

MARCHING 97 DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY: 2026 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 2026 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 Band Banquet, Eco Flame, recruitment events, and any event for which a uniform is worn or on transportation to or from any of these events.

The following exceptions are made to the Drug & Alcohol policy that allows for consumption during Marching 97 events:

Senior band members attending the senior dinner at Band Camp. If the senior dinner happens at Band Camp, any senior who is of age will be allowed to consume alcohol. The number of drinks consumed per senior at the dinner shall be limited to two and it is up to the Senior Representative 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 Senior Representative.

In the event of any domestic or international travel spanning several days a modified Drug & Alcohol policy will be made detailing when of age band members are allowed to consume Alcohol during that trip. Under no circumstance will a band member be allowed to consume any Alcohol during or at least 12 hours prior to any performances.

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, Staff Assistant, Pubman, or Director to determine whether or not an individual is in violation of this policy.

It is the responsibility of each band member who has reasonable grounds to assume that a band member is in violation of Article I of this policy to inform the Manager or Director as soon as possible. Ideally, at least two of these members (Manager, Drum Major, Staff Assistant, Pubman or Director) will take the individual suspected of violation aside immediately and may appoint any other Executive 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 event will result in attendance infractions being administered. The number of infractions administered will be determined by the Director, Manager, and Staff Assistant. Any alcohol or illegal drugs found in the possession of the student will be confiscated by the Director. Any intoxicated student will either be isolated under supervision defined in Article II until they are sober, or be immediately escorted home by an Executive.

Depending on the severity of the student's actions, the Executive Board and/or Director reserve the right to punish the student according to any of the following Offenses regardless of the number of Offenses. 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.

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. This means a student will not be allowed to perform at any official events but must still attend practices. The suspension will last until the student attends a rescheduled meeting.

Second Offense: The second time a student is caught in violation of Article I, the student will automatically be suspended from marching and playing for one official performance. However, attendance at all practices pertaining to the game 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, they will immediately be required to resign.

Third Offense: The third time a student is caught in violation of Article I, the student will be expelled from the Marching 97. The student 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 2026 Marching 97 Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Sign: _____ Date: _____