5.4 Alcohol Policy Violation/Misuse of Alcoholic Beverages - Rider University seeks to maintain a safe and healthy campus environment that is conducive to the academic and social activities of its students. Rider’s alcohol policy fosters this safe and healthy environment and reflects the need for mutual respect and personal responsibility among the diverse members of the Rider community. This is reflected in the Good Samaritan Policy and the alcohol policy that follows.

All members of the Rider community are expected to be acquainted with, and to abide by, the University's policies, federal and state laws, and local ordinances related to the sale and consumption of alcohol.

**Good Samaritan Policy**

*The health and safety of our community is of paramount concern to all members of Rider University. Community members are expected to act out of concern for themselves and others. Recognizing that there are times when members of the community find themselves in positions where medical assistance is needed to ensure the proper care of an intoxicated person, the University has established this Good Samaritan Policy.*

Members of Rider’s community have an obligation to contact the Department of Public Safety or a Residence Life staff member when they believe an intoxicated person may be in need of assistance. No intoxicated community member seeking and/or receiving assistance for themselves or others will be subject to sanctions by the University under Rider’s Alcohol Policy. Intoxicated individuals seeking and/or receiving assistance will be required to complete educational or counseling initiatives which are intervention and prevention based and will be subject to action under the Code of Conduct for failure to complete those initiatives. This policy does not preclude other appropriate authorities from taking action for violations which may be associated with the illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, or the University from taking action for violations associated with vandalism, theft, physical assault, sexual assault, hazing, or other policy violations. Furthermore, community members who demonstrate a consistent and repeated pattern of behavior, after appropriate intervention and education have been provided, will not be considered under this policy. Repeated incidents will require alcohol consultation and may necessitate the imposition of involuntary medical withdrawal from the University.

**General Alcohol Policy Regulations (for all students)**

The ultimate interpretation and application of regulations as per this policy shall be at the discretion of the appropriate hearing authority.

Rider’s alcohol policy prohibits:

a. the consumption, possession and/or purchase of alcoholic beverages by any person under 21 years of age;

b. the sale or advertisement of sale of alcoholic beverages without a license or special permit issued by the State of New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission;

c. promotions and/or public displays referring to or promoting the use of alcoholic beverages;
d. the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21 years of age;
e. public intoxication;
f. binge drinking and/or otherwise encouraging, supporting, or permitting the rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol;
g. the organization of, and/or attendance at social events or parties in residence halls or at Greek houses where alcoholic beverages are served. This includes, but is not limited to, social, ceremonial, rush, initiation, or new member events of Greek or other student organizations or groups. Social events where, alcoholic beverages are served may occur at other campus locations provided prior written authorization for the event is obtained from the Dean of Students or her/his designee;
h. coercing or encouraging another to consume alcoholic beverages against their will;
i. the organization of, and/or participation in, drinking games involving consumption of alcohol;
j. transporting, in vehicles or otherwise, alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age;
k. possessing, using, and/or transporting beer balls, kegs and/or other containers of alcohol intended for group consumption;
l. possessing and/or using devices or engaging in activities designed for group and/or excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to: bars, punch bowls, beer pong, funnels, and/or ice shot blocks; and,
m. the presence of containers of alcoholic beverages, empty or otherwise, in private living units or Greek house rooms occupied by residents that are all under 21 years of age.

Prohibitions for Students of Legal Drinking Age
(students of 21 years of age and older)
A student who is 21 years of age or older may consume alcoholic beverages responsibly in the Rider Pub, in their private living units or in Greek house rooms provided the student complies with items (a) through (m) above of this Alcohol Policy, along with the following conditions:

n. The number of guests must not pose a health or safety risk;
o. The private living unit room or Greek house exterior room door remains closed during the periods alcohol is being consumed;
p. The occupants of the room where alcohol is being consumed assume responsibility for adherence to University regulations for themselves and for their guests;
q. Excessive noise must not emanate from private living unit or Greek house rooms;
r. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold at any time on campus unless written authorization is obtained from the Dean of Students or his/her designee; and,
s. Persons may not transport open containers of alcoholic beverages, nor may they consume alcoholic beverages in hallways, foyers, basements, lounges, stairwells, bathrooms or other public areas unless written authorization is obtained from the Dean of Students or his/her designee.
Sanctions for Violation of the Alcohol Policy

**Tier 1 - Possession and/or non-abusive consumption of alcoholic beverages**

**First violation:**
Parental notification, $100 fine, mandatory alcohol education program, community restitution.

**Second violation:**
Parental notification, $200 fine, further mandatory alcohol education, community restitution, and a warning that a further violation will result in loss of campus driving privileges.

**Third violation:**
Parental notification, $300 fine, either mandatory alcohol education or consultation, as appropriate, and one month loss of campus driving privileges. Sanctions may also include suspension from participation in social/recreational events for a specified period of time, removal from campus housing, and/or other relevant sanctions, not to include dismissal from the University.

**Fourth or more violations:**
Parental notification, $300 fine, mandatory alcohol consultation, and loss of campus driving privileges for three months. Sanctions may also include suspension from participation in social/recreational events for a specified period of time, removal from campus housing, dismissal from the University, and/or other relevant sanctions.

**Tier 2 - Abusive or high risk consumption of alcoholic beverages**

**First violation:**
Parental notification, $200 fine, mandatory alcohol education, community restitution, and a warning that a further violation will result in loss of campus driving privileges.

**Second violation:**
Parental notification, $300 fine, mandatory alcohol consultation, one month loss of driving privileges.

**Third violation:**
Parental notification, $300 fine, mandatory alcohol education or consultation, as appropriate, and loss of campus driving privileges for three months. Sanctions may also include suspension from participation in social/recreational events for a specified period of time, removal from campus housing, and/or other relevant sanctions.

**Fourth or more violations:**
Parental notification, $300 fine, mandatory alcohol consultation, and loss of campus driving privileges for one year. Sanctions may also include suspension from participation in social/recreational events for a specified period of time, removal from campus housing, and/or other relevant sanctions up to and including dismissal from the University.
NOTES:

1. A determination of whether an alcohol related incident is Tier 1 or Tier 2 in nature rests with the appropriate hearing officer. The sanction imposed for each violation shall be based upon the existence of a prior alcohol related disciplinary record as well as the nature of the most recent alcohol related incident.

2. Failure to attend mandatory alcohol education or consultation will result in an additional $200 fine in addition to completion of original sanctions imposed. In addition, students who fail to attend cannot course select, participate in room selection, or request a transcript until their attendance is completed.

3. A student who disagrees with the determination of first or second violations in either the non-abusive or abusive category may appeal to the Community Standards Board. A student who disagrees with the determination of third or more violations in either category may appeal to the University Appeals Council.

4. Students found to be providing alcohol to underage students may also be issued additional sanctions including, but not limited to, loss of housing and dismissal from the University. Groups or organizations, including Greek chapters, found to be providing alcohol to underage students may risk withdrawal of recognition by the University.

5. This Policy does not supplant or supersede federal, state or local laws governing alcohol possession and consumption. Strict compliance with all such laws shall be the responsibility of all Rider students. Violators of any federal, state, or local law shall be subject to fines and/or penalties by the appropriate court, board or agency with jurisdiction over the offense as well as an action taken by Rider University.