



OS Drinks Pricing Proposal

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OS hosts multiple activities and drinks during the year. For this help from the associations and their drinking committees to host them is needed. Currently, many associations already charge low prices for OS-activities. These low prices typically are the more or less the same as the prices for their own respective association drinks. In previous years, talks about pricing for OS-activities were held, but in the end there was no clear agreement on whether lower prices were required per OS-policy.

To put this into perspective: if OS needs to pay more for its activities and drinks to be held there are two options. The first option is that the annual contribution associations pay to OS will need to be increased since the budget for these activities is already tight, and the second option is not hosting the activities anymore. This would not be very productive. Next to this, if participants of the activities have to pay more for their drinks, the activities themselves might become less attractive since Board members usually enjoy cheap prices at their own drinks.

A specific example of the advantages of offering low drink prices is the Elfbierentocht. If everyone offers lower prices, all members benefit from this. You and more importantly your members can also enjoy lower prices at all other bars. This same principle applies for other activities where the (board) members of associations enjoy lower prices at other bars during OS activities.

Drinks and activities from OS are held at different bars with different drafting committees throughout the year. Every drafting committee has their own pricing structure, but to make the pricing fair for everyone, OS wants all associations and their drafting committees held up to the same guidelines. The guideline is formulated as follows:

Proposal: Every association strives for charging the lowest feasible prices for 1) hosting drinks and activities and 2) individual drinks for OS-activities. In any case, the association and/or drafting committee should try to ensure no profit is being made on the drink. Possible compensation for drafters and BHV'ers however are not included in this calculation and will be paid for by OS.

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