

Alcohol covenant Apollo



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1 Introduction

At the time of writing, the student-led cultural associations of the Student Union have over 1000 members total. The cultural associations care a lot about the well-being of their members and thus we would like to take a look at the responsible use of alcohol.

Because of this, and inspired by the Student Union and Overleg Studieverenigingen, Cultural Umbrella Apollo has set out in 2025 to make this covenant. We have the following goals and points of attention:

- The associations care for the well-being of their members.
- At all times, the associations want to prevent excessive use of alcohol. Excessive alcohol usage is hard to express in concrete numbers. For this reason, the associations emphasize prevention of the negative consequences. Attention will be paid to the following negative consequences:
 - Short term consequences for the well-being of an individual: money shortage, study delay, sleep problems, concentration problems, alcohol poisoning and accidents;
 - Long term consequences for the well-being of an individual: addiction, criminal record, study dropout, psychological problems, health issues, behavioral problems;
 - Consequences for the social environment: fights, unwanted intimacies, vandalism, school/work absences, nuisance;
 - Bad reputation for both association, city and university.

The student cultural associations of the SU and their umbrella association Apollo want to collaborate to push back excessive alcohol usage, insofar as it is within the sphere of influence of the associations. The associations take this initiative based on the shared goal of improving student well-being.

2 Definitions

Sphere of influence:

The alcohol covenant concerns use of alcohol at the association and activities of the association. Relations like friend groups or groups coming forth from the associations (such as ensembles) are outside the sphere of influence of the boards. The associations do attempt to spread awareness about the responsible use of alcohol to such groups.

Board:

The board of an association, as appointed by the General Assembly. Usually, the board of an association switches every year.

Those responsible:

During every activity, there should be someone present (either of the board or appointed by the board) that knows the agreements of the covenant and is responsible for the use of alcohol.

3 Supervision and enforcement

3.1

Those responsible and the board make sure that the members are not forced to drink alcohol. Those responsible and the board have the right to intervene at all times.

3.2

No alcohol will be served to people below the age of 18 and it is prohibited for members to offer alcohol to members below this age. The bar volunteers know which members are under the age of 18 and do not serve alcohol to those members. Those responsible and the board will make sure that this rule is adhered to.

3.3

Those responsible and the board have the authority to send members and visitors of activities and events home in case of disrupting behavior.

3.4

Entrance to activities and events will be prohibited to members and visitors that are visibly drunk. In case these members are found to be present, rule 3.3 applies.

3.5

The bar volunteers have followed an online course ‘Instructie Verantwoord Alcoholschenken (IVA)’ and obtained the accompanying IVA-certificate. The bar volunteers ensure compliance with the Alcohol and Catering Act when serving alcoholic beverages, such as discussed in the IVA.

3.6

There is at least one sober person (blood alcohol level 0.0) present at each activity or event of the association. In case of misconduct, this person can either forbid the person committing misconduct from drinking more alcohol or remove them from the event.

4 Social control

4.1

The associations strive for a high degree of social control. This social control will primarily ensure that a person doesn't drink too much. If they do, the social environment will ensure that all measures are taken to get that person home safely.

4.2

Members misbehaving due to alcohol consumption will be addressed during the evening by those responsible or the board. Furthermore, those responsible or the board should make sure the member gets home safely. The board will also confront the member at a later date and look into preventing inappropriate conduct by the member at later events.

5 Availability of drinks

5.1

Spirits are not served directly from the bottle or from the wrist behind the bar, but only with the aid of a measuring cup. This can be done mechanically or with a pour spout, measuring cap, or drink measure. This ensures that the shot or portion of the strong mixed drink always contains the correct alcohol content of a shot (3.5cl). The associations will always critically review their spirits serving policy to prevent misuse.

5.2

Non-alcoholic beverages are always offered as alternative for alcoholic drinks. The price of a non-alcoholic drink is never higher and where possible lower than the price of alcoholic beverages.

5.3

Water is always available at the bar for free in the form of tap water. Water is proactively offered by those responsible or the board to members that have consumed (too) much alcohol.

6 Evaluation

The board of Cultural Umbrella Apollo will evaluate the efficacy and progress of this covenant yearly. If necessary, this can happen in collaboration with Student Union, University of Twente and/or Saxion Hogeschool.