**PLEASE READ – NEW LOUNGE RULES**

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In celebration of the lounge renovations and due to recent events, I just wanted to reiterate the rules of the lounge and make a statement about drink prices.

Basically there are Three Rules:

1. ***There is NO outside alcohol allowed in the lounge, under ANY circumstance.***

*Read why below!*

1. ***Keep inside liquor on the inside the confines of the lounge***

*Read why below!*

1. ***NO drinking games.***

*Read why below!*

1. ***Arguing when you are breaking rules 1-3.***

*Don’t. It is always awkward/annoying.*

1. ***A note on drink prices.***

*They are now and will always be as low as possible.*

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LONG (and better):

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Basically there are Three Rules:

1. ***There is NO outside alcohol allowed in the lounge, under ANY circumstance.***

Please, please, please adhere to this. This isn’t my rule. This is from the Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming Commission (the government) and is an integral part of how we can have a liquor license at all.

Most importantly, regardless of how you feel about this rule, it is a rule that all bar staff have to enforce. This puts me, and any one else working the bar, in a profoundly awkward position. No one likes telling their colleagues what to and what not to do.

You may be thinking: “*who will ever catch me?*” there are security personnel on campus who would be very happy to catch you doing things that you are not supposed to be doing, and who will not hesitate to rapidly ascend the ladder of authority to rain down the maximum amount of punishment on you (I wish this was a joke).

Also, at an event, I will catch you. How can I be so sure? Simply because inebriated you is not as clever as inebriated you thinks that you are. Further, there is something about alcohol that really takes away from the execution of any plan.

So please, just don’t. Then we can avoid the same old song and dance where I take your liquor, you plead for it back being very polite (a strategy which I have developed an immunity to), you recruit your friends to help you plead (with such compelling arguments as “come on man”), you rapidly transitions to anger out of frustration, you insult me and hurt my feelings, and I lose a friend (insert sad face). No one wins.

1. ***Keep inside liquor on the inside.***

This one is easy. Please keep your legally purchased liquor within the confines of the lounge and/or specific event licensed area. No, you cannot take your liquor to the bathroom or in the cab to the bar or whatever. Again, just don’t. The consequences are more than a potential fine for you. It is possible for the entire university to lose its liquor license. That means all of the bars, student societies and residences on campus.

1. ***No drinking games.***

I will admit that this one is very unfortunate. But it is another law nonetheless. This means (sadly) no quarters, no flip-cup, no card games, and nothing else that would be super fun while simultaneously encouraging people to drink more than they should at a faster rate than is recommended.

1. ***Arguing.***

Please just don’t argue when I or some other lovely bartender tells you not to do one of these things. It isn’t funny, I/we cannot turn a blind eye, you can not be quieter and you can not be sneakier. It just wastes all of our time and takes away from the fun you could be having.

1. ***A note on drink prices.***

Alcohol prices are subject to change. Not because I want to raise the price, but the Grawood and the NSLC love to increase their prices periodically, which I have to reflect in the prices we charge.

I can promise that the bar is not making significant amounts of money, and in order to keep our profits in the gutter, I will always charge the minimum drink price possible. The bar is there for the students to have a safe and fun environment to responsibly consume alcohol, while not breaking the bank. I promise that prices are and will continue to be as low as possible. For the record, I do not recommend this business plan for anything else.

Thanks in advance for abiding by these rules. It maximize fun for everyone.

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