Covenant on Alcohol and Drugs Student Association LIFE



General

The student association LIFE has the responsibility to provide its members with a healthy and safe environment. Therefore, it is important to have a clear and transparent alcohol and drug policy in place. Since the Bylaws of S.V. LIFE do not contain such an alcohol and drug policy under Article 1, Clause 11, this addendum has been created regarding the policy on alcohol and drugs. When the policy refers to an activity, it means an activity organized by S.V. LIFE. When the policy refers to the board, it refers to the current board of S.V. LIFE. If it refers to a committee, it concerns the committee organizing the activity.

Alcohol Policy'

- 1. Alcohol Definitions
 - a. Underage alcohol use refers to the consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals under 18 years of age.
 - b. Intoxication refers to the physical and mental state in which significant behavioral changes occur due to an excess of alcohol in the bloodstream.
 Symptoms of intoxication include imbalance, slurred speech, limited fine motor skills, and cognitive impairments.
 - c. Severe intoxication refers to physical and mental states in which the individual poses a danger to both themselves and others in the vicinity. Symptoms of severe intoxication include aggressiveness, vomiting, and unconsciousness.

2. Alcohol Policy

- a. It is not allowed to bring and consume one's own alcoholic beverages during activities unless explicitly stated otherwise. If alcoholic beverages not sold at the location are found, they may be temporarily confiscated by the board or the committee.
- b. During activities where alcohol is served and where underage members may be present, a register with the names and photos of underage members will be available. This list can be used to check for underage alcohol use. If non-member minors are present, they must be identifiable as such.
- c. S.V. LIFE has four categories for alcohol policy:
 - i. Excursions, lectures, and symposia
 - ii. Parties and social events
 - iii. Introduction weekend and senior students' weekend
 - iv. (Study) trips
- d. Excursions, lectures and symposia
 - If intoxication is observed before or during an excursion, lecture, or symposium, the respective individual will not be admitted or will be removed.
 - Alcohol consumption is not allowed during excursions, lectures, and symposia. If alcohol consumption is observed, the respective individual will be sent away.
 - iii. When a company or institution organizes a reception after an excursion, lecture, or symposium, participants must also behave responsibly there.
- e. Parties and Gatherings

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- i. During parties and gatherings, at least two members of the board are responsible and accountable for the respective party or gathering.
- ii. In the event of severe intoxication during a party or gathering, the board may remove the respective individual from the activity.
- f. Introduction Weekend and Senior Students' Weekend
 - During parties, at least two members of the board and one member of the committee must remain sober. At all times, there must be someone with a valid driver's license who is sober during the weekend.
 - ii. In the case of severe intoxication during the Introduction Weekend or Senior Students' Weekend, at the discretion of the board, the respective individual may have their right to consume alcoholic beverages revoked or may be removed from the weekend.
- g. (Study) Trips
 - i. During (study) trips, at least two members of either the board or the committee must remain sober and accountable.
 - ii. If intoxication is observed prior to a visit to a company or institution, the board may decide to deny the respective member access to the company or institution.
 - iii. When a company or institution organizes a reception, participants must also behave responsibly there.
 - iv. In the case of severe intoxication during a (study) trip, at the discretion of the board, the respective individual may have their right to consume alcoholic beverages revoked or may be removed from the (study) trip.
- 3. Measures for Excessive and/or Underage Alcohol Use by Members
 - a. The following measures can only be taken during membership.
 - b. A member who is observed, or for whom there is reasonable suspicion, of engaging in excessive and/or underage alcohol use during an activity may be subjected to a consumption ban by the board. The board may also decide to remove the respective member from the activity.
 - c. Members who have previously been found guilty of excessive and/or underage alcohol use at an activity may be denied access to an activity.
- 4. Measures for Excessive and/or Underage Alcohol Use by Non-Members
 - a. A non-member who is observed, or for whom there is reasonable suspicion, of engaging in excessive and/or underage alcohol use will be removed from the activity by the board.
 - b. Non-members who have previously been found guilty of excessive and/or underage alcohol use at an activity may be denied access to an activity

Drug Policy

5. Drug Definitions

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- a. Drugs refer to substances that alter consciousness, including all substances prohibited under the Opium Act.
- b. Drug use refers to the use and being under the influence of all substances listed under the Opium Act and equivalent substances. Legal structural analogs that mimic the pharmacological and chemical effects of known drugs under the Opium Act are also considered drug use.
- c. Possession and/or use of a substance listed under the Opium Act is only allowed if the member has a valid medical certificate for medicinal use of the substance.

6. Principles of Drug Use

- a. Possession of drugs by members and non-members during all activities is prohibited.
- b. Drug use by members and non-members during all activities is prohibited.
- c. Measures against drug use can only be taken when drug use is actually observed or there is reasonable suspicion.
- d. During activities, both the board and the committee are expected to be vigilant regarding drug possession and use.

7. Measures for Drug Use by Members

- a. The following measures can only be taken during membership.
- b. A member who is observed, or for whom there is reasonable suspicion, of engaging in drug possession and/or drug use during one of the activities may be suspended for a duration to be determined by the board. This is in accordance with Article 1, Clause 11 of the House Rules.
- c. If repeated instances of drug possession and/or drug use are observed during an activity, the board may decide to expel the respective member from the membership.

8. Measures for Drug Use by Non-Members

- a. A non-member who is observed, or for whom there is reasonable suspicion, of engaging in drug possession and/or drug use will be removed from the activity by the board.
- b. Non-members who have previously been found guilty of drug possession and/or drug use at an activity may be denied access to an activity.

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