



**Kandersteg**  
International  
Scout Centre

# Alcohol Policy

## Guests

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# Introduction

KISC believes in a safe environment where responsible adults in Scouting can enjoy their time visiting the World Scout Centre without consuming alcohol. While KISC discourages the consumption of alcohol during your stay, KISC is not an entirely alcohol-free centre. However, KISC policies and procedures reflect that most guests at KISC are children and youth members. We therefore expect all our guests to be role models and reduce the consumption of alcohol to a minimum, if at all.

A safe environment needs to exist for all our guests and staff; we therefore will not tolerate any excessive consumption of alcohol and will hold you responsible for misbehaviour because of excessive alcohol consumption, regardless of whether on the KISC property or in the village, for example at a bar. Drunken behaviour is NOT tolerated on our property and may lead to removal from the KISC property.

KISC works hard to maintain a good relationship with the village authorities, its inhabitants, and tourists. Excessive alcohol consumption in a scouting environment, which includes the Kandersteg village, is not 'scout-like' and will not be tolerated.

## 1. Special circumstances

We understand that alcohol may be consumed on some special occasions. We do not forbid such occasions, but you require special permission from the KISC Director, allowing us to regulate the consumption of alcohol on our premises. See section 3 below.

## 2. Legal framework

In all cases, KISC conforms to Swiss legal requirements regarding the sale of alcohol. Note that your country may have different rules and regulations which do not legally apply in Switzerland. We therefore explain the Swiss regulation below, followed by an explanation about the special permit required from the KISC Director.

Swiss law prohibits the sale or free distribution of:

- Wine, beer and cider to under 16-year-olds
- Spirits, aperitifs and alcopops to under 18-year-olds

If in doubt on the age of the adolescent client/ customer, an official ID is required. Also, a clearly visible sign must be installed at the point of sale, indicating the sales restrictions.

## 3. Special permission from KISC Director

The KISC Committee has set the following requirements in case adults wish to consume alcohol on the KISC property. Without the following permission, alcohol consumption will not be tolerated and may lead to removal of your group from the KISC premises.

### 3.1. KISC sale of alcohol

KISC only sells alcohol to guests under specially regulated circumstances and with approval of the KISC Director.

During special occasions, periods or events (Christmas / New Year) KISC may operate a bar selling alcoholic drinks such as beer, wine, or cider. Alcohol purchased from KISC may only be consumed on the immediate premises of this facility (e.g. inside the bar tent / at the tables around the bar.)

The group leadership affirms in writing to oversee the consumption of limited amounts of alcoholic drinks, in congruence with the Swiss law as explained above. The leadership decides who in their group is allowed to drink alcohol.

### 3.2. KISC organised activity with alcohol

With permission from the KISC Director, during International Evenings, limited amounts of beverages or drinks containing alcohol may be allowed, as brought in by guests, to demonstrate and introduce their country's specialities in the framework of a display of the culture of the country. In such cases, there will be instructions indicating responsible consumption of alcohol. This is not permitted during Summer when the number of young people on site is much higher.

### 3.3. Private guest consumption

Solely in the privacy of their own rooms or campsites and out of sight of other guests, alcohol may be responsibly consumed if this does not cause any form of offence to other guests.

Visible consumption of alcohol and visible presence of alcoholic beverages is not tolerated in public areas of the Centre, except as explained under sections "3.1" and "3.2". Public areas include: campsite shelters, bus stops, outside of the guest kitchens, in the immediate surroundings of the main building (the KISC Chalet), including the grass area.