

# **LPA Alcohol Policy**

## **Alcohol Use under Age 21: A Tough Love Approach:**

It is against the law for a person under the legal drinking age (which is 21 in Las Vegas, Nevada) to buy, receive, have in possession, or consume alcohol.

If it is determined by hotel security, police, or an LPA official that an individual under the age of 21 is under the influence of alcohol at an LPA Conference then that individual shall:

Not be allowed to attend a LPA Conference without at least one parent or their legal guardian in attendance until age 21. They will not be allowed to designate a "Conference Guardian". Parents or guardian(s) will be contacted immediately regarding the individual's alcohol consumption and resulting behavior.

If parents are in attendance at the Conference, then the underage individual shall be prohibited from attending the succeeding Conference. Thereafter, the individual may not attend a Conference unless accompanied by at least one parent or legal guardian until age 21.

If an individual has lost the privilege of attending the Conference they may appeal the conference restriction through their District Director and/or the Vice President of Membership. After a review of the specific circumstances of the incident and individual's circumstances, the Executive Committee may then decide to amend the member's conference restriction. This will be considered on a case by case basis and will not be considered lightly.

If the person has a second infraction, with or without their parents present, before they are 21 years of age, then they will not be allowed to attend LPA Conference until they are 21.

## **Providing Alcohol to Minors:**

Little People of America, its officers and Conference Committee, will not tolerate anyone of any age providing or purchasing alcohol for minors. This includes the purchase of alcohol in bars or clubs or cash bars or providing of alcohol at individual parties.

If an individual is found to have violated this, they will be reported to the hotel security and local law enforcement officials for the legal action of the host conference site. They will be removed from the current LPA Conference.

They may not be allowed to attend the next two LPA Conferences. Their attendance at national conferences after that will be determined by a committee consisting of not less than the following individuals, LPA Executive Committee, the current National Conference Chair, and their Current of past District Director and/or Chapter President. They may lose their membership to LPA for an undetermined length of time.

## **Disruptive Behavior:**

If a person of any age is under the influence of alcohol participates in the destruction or damage of any public or private property, disorderly conduct, harassment or abuse of individuals while at a LPA Conference, that person will be subjected to disciplinary action by the local civil authorities and/or LPA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors.

Also Note: For all on-site and off-site events that require participants to be over 21 registrations will be checked against LPA records. You may need to provide identification.