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### Science Olympiad Beverage Alcohol Policy

Ratified by the Science Olympiad Executive Board, December 19, 2019

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.

For any questions related to this policy, reach out to the Science Olympiad National Office at:

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