

MARCHING 97 DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY: 2016 SEASON

I, _____, recognize that, as a member of the Marching 97, I am responsible for my actions. I will abide by the following policy regarding drugs and alcohol set by the 2016 Marching 97 Executive Board.

Article I:

There will be no possession, consumption, or being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at any Marching 97 activity. This includes but is not limited to: home and away football games, exec meetings, flames, practices, band camp, the Eco-Flame, recruitment events, any event for which a uniform is worn, and transportation to or from any of these events.

The only exception to this article is made for senior band members attending the senior dinner at band camp. Any senior who is of age attending the senior dinner at band camp will be allowed to consume alcohol, but not illegal drugs. The number of drinks per senior at the dinner shall be limited to three and it is up to the Manager to poll the senior class attending Band Camp in email prior to departure regarding how many of their allotted drinks they would like. If a senior should choose to forego one or both of his/her drinks, then he/she will not be figured in when the Manager buys the alcohol for senior dinner. The drink choices will be either beer or wine, and the quality/type will be up to the discretion of the Manager.

Article II:

It is up to the discretion of the Manager, Drum Major, or Director to determine whether or not an individual is in violation of this policy.

It is the responsibility of each Executive who has reasonable grounds to assume that a band member is in violation of Article 1 of this policy to inform the Manager, Drum Major, or Director as soon as possible. At least two of these members (Manager, Drum Major, or Director) will take the individual suspected of violation aside immediately. The Manager, Drum Major, or Director may choose any other Executives to join them. The group will discuss and determine whether or not the individual is in violation of this policy.

Article III:

The following consequences will be followed if a band member fails to follow any of the above regulations. The Marching 97 will follow Lehigh University's Medical Amnesty Policy.

General Rules: Intoxication during any practice will be treated as an unexcused absence from that practice. If a student is intoxicated at the start of Saturday morning practice, that student will

be given an unexcused absence from that practice. Any alcohol or illegal drugs found in the possession of the student will be confiscated by an Executive. Any intoxicated student will either be isolated under supervision of an Executive or escorted home by an Executive until he/she is sober.

First Offense: The first time a student is caught in violation of Article I, a closed meeting will take place with the Executive Board, the Director, and the student to determine the consequences of said student's actions. Failure to attend this meeting will result in suspension from all official Marching 97 events (excluding practices) until the student attends a rescheduled meeting. Depending on the severity of the student's actions, the Executive Board and/or Director reserve the right to punish the student according to the Second or Third Offenses. If the student is an Executive or rank leader, he/she will be at risk of losing his/her position.

Second Offense: The second time a student is caught in violation of Article I, the student will automatically be suspended from marching for one future game. However, attendance at all practices pertaining to the game and the game itself is still required. Any student in violation of this policy under a second offense will automatically be ineligible for running for an Executive or rank leader position the following season. If the student is an Executive or rank leader, his/her impeachment will automatically be brought up for discussion in accordance with the Marching 97 Constitution.

Third Offense: The third time a student is caught in violation of Article I, the student will be expelled from the Marching 97. If the student involved feels that they have an extenuating circumstance that indicates that this punishment is not fair, they may appeal this punishment in a closed meeting with the Executives and Director. Furthermore, any individual expelled under this punishment may rejoin the Marching 97 for the next season if that student petitions the next Executive Board.

I agree to abide by the 2016 Marching 97 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Sign: _____ Date: _____