

Chapter Eighteen: Alcohol and Tobacco Policy

USBC Headquarters' stance on the consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of tobacco products at meetings involving youth has not changed. Put simply, alcohol and tobacco may not be present at meetings that involve youth.

This requirement is applicable at youth association meetings, as well as merged association meetings, which serve all constituencies – men, women and youth members.

If the association meeting is conducted with a corresponding event (such as a banquet), the no alcohol and tobacco requirement is only pertinent to the meeting portion of the event, however there are still restrictions when youth attend the banquet.

USBC Headquarters recommends hosting the event in a facility that does not have a bar in the area where the banquet is held. If that cannot be found, the bar in the banquet area should remain closed during the event. Furthermore, adult leaders representing youth (i.e. - members of the youth committee, board, youth coaches/supervisors, etc.) should not partake in consuming alcoholic beverages or using tobacco products in the room or area where youth are present.