



## Science Olympiad Beverage Alcohol Policy

Science Olympiad, Inc. has developed guidelines for beverage alcohol using the [United States Distilled Spirits Industry Council \(DISCUS\) Codes of Responsibility](#) as a guide, in conjunction with limitations outlined by the Science Olympiad, Inc. Chapter and Club Liability Policy that covers the primary activities of Science Olympiad; namely, holding tournaments and workshops.

### GIVEN THAT:

- All Science Olympiad Tournaments are for students in Grades K-12, who are under the legal drinking age of 21
- Science Olympiad Alumni Groups have formed on college and university campuses
- Science Olympiad Alumni Groups consist of both undergraduate and graduate students
- Science Olympiad Alumni Groups consist of members both under the legal drinking age of 21 and over the legal drinking age of 21
- According to the Science Olympiad Volunteer Code of Conduct, volunteers should refrain from using tobacco or alcohol when acting in a Science Olympiad capacity

### FOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ALUMNI GROUPS ON COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES:

Science Olympiad official meetings, mixers or meet-ups on college and university campuses held by Science Olympiad Alumni Groups are prohibited from serving or consuming alcoholic beverages, regardless of the age of some members.

### FOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD, INC. AND ITS STATE CHAPTERS:

When Science Olympiad holds occasional special events, which may include a VIP dinner or reception for adult volunteers over the age of 21, the following limitations apply:

*DISCUS Code of Responsibility: Beverage alcohol is intended only for adults of legal purchase age who choose to drink.*

- Appropriate measures and best efforts should be taken so that beverage alcohol is not served at Science Olympiad events unless 72% or approximately 3/4 of the audience is reasonably expected to be of legal purchase age. Valid state-issued proof of legal drinking age over 21 must be presented.

*DISCUS Code of Responsibility: Beverage alcohol advertising and marketing materials are intended for adults of legal purchase age who choose to drink.*

- As it relates to beverage alcohol sponsors or those providing beverage alcohol for a Science Olympiad audience with the required percentage of adults, beverage alcohol advertisements, branding, logos or marks should not be included on any materials for the Science Olympiad audience under the age of 21, including T-shirts, programs, websites, maps, or any electronic marketing.

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CHAPTER AND CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE EXPLANATION:

The section below relates to specific language included in Science Olympiad, Inc.'s Commercial General Liability (CGL) policy. In layman's terms "Liquor Legal Liability" does not apply to Science Olympiad; if a Science Olympiad Chapter adult reception or dinner serves alcohol, please see the "Host Liquor Liability" section below.

Q. What is Liquor Legal Liability?

A. Liquor Legal Liability provides coverage for Bodily Injury or Property Damage for which you may become legally liable as the result of contributing to a person's intoxication. This type of coverage is available on a separate policy for those "in the business of manufacturing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages" for a fee or in some cases if a license is required for the activity. This **is not covered** by Science Olympiad, Inc.'s Commercial General Liability (CGL) policy.

Q. Does this policy cover the sale of alcoholic beverages?

A. In a limited sense, yes, as related to Host Liquor Liability reference below.

Q. What is Host Liquor Liability?

A. Science Olympiad, Inc.'s Commercial General Liability (CGL) policy provides Host Liquor Liability for those businesses that are not "in the business of manufacturing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages." It provides protection against bodily injury and property damage suits brought by parties injured as the result of an intoxicated guest who was served alcohol at an event your Chapter sponsored. We recommend checking with your local government official to determine if host liquor coverage is adequate for your event.

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For any questions related to this policy or the Science Olympiad Insurance Policy, reach out to the national office:

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