

Fundraising Policy

Organizations wishing to sell items for profit on campus, must receive permission from the following offices depending on the venue used:

Department of Athletics and/or Individual Sport Coaches
Office of University Facilities
Office of Housing, Residence Life, and Dining Services

Organization advisers should be made aware of what items are sold and for what purpose. In order to maintain the integrity of campus organizations and their efforts to raise funds for philanthropies, organizations should promptly deposit all monies to charities and/or organization accounts. In cases where money is raised for an organization project, money should be used in strict accordance with the stated purpose and goal originally used to raise the funds.

Gambling & Games of Chance

The use of poker tournaments and raffles are often desired as a form of fundraising activity for organizations. In support of the laws of the State of Tennessee, Austin Peay State University and the office of Student Life and Leadership adheres to the following standards related to student organizations wishing to hold such events:

Gambling, in any form, is to be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The State of Tennessee gambling law states:

“Gambling is contrary to the public policy of this state and means risking anything of value for a profit whose return is to any degree contingent on chance, or any games of chance associated with casinos, including, but not limited to, slot machines, roulette wheels and the like. For the purposes of this chapter gambling does not include a lawful business transactions; annual events operated for the benefit of charitable § 501(c)(3) organizations that are authorized pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the general assembly, so long as such events are not prohibited by the state constitution; or a state lottery of the type such as is in operation in Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia in 2000 and authorized by amendment to the Constitution of Tennessee, if such lottery is approved by the general assembly.” Tennessee Code 39-17-501

Therefore, raffles are illegal in the state of Tennessee unless an organization is registered as a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.