Intoxicant Use Policy

Policy Statement

It is understood that on occasion, CANASA will hold events in which alcohol will be served. It is also understood that other intoxicants are now legal in Canada. This policy outlines the acceptable usage and sponsorship of alcohol and or other intoxicants while at CANASA events to ensure a safe environment for authorized CANASA event attendees.

Sponsorship

It is understood that on occasion, sponsorship opportunities may be available through CANASA activities which includes the distribution of alcohol. However, sponsorship opportunities for direct alcohol distribution or the distribution of other intoxicants will not be made available.

Acceptable sponsorship:

- Lunch or dinner sponsorship in which alcohol is provided in a controlled manner along with a meal service.
- Hole sponsorship at a golf tournament where the sponsor chooses to distribute beverages, food, promotional materials while situated at their assigned hole. Golf course rules regarding distribution of alcohol must be followed.

Unacceptable sponsorship:

- Direct alcohol sponsorship providing unlimited quantities to attendees (i.e. golf ‘beer’ cart sponsorship)
- Distribution of any other legal intoxicant will not be considered for sponsorship.

If members or organizers of a CANASA event are unsure if their alcohol sponsorship adheres to this policy, they shall submit the details of their event to the Executive Director for pre-approval.

Serving Alcohol

Alcohol will be served according to the legal requirements of the venue’s liquor license with the safety and well-being of patrons being the priority.

- Distribution of alcohol will be done in a controlled, safe manner (i.e. providing limited number of drink tickets to each attendee, limiting the free alcohol being provided)
- Only Serve it Right trained servers, or equivalently trained servers will serve alcohol
- Provincial drinking ages will be followed and minors will not be served
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- CANASA does not encourage excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol or other intoxicants
- When serving non pre-packaged alcohol, standard drink measures will be used at all times
- Alcohol will not be served to any person who is observed as intoxicated
- Intoxicated attendees will be asked to leave the event once appropriate safe transportation options are offered

Other Intoxicants

While other intoxicants are now legal in Canada, it is CANASA’s position that intoxicants in any form other than alcohol should not be consumed at CANASA events.

Safe Transportation

At each CANASA event in which alcohol will be available (and recognizing that at these same events it is possible that other legal intoxicants may be consumed by attendees despite not being supplied by CANASA or the venue), an option for safe transportation must be provided to the attendees. This option will be communicated to attendees at every CANASA event where alcohol is being served.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially, at a minimum, to ensure it remains relevant to the CANASA activities and reflects both Association expectations and legal requirements. In an effort to improve transparency with regards to changes made to all policies a version code has been implemented as of January 2020.