Drugs and Alcohol Policy (passed 2014)

This policy concerns the consumption of alcohol or other drugs that negatively affect performance via motor senses (i.e., sight, hearing, balance, reaction, and reflexes) or judgment.

The CMC does not permit the consumption of these substances on single day trips. A trip begins at the trailhead and ends upon return to the trailhead. The CMC affirmatively disclaims any duty of care to anyone concerning the use of these substances by its members or guests while those individuals are not on single day CMC trips.

The use of these substances on multi-day trips and after the primary activity of the trip, hiking or climbing, is based on the principle of personal responsibility.

Notwithstanding the above, in cases where a trip leader believes that the consumption of these substances is imprudent under the circumstances, the trip leader(s) are authorized to prohibit their consumption during any portion of a CMC multi-day trip.

This policy is silent as to consumption of alcohol on CMC social activities not fitting into either category above, other than to leave such consumption as the sole responsibility of the consumer and to otherwise comply with applicable law. (passed 2008)

There shall be no charge at any CMC event where alcohol is served, unless alcohol is served by an entity that has liquor license and liquor liability coverage. [passed July 2003]