2019-20 Pilot Program Alcohol Policy

The Colgate Department of Athletics and the Dean of the College Office worked together to assess the feasibility of public sales of alcoholic beverages within select Colgate Athletics home games during the 2019-20 season. Acknowledging that alcohol is already available during pre-game football tailgates and within the Sullivan Suite at hockey games, the planning committee wanted to explore the safe and responsible service of alcohol, including to students 21 years of age and older.

The 2019-20 season will be the pilot year for the public sale of alcohol at Colgate Athletics events. The pilot program will begin with sale at men’s and women’s ice hockey (Class of 1965 Arena) and at football in a stewardship tent (Andy Kerr Stadium). The stewardship tent will replicate the Sullivan Suite rules and regulations during the Fall of 2019. Following a complete evaluation of the first year of sales, to be conducted in March 2020, the planning committee will reconvene to discuss the pilot program and determine whether it will continue during the 2020-21 season.

Beverages
The regular concession stands at the Class of 1965 Arena will sell beer and wine, in addition to a full selection of non-alcoholic beverages and water. Serving sizes will align with local and state regulations regarding appropriate serving sizes: a 12oz Beer (5.5% alcohol) and a 5 oz wine (12% alcohol). The sale of mixed drinks (hard liquor) will not be available anywhere in the facility. It was previously available in the Sullivan Suite at hockey games.

Service
Per New York State law, the sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted to anyone with a valid ID that is 21 years of age and older. Colgate reserves the right to refuse service to anyone at any time. At the discretion of the seller, if the consumer appears intoxicated, the seller is not permitted to sell. There is a one (1) drink maximum per person, per ID, per transaction for all patrons.

No outside beverages are permitted to enter the venue. All alcohol sold will be poured into a branded cup. Beverages sold at concessions or the Sullivan Suite are not permitted to leave the Class of 1965 Arena concourse or seating area. The concessionaire will designate one window in
the Class of 1965 Arena that will permit the sale of alcohol. All alcohol sold within the stewardship tent must remain in the designated area.

**Hours of Service**
Alcohol sales will begin when venue gates/concessions open and close at times specific to the sporting event and venue.

- Football Stewardship Tent (Andy Kerr Stadium)
  - Sales will begin 90 minutes prior to kick-off and end at the start of the 4th quarter
- Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey (Class of 1965 Arena)
  - Sales will begin one (1) hour prior to face-off and end at the start of the 3rd period.

**ID Requirements**
A valid ID (state driver’s license, passport, or military ID) must be presented to purchase an alcoholic beverage. Anyone may be asked to show a second form of identification. All patrons under the age of 25 will be asked to show a second form of ID. A college ID is an acceptable second form. Each patron must be 21 years or older in compliance with New York State law. Regardless of age, all patrons may be asked to show identification. ID Cards that are damaged, expired, and/or do not have photos will not be accepted. Any person attempting to use a fake ID will be removed from the building and the ID will be confiscated by a Campus Safety officer. Students found to be in possession of a fake ID will be referred for internal disciplinary action; a non-student’s fake ID will be turned over to local law enforcement.

**Students**
Colgate students are permitted to purchase alcohol if they are 21 years old and older. They must abide by the requirements above.

**Safety Measures**
Athletics will work with Campus Safety to have an appropriate number of trained professionals on site. In situations where Campus Safety needs additional support or when there are staffing limitations, security may be hired from an approved outside provider and/or local law enforcement.

The total number of Campus Safety officers and event staff will remain consistent with the previous years’ staffing level. However, a select number of the campus safety event officers will be replaced with Campus Safety patrol officers who are specifically trained to deal with and address alcohol related incidents.

The sport specific number of Campus Safety patrol officers is as follows:
• Football - Minimum of 2
• Men’s Hockey - Minimum of 2
• Women’s Hockey - Minimum of 1

Campus Safety and event staff reserve the right to ask a patron for an ID at any time they are in possession of an alcoholic beverage. If the patron fails to show ID, the beverage will be confiscated and the patron will be removed from the venue. Anyone in possession of alcohol under the age of 21 will have their beverage confiscated and be removed from the venue. Colgate students who are in possession of alcohol and under the age of 21 or who fail to show ID will be referred for disciplinary action.

**Irresponsible Use or Disruptive Behaviors**
This pilot program’s success is dependent on fans’ behaviors being consistent with expected behavior at athletic events. The irresponsible use of alcohol or disruptive behaviors is a distraction to the game, to other patrons, and could result in the discontinuation of the sales of alcohol in these venues.

When a fan exhibits signs of public intoxication, and is a significant or persistent disruption, they will be asked to leave the venue and/or removed with the assistance of local law enforcement. Student fans will be documented for disciplinary follow-up by the University. Non-student fans may be issued a citation from local law enforcement.

**University Policy on Alcohol or Drugs**
The use of alcohol during this pilot program, and any continuation of the program, must also be in alignment with the University Policy on Alcohol and Drugs. The excessive or rapid use of alcohol, drinking games or contests, or other irresponsible use is prohibited. Neither the University nor the Police are in a position to ensure students against harm from alcohol abuse by themselves or others. This policy is designed to promote understanding throughout the Colgate community that those who use alcohol are fully and individually responsible for their own actions, including the personal and legal consequences associated with illegal use, possession, or distribution of these substances.

Visitors and guests who violate the university’s Policy on Alcohol and Drugs or New York State or federal law may be expelled from university property and/or subject to criminal action. Students may be held responsible for the behavior of their guests, and for any incidents or disruptions which result from possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or other drugs by their guests. Being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will not be a defense in any campus disciplinary or administrative proceeding.