

Chicago State University is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable venue for public, cultural, educational, entertainment, athletic, and social events. This policy furthers this commitment by setting forth guidelines to ensure alcoholic beverages are served or sold only in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, and regulations.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that alcoholic beverages may be served or sold in facilities and locations under the control of the Board for events that the Board may determine are public events, and not student-related activities, in accordance with the provisions of Illinois Public Act 98-0132.

For purposes of this policy, the term “alcoholic beverages” include only legally produced, commercially available beverages having alcoholic content. All other beverages having an alcoholic content shall be strictly prohibited and excluded from the permissible uses under this policy.

The Board delegates authority to the President of the University or designee to implement this policy through the development of appropriate guidelines and procedures for determining the types of public events that may be eligible for the service or sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Board understands that the determination of whether an event is a public event, as opposed to a student-related activity, depends upon the unique circumstances of each event. In any event, alcoholic beverages will only be served or sold to those event guests and participants who are over twenty-one (21) years of age.

In addition to considering applicable laws and regulations regarding the sale and service of alcoholic beverages, pursuant to Illinois Public Act 97-0045, the President or designee shall consider the following factors in determining whether a public event is eligible for the serving or sale of alcoholic beverages:

1. Whether the event is a student activity or student-related activity;
2. Whether the physical setting of the event is conducive to control of alcoholic beverage sales and distribution;
3. The ability of the event operator to ensure that the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages and the demeanor of the participants are in accordance with State law and University policies;
4. Regarding the anticipated attendees at the event, the relative proportion of individuals under the age of 21 to individuals ages 21 or older;
5. The ability of the venue operator to prevent the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21;

6. Whether the event prohibits participants from removing alcoholic beverages from the venue; and
7. Whether the event prohibits participants from providing their own alcoholic beverages to the venue.

The President or designee is not prohibited from considering other factors that may be deemed relevant and important.

The University reserves the complete and exclusive right to withhold or terminate the sale and service of alcoholic beverages to any organization, group, or individual at any time and for any reason deemed appropriate by the University. This includes the University's right for its staff, contractors, and representatives to refuse the service or sale of alcoholic beverages to any guest or participant who appears to be intoxicated, inebriated or impaired due to alcohol consumption.

This policy statement supersedes any previous University policies or procedures related to the sale or service of alcoholic beverages in buildings under the control of the Board. As a part of the delegated authority to implement this policy, the Board may issue revised, updated, new, or amended policies, as deemed necessary and appropriate.