

göta studentkår

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This policy applies to Göta studentkår and the parts of the organization that conduct Kick-off activities for new students at the University of Gothenburg.

## Background

In connection with the start of the term, Kick-off is organized at Göta studentkår's five sections. The purpose of this policy is to establish common values and define the purpose and goals of the kick-off.

The kick-off is a joint responsibility for Göta studentkår. The union board is responsible for ensuring that the kick-off is conducted in accordance with this policy. The responsibility for the practical implementation of the kick-off is assigned to the kick-off coordinators appointed by each section board. The Event and Association Coordinator is responsible for training the kick-off coordinators.

## Purpose of the kick-off

**The purpose of the kick-off is:**

- › To provide new students with a positive start to their studies and to feel welcome at the University of Gothenburg and in Gothenburg as a student city.
- › To create student communities and meeting places where students can get to know each other.
- › To promote and showcase existing student communities, such as union associations and section associations.
- › To provide students with information about Göta studentkår and the University of Gothenburg.
- › To provide students with a positive image of Göta studentkår and its section- and union association activities.
- › To recruit members to Göta studentkår.

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## Organization, procedures, and documents

In addition to Göta studentkår's kick-off policy, there are several supplementary documents specifically developed for the kick-off activity:

- › Göta studentkår's phadder contract. The contract shall be signed by the students who have been selected as phadders and have completed Göta studentkår's phadder training. The section board has the right to make additions with section-specific provisions, but not to make deletions in the contract.
- › Working order for kick-off coordinators. This document applies to those who have been selected as kick-off coordinators at their respective sections. Kick-off coordinators are responsible for organizing and carrying out the kick-off activities.
- › Financial procedures for the kick-off and budget template for the kick-off. These documents should be used in planning and reporting the kick-off's finances.

## Commitments

**Göta studentkår is committed to:**

- › Ensuring that the kick-off is well-coordinated, inclusive, and fun for all participants.
- › Providing relevant education and knowledge to all individuals involved in organizing and coordinating the kick-off activities at Göta studentkår.
- › Responsible handling of alcohol and awareness of the risks associated with it.
- › Creating an inclusive atmosphere that permeates the entire kick-off event.
- › Ensuring compliance with local regulations.
- › Ensuring that the kick-off adheres to Göta studentkår's vision and values.

**Göta studentkår strictly prohibits:**

- › Any form of hazing.
- › Any form of discrimination.
- › Forced or incentivized consumption of alcohol.
- › Any form of encouragement of excessive drinking.
- › Any form of abusive treatment.
- › Sexual harassment.
- › Vandalism.
- › Use of illegal substances.

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- › Criminal activity.
- › Any individual involved in organizing the kick-off from entering into an intimate relationship with a new student during the kick-off.

## Long-term goals

### The long-term goals of the kick-off are:

- › To ensure a smooth handover between organizing parties from one year to the next, through well-functioning documentation and communication.
- › To ensure that Göta studentkår is clearly identified as the originator of all kick-off activities.
- › To contribute to a sense of community and unity throughout the entire period study time.
- › That the people involved in organizing the kick-off mainly consists of members of the student union as well as active students at the sections represented by Göta studentkår at the University of Gothenburg.

## Kick-off coordinators and phaddrar

According to this policy, the section board has the right to suspend a phadder if they do not follow Göta studentkår's governing documents and the contract that is signed when accepting the assignment. The decision to suspend a phadder should be reported to the union board.

If the violation is deemed serious, a phadder may be deprived of the opportunity to participate in future kick-off activities. The decision to suspend should also be reported to the union board. If the suspension extends beyond the current kick-off, the union board should document and follow up on the decision.

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