

Marching 97 Alumni Policy: 2026 Season

I, _____, realize that while I am participating in Marching 97 events, it is my responsibility to uphold the Marching 97 goals. Therefore, I will abide by the following Alumni Policy, as outlined by the 202 Executive Board:

Article I - Drug and Alcohol Policy

Alumni must abide by the Marching 97's Drug and Alcohol Policy. Therefore, no alumni, while participating in a Marching 97 event at any point, may be under the influence.

If at any point the Drug and Alcohol Policy is not upheld by an alumnus, the Executive Board members reserve the right to direct the alumnus out of the Marching 97's section in the stands, or in severe cases, remove the alumnus from participation with the 97 in that given event and/or future events.

Article II - Band Camp

Alumni are permitted to attend Band Camp as long as they abide by the following rules:

Alumni must notify the Publicity Manager if they wish to attend band camp. If an alumnus shows up unannounced, the executive board reserves the right to turn the alumnus away.

Alumni will be housed in a separate cabin from current band members.

Alumni must abide by the Drug and Alcohol policy while at band camp.

If an alumnus is not following all Marching 97 policies, the executive board holds the right to turn the alumnus away.

Article III - Alumni Band Day

Alumni must abide by the following rules when participating in Alumni Band Day.

Alumni must fill out the Alumni Band Day Google form sent out by the Publicity Manager if they expect to borrow music or an instrument for the event. Any additional tickets purchased through the Marching 97 must be paid in full upfront, otherwise they will not receive their tickets. If the form is not filled out by the specified due date, then there is no guarantee the alumni will receive an instrument or music.

As long as an alumnus is following the Marching 97's Drug and Alcohol Policy they are permitted to be in the Marching 97's sectioned-off stands during the whole game. If they are not, they must sit behind the Marching 97's sectioned-off stands.

Upon the conclusion of Alumni Band day, all alumni are expected to return all Marching 97 property, such as music or instruments. Failure to return valuable items, such as instruments, may result in being banned from future participation in Marching 97 events. Must return to Toots or Pubman before leaving campus.

Article IV - Lehigh vs Lafayette Game

Alumni are allowed to participate in the Lehigh-Lafayette halftime performance, stands, and tailgating. The Publicity Manager and the Drum Major will reach out to specific alumni asking if they are willing to participate in the Lehigh-Lafayette halftime performance. Alumni participating in the Lehigh-Lafayette halftime performance may attend practices during which the band is scheduled to work on the Lehigh-Lafayette show, according to the Drum Major. This also extends to playoff games past the regular football season.

Article V - Home Games

During home games, besides Alumni Band Day and the Lehigh vs Lafayette game, alumni, as well as non-band members, may enter the official band section only during the third quarter of a home game until the eight-minute mark. After that, they must exit the Marching 97 stand section.

Article VI - Executive Board Rights

If an alumnus is at any point not upholding the Marching 97's policies, the Executive Board members reserve the right to direct the alumnus out of the Marching 97's section in the stands, or in severe cases, remove the alumnus from participation with the 97 in that given event and/or future events.