

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION ABOUT SERVING ALCOHOL AT PARISH EVENTS

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1. Does everyone who serves alcohol at parish events need to attend alcohol awareness training?

Yes, they must. Anyone who serves alcohol at any parish event must attend some type of alcohol awareness training. If they are not able to attend the one sponsored each year by the Archdiocese, a video is available for their use. Parishes should check local laws, to see if any type of mandated training is required. [*Archdiocesan Policy*]

2. If my parish has a permanent beer license can renters bring their own alcoholic beverages to events?

No, they may not. Only the location having a license may serve alcoholic beverages. If Renters want to serve alcohol at their event the renters must purchase the alcohol from the parish for at least .01cent over cost of the alcoholic beverage. If a Parish does not have a permanent license, renters are allowed to serve their private guests that are over 21 years of age alcoholic beverages to consume for free since they are guests at a private event. This is only allowed at private parties not open to the public. [*State Laws KRS 243.020; 243.250; 243.280 and Archdiocesan Policy*]

3. Our parish is having a picnic. The workers in the booths want to bring their own alcoholic refreshments. May they do so?

No, they may buy beer from the parish but may not bring their own. Individuals are prohibited to bring alcoholic beverages for private consumption onto the premises at any parish, school or organization sponsored events. [*State Laws KRS 243.020 and 243.280*]

4. We are having a Parish dinner/meeting and would like to serve refreshments including beer. May we do so?

If your Parish holds a permanent license- Yes, as long as it is noted on your books that the cost of the beer was charged to another group, PTO, Men's Club, etc. If your Parish does not have a license, alcoholic beverages may be served. [*State Law KRS 244.050*]

5. How old must I be to serve alcohol?

According to archdiocesan policy, you must be 21 years of age. State Law says 20, archdiocesan policy says 21. [*Archdiocesan Policy and State Law KRS 244.090*]

6. We are a licensed Parish and we are having a horseshoe tournament at Church. Mr. Smith has purchased beer from the local convenience store. May we sell this at the tournament?

No, all licensed premises (permanent or temporary) must purchase alcoholic beverage from a Kentucky Beer Distributor or Kentucky Liquor Wholesaler and it may not be sold for less than cost. This is a Kentucky Beverage Statute. [*State Laws KRS 243.280 and KRS 244.050*]

7. We are having fish fries at our parish during Lent and we do not have a beer license. What must we do in order to sell beer at the fish fry?

A parish may apply for and receive a temporary beer license for a single event. A temporary license must be obtained for each date of the event, i.e. each fish fry during Lent. Alcoholic beverages may not be delivered or picked up before or after dates on temporary license. Make sure you add the appropriate days to the license to accommodate delivery and pickup. [*State Law KRS 243.020 and 243.260*]

8. We are having a fund raiser at our parish and want to offer a basket of wine/liquor as a prize. May we do this?

Alcohol may never be given away free or raffled in any way. However, a special temporary liquor and wine auction license must be obtained from both the city and state in order to offer liquor or wine as auction items. No Beer can be auctioned. [*State Laws KRS 243.010 and KRS 243.036, State Fees KRS 243.030 - \$110 per event, Metro Louisville Fees KRS 243.070 - \$200 per event*]

9. We have rented our parish hall for a wedding reception and they are serving alcohol. How long may they serve?

With proper licensing and training, alcohol may be served Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. until midnight; Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until midnight. Alcohol may not be served after midnight unless you have an extended hours license. It is also policy that alcohol sales or service be stopped one (1) hour before the end of the event. It is also highly recommended that food be served at the same time as alcohol is served. [*State Laws KRS 244.290 and 244.480*]

10. We notice someone who is underage and seems to be intoxicated at our event. What should we do?

If you experience such an incident or you notice a particular young person who appears to be intoxicated, have a security guard escort the person to a safe place and call their parents or guardian. Never let a minor who is clearly intoxicated leave the event alone. If the person is an adult and appears to be intoxicated, call a cab or have someone responsible take them home. [*State Law KRS 244.080*]

11. Do I have to serve someone who seems to be underage or I may suspect is intoxicated?

There is no law that says you have to serve anyone. You always have the right to refuse to serve anyone you feel is underage or is intoxicated. [*State Law KRS 244.080*]

12. What are my responsibilities if I serve alcohol at parish events?

You have a moral, civic and legal responsibility in serving alcohol. Anyone who serves alcohol to a minor can be held responsible. If you serve alcohol to a minor or someone who is clearly intoxicated and later that person is involved in an accident you can be held criminally and civilly responsible and possibly arrested. Negligence laws apply in Kentucky, which means that anyone can be sued. Ignorance of the law will not excuse you from being held accountable. [*State Law KRS 243.010; 244.080 and 244.090*]

13. Our parish has a beer license issued in the name of the parish. This license includes our ball field. One of the teams using our ball field wishes to have a fund raiser and use our license to sell beer. May they do so?

No, only the parish holding the license may sell the beer. The group holding the fundraiser may not obtain or use another license to sell the beer since only one license may be issued for a location. [*State Law KRS 243.010; 243.220; 243.230; 243.280; and 243.290*]

14. From time to time our parish holds a dinner or reception to thank volunteers for work they have done for the parish, and we wish to serve wine, but our parish has a beer license. Can we do this?

A parish may ask to have part of their premises exempt from the license, i.e. rectory, parish offices, etc. By restricting your license to a particular area of your premises, you would be allowed to offer wine at your gathering if it is held in an area exempt from the license. For example, your license includes your ball field, your gym and parish hall but the rectory is not included, therefore you may serve whatever you wish in the rectory. You must apply for this exemption from the ABC, both city and state. [*State Laws KRS 243.010; 243.220 and 243.230*]

OR

A parish may apply for and receive a temporary wine license for a single event. A temporary license must be obtained for each date of the event, i.e. each dinner. Alcoholic beverages may not be delivered or picked up before or after dates on temporary license. Make sure you add the appropriate days to the license to accommodate delivery and pickup. [*State Law KRS 243.020 and 243.260*]

15. We have rented our parish hall for a wedding reception and they wish to serve wine and beer, but our parish has a beer only license in their name. How can we allow wine for this wedding reception?

The parish may apply for a city and state temporary license for this event. The City fee for this temporary license is \$50 and the State fee for this license is \$90. The parish should apply approximately two weeks in advance of the wedding for these licenses. Note: If the renter is only serving beer to guest, but wants to do Champagne toast. They must apply for this temporary license in order to serve the Champagne. [*State Law KRS 243.260. Examples of approved events are wedding receptions, reunions, receptions, or similar occasions.*]

16. If a parish, who does not have a license, sells admission tickets to a Dinner & Dance, (the admission includes entertainment, food, beer and wine) must the parish get a temporary alcohol license to hold the event?

Yes, a temporary license would be required; if the event is open to anyone willing to pay for and buy a ticket therefore it would be classified as a public event. If it was just open to the Men's Club members only, a license would not be required, but anyone serving the drinks would need to go through the Alcohol Awareness Training Session. [*State Laws KRS 243.020 and 243.260*]