



New York State Brewers Association Code of Conduct

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A. Introduction.

1. The NYSBA promotes and protects the interests of New York State craft brewers. To effectively advance that mission, NYSBA members and their representatives must set an example by acting with honesty and integrity, conducting themselves professionally, and embracing everyone.
2. The NYSBA accordingly requires that all members conduct themselves in accordance with this Code of Conduct. Failure to adhere to this Code may result in suspension or removal from membership or other disciplinary action.
3. When this Code discusses obligations of members, it also imposes those obligations on the individual officers, directors, partners, employees, and other representatives of a member company. This Code also applies to the conduct of individuals serving on NYSBA committees and subcommittees who are not associated with a member company.

B. Compliance with Law

1. Brewing and the sale of beer are heavily regulated. Members must make reasonable efforts to understand and comply with all applicable legal requirements imposed on their operation by federal, state, and local authorities.
2. Members must not willfully violate or disregard the requirements of the law. A pattern of repeated violations may demonstrate willfulness.

C. Respect of the Individual and Groups

1. Everyone deserves to operate and co-exist in an environment where each individual is treated with dignity and respect.

2. The NYSBA is an organization committed to providing an environment free of discrimination and from abusive, offensive, or harassing behavior.
3. Therefore, all NYSBA members must:
 - a. Treat all individuals and groups respectfully, recognizing their human dignity, regardless of their diverse human characteristic: race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental disability, size or appearance, genetic pre-disposition, religion, ancestry, national origin, or veteran status.
 - b. Contribute to a positive environment that is free of hostile and offensive behaviors, i.e., free from harassment. Harassment means any unwelcome and inappropriate verbal or physical conduct, or coercive behavior, where the behavior is known or reasonably ought to be recognized as unwanted or unwelcome.
 - c. Speak out without fear of retaliation when the actions of others violate the rights of any individuals or groups.
 - d. Respect the opinions of others and address conflicts in a positive and constructive manner.
 - e. Respect other's privacy in their personal lives.
 - f. Treat all individuals and groups professionally and respect their personal property.

D. Responsible Alcohol Consumption

1. As brewers and members of the community of brewing enthusiasts, members may share and enjoy alcohol beverages at NYSBA events.
2. In consuming alcoholic beverages, members must adhere to principles of responsible consumption.
3. Members must protect the image of both the NYSBA and the brewing industry generally by taking steps to ensure no member, including themselves, will break any laws in the process of purchase, sharing or consuming of alcohol beverages in association with NYSBA events.
4. Should members consume more than a reasonable amount of alcohol, and either are or appear to be incapable of functioning either legally or appropriately, NYSBA members accept their "duty-to-act" to keep those impaired members from breaking any laws and from harming themselves or other.

E. Responsible Alcohol Marketing

1. Members must adhere to the Brewers Association (BA) Marketing and Advertising Code available at <https://www.brewersassociation.org/brewers-association-advertising-marketing-code/>
2. Members must encourage the safe consumption of alcohol beverage products and refrain from sales and marketing practices that encourage the unsafe consumption of brewer production or consumption by persons below the legal drinking age.

F. Brewers NYSBA Member Pledge of Conduct.

1. We will behave in a professional manner and will respect the reputation of the brewing industry and the other organizations with which we interact.
2. We will seek to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and in all cases will not willfully violation the law.
3. We will respect the human dignity of all individuals and groups we interact with, regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental disability, size of appearance, genetic pre-disposition, religion, ancestry, national origin, or veteran status.
4. We will promote lawful cooperation with the craft brewing industry in which we work, and between members, customers, and suppliers.
5. We will respect the confidentiality of sensitive information about NYSBA business, such as information shared at the annual members meeting.
6. We will act at all times in accordance with ethical standards and in the best interest of the brewing industry.