

# **SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**

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## **Consumption and/or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages**

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1. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Sul Ross State University campus is strictly prohibited except where permitted by established University policy. The purpose of this policy statement is to address those areas wherein the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is permissible and to establish under what conditions such consumption and/or possession is permitted.
2. Each University community member (faculty, staff, student, or alumnus) who participates in activities for which the consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted, whether at Kokernot Lodge or in University apartments, or any organization which sponsors such activities shall ensure that they and/or their members and advisor(s) are familiar with the Sul Ross State University Policy on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and shall conform to the guidelines and provisions of that policy.
3. Kokernot Lodge. Recognized student organizations, University departments, and off-campus groups who are eligible to use Kokernot Lodge under the Facilities Use Policy may consume only commercially produced alcoholic beverages in the Lodge under the following conditions:
  - a. The event must be approved in advance by the Campus Activities Office.
  - b. The event must be one scheduled for the members of the sponsoring organization and their select guests, (i.e., for their private activities) not for events scheduled for, or open to, the community or University at large.
  - c. A brief video program dealing with alcohol is available. This program is required viewing by at least one officer or representative of the sponsoring organization who will be present at an event on campus where alcohol will be allowed. This applies to all groups, regardless of whether they are on or off-campus, student, faculty, administrative, or staff.
  - d. Beer is the only alcoholic beverage that may be consumed outside the Lodge building.
  - e. All alcoholic beverages (including beer) served inside the Lodge must be served from the bar by the sponsoring organizations. No liquor bottles are allowed on the tables.

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- f. No kegs are allowed inside the Lodge. Kegs may be used for picnics and other activities outside the Lodge or individuals may bring their own beer to be consumed outside.
  - g. No fee for the alcoholic beverages may be charged.
  - h. Use of alcoholic beverages does not extend to the Outdoor Theatre of the Big Bend.
  - i. All local and state liquor laws must be upheld.
  - j. The organization is responsible for the clean-up of the Lodge and grounds.
  - k. Activities approved for alcohol that are sponsored by student groups must have an advisor who is a full-time University employee in attendance at all times.
  - l. The advisors and officers of the sponsoring groups are responsible for the enforcement of the policy and controlling the amount of alcohol consumed to ensure an orderly crowd.
  - m. This policy applies only to Kokernot Lodge and does not in any way effect the alcohol policies already in effect for the remainder of the campus.
  - n. The Texas State University System, Sul Ross State University and the Campus Activities Office assume no responsibility for any injury or property damage incurred during a function approved to be held at Kokernot Lodge. Any liability for such injury or damage is assumed by the sponsoring organization and its advisors.
4. University Housing. The consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in housing units on the campus of Sul Ross State University shall be subject to all University regulations, including the Code of Student Conduct, state and local laws, and the policies and procedures listed below. The following restrictions apply:
- a. The possession, sale and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverage in University residence halls is strictly prohibited. University residence halls include Mountainside and Fletcher halls.

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- b. Alcoholic beverage containers may not be used as decorations in University residence halls.
  - c. The sale and/or donation of alcoholic beverages in Sul Ross State University residence halls is prohibited.
  - d. No kegs containing alcoholic beverages will be allowed in residence halls.
  - e. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed inside University-owned apartments and married housing units. State and local laws will be upheld. No alcohol is to be consumed in hallways, parking lots or yards.
5. **President's Home.** The President's Home is regarded as a private residence, and the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the Home and the grounds defined as constituting a part of the President's Home are governed by the same rules and regulations as apply to the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in any private residence or on private non-University related property.
6. **Other Campus Locations.** Recognized student organizations, University departments, and off-campus groups who are authorized to host events and activities in other locations on campus under the Facilities Use Policy may, by special written permission of the President, serve and consume commercially produced alcoholic beverages in the location under the following conditions:
- a. The event must be approved in advance by the Campus Activities Office (or in the case of the University Center, the University Center Coordinator).
  - b. The event must be one scheduled for the members of the sponsoring organization and their select guests, (i.e., for their private activities) not for events scheduled for, or open to, the community or University at large.
  - c. A brief video program dealing with alcohol is available. This program is required viewing by at least one officer or representative of the sponsoring organization who will be present at an event on campus where alcohol will be allowed. This applies to all groups, regardless of whether they are on- or off-campus, student, faculty, administrative, or staff.
  - d. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed outside the building.

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- e. All alcoholic beverages must be served either by the sponsoring organizations or by Dining Services staff.
  - f. No kegs are allowed.
  - g. No fee may be charged for any event at which alcoholic beverages are served.
  - h. All local and state liquor laws must be upheld.
  - i. The sponsoring organization is responsible for the clean up of any area where alcoholic beverages are served.
  - j. An appropriate University official must be present at all times for any event at which alcoholic beverages are served. In addition, events sponsored by student groups must have an advisor who is a full-time University employee in attendance at all times.
  - k. The advisors and officers of the sponsoring groups and University officials present are responsible for the enforcement of the policy and for controlling the amount of alcohol consumed to ensure an orderly crowd.
  - l. The policy applies only to the specified location and does not in any way affect the alcohol policies in effect for the remainder of the campus.
  - m. If alcohol consumption is approved for Museum of the Big Bend activities, it should be noted that the Museum contains many irreplaceable artifacts and materials and every care must be exercised by all responsible individuals to ensure the safety and well-being of participants, the facility, and these artifacts and materials.
7. The Board of Regents, Texas State University System, and Sul Ross State University do not endorse or sanction the use of alcoholic beverages and do hereby expressly disclaim liability for injury and/or property damage resulting from or associated with the use of alcoholic beverages whether such consumption is in accordance with or in violation of this policy.

## **Liabilities and Limitations**

- 1. University and/or non-University groups assume full responsibility for any financial obligations, damage to facilities or equipment, actions of participants, and for having read and understood the Code of Student Conduct, University policies, and the *Rules and Regulations, Texas State University System*, with

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respect to use of facilities, alcohol, speakers, etc. Any expenses incurred because of their use may be assessed to the group. The University and/or non-University group shall not engage in activities which interfere with the ongoing activities of the University or any other approved organization.

2. A University or non-University group shall assume sole and full responsibility for the behavior of its members.
  
3. Sul Ross State University, the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, their respective officers, employees, agents, and assigns explicitly disclaim any and all liability, damage, injury, or death resulting from the use of alcohol by University or non-University groups, regardless of whether or not such liability, damage, injury, or death arises, in whole or in part, from the negligence of Sul Ross State University, the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, their respective officers, employees, agents, and assigns. Further, the University or non-University groups, their officers, employees, agents, or assigns shall hold harmless and indemnify Sul Ross State University, the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, their respective officers, employees, agents, and assigns from any and all liability, damage, injury, or death regardless of whether or not such liability, damage, injury, or death arises, in whole or in part, from the negligence of Sul Ross State University, the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, their respective officers, employees, agents, and assigns.