

MARCHING 97 DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY: 2018 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 2018 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, or transportation to or from any of these events.

An exception 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 prior to departure regarding how many of their allotted drinks they would like. The drink choices will be either beer or wine, and the quality/type will be up to the discretion of the Manager.

Marching 97 organizational funds may not be used to purchase alcohol under any circumstances.

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 I 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 policies on alcohol and drug use, as well as the Medical Amnesty Policy.

General Rules: Intoxication during any practice will be treated as an unexcused absence from that practice. Any alcohol or illegal drugs found in the possession of the student will be confiscated. Any intoxicated student will either be isolated under supervision of an Executive or escorted home by an Executive until they are 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, they will be at risk of losing their 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 official performance. 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, their 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 and is granted permission to rejoin the Marching 97.

Article IV:

For any offense, the Executive Board and the Director may bring the issue to the attention of the Dean of Students or other higher authority if they believe the situation warrants it.

I agree to abide by the 2018 Marching 97 Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Sign: _____ Date: _____