this Policy must be confined within a secured, pre-determined, and fixed area on

Sonoran property, approved in advance by the President of Sonoran University or his/her designee,

iii. Sonoran University Events:
   1. Possession or consumption of alcohol at Sonoran University-sponsored events held on Sonoran property that is not provided by the event organizers, is prohibited absent proper authorization, pursuant to this Policy. (See B(1), above).
   2. Adequate amount of food and alternative beverages must be available throughout the duration of the event and provided at the cost of the organization/department sponsoring the event,
   3. A full-time Sonoran employee must be present during the entire event at which alcoholic beverages are served. Outside organizations are required to designate one person to read policy prior to event. Precautionary measures must be identified in the formal event proposal application and in place by the time of the event to ensure alcoholic beverages are served and (if applicable) sold in compliance with Arizona law, including ensuring that no alcohol is served to persons under the legal drinking age.
   4. Sonoran University may require the organization/department sponsoring the event provide needed security based on event specifics and number of estimated attendees.
   5. Violations of any requirements set forth in this Policy, or as required under the authorization issued under B(1), above, may result in the closing of the event. Individual violations of this Policy or the Student Code of Conduct at Sonoran University events will be referred to the Dean of Students office for review and, if applicable, disciplinary action.
   6. Under no circumstances should anyone be coerced to consume alcoholic beverages. All drinking games, contests, or events that encourage excessive drinking are prohibited.
   7. The event-sponsoring department/organization is responsible for ensuring all Sonoran University policies are strictly observed.

iv. Use of Tuition Prohibited: No student tuition or funding derived from any federal financial aid sources may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages. All alcohol funding must be from identifiably separate sources that are not earmarked specifically for education.

v. Marketing and Promotion Guidelines: Alcoholic beverage corporations and distributors are prohibited from directly marketing or promoting events they are sponsoring on Sonoran University property.

vi. Student Organizations: Members of all recognized student organizations shall abide by these regulations as well as state law.

**5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Administration and Finance
Dean of Students
Facilities
President's Office

**6. RELATED POLICIES**

Drug free and substance abuse policy
Drug and Alcohol Awareness Policy

**7. RELATED DOCUMENTS**
Internal Events – Facilities Reservation Form

**8. NEXT REVIEW DATE**
Annual

**9. POLICY AUTHOR/CONTACT**
Dean of Students.
Bus Facilities Manager

**10. VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY**

| Version | Approved by | Date Approved | Date Effective | Amendment Information |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | President's Council | 7/25/18 | 7/25/18 | |
| 2 | Last Reviewed | 7/21/20 | 7/21/20 | |
| 3 | n/a | n/a | 7/16/24 | Branding updates |
| 4 | N/A | N/A | 3/12/26 | Annual review, minor edits |