

Liquor licensing information sheet Booths or Point/s of Sale

Temporary booths are a common fixture you'll see at local sporting matches. If your club is thinking about setting one up or already has one, these Q&As will reinforce the good work you're already doing or help steer your club in the right direction about the laws and requirements you need to meet.

Q: What is a booth?

A: A booth is a temporary setup where sporting clubs can serve liquor to patrons at different locations around the field during the game. Also known as Point/s of Sale, sporting clubs must apply for, or have the right licence in order to supply liquor off-premises.

Q: If a sporting club already has a full club licence, does that cover booths?

A: No. Sporting clubs must hold a <u>renewable limited</u> <u>club licence</u> or <u>temporary limited licence</u>, that specifies that they can supply liquor from a Booth or Point/s of Sale as a condition on their licence.

A <u>full club licence</u> only permits the supply of liquor to occur on the licensed premises and the only patrons who are permitted to drink this liquor off the licensed premises are members.

Q: To ensure a renewable limited or temporary licence is granted, what are some handy tips to know when applying?

A: So that your sporting club fills out the relevant application form correctly, the body responsible for the supply of liquor (i.e. the body that purchases, sells and receives the profit from the liquor) should be listed as the licensee. In most cases the licensee is the club, the licence cannot be in a nominee's name. If the wrong person or body is listed, this could hold up your application from being approved by the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR).

Q: What considerations will be factored in by the Commission before they grant a temporary licence?

A: When processing an application, the VCGLR will consider the following:

- · club's location
- · club's compliance history
- · nature of the event (e.g. finals)
- controls on the supply of liquor (e.g. CCTV, crowd controllers)
- expected crowd attendance and venue management plans.

The VCGLR may apply special conditions on your club's licence.

Q: What are common licence conditions?

A: Frequently, in 85 to 90 per cent of the cases, licensees are granted licences with the same or similar conditions relating to the following:

- · period of licence (e.g. April to September)
- restrictions on supply of liquor (e.g. only two cans or plastic cups of spirit-based drinks per person opened at the point of sale)
- delivery of liquor (e.g. minors)
- trading hours
- amenity
- · club requirements.

Q: How many booths does a renewable limited or temporary licence cover?

A: As long as your club has the right licence, you can set up as many booths as you like around the field and you do not need a red-line plan for those booths.



Q: Do staff at booths need RSA training?

A: Carefully review the conditions on your club's licence to ensure you are compliant. For best practice, the VCGLR recommends that all staff serving liquor at licensed booths have successfully completed their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course within the last three years. Staff should also be reminded of the RSA principles which outline their obligations and what they should do if someone becomes intoxicated or drunk.

Q: How many staff must be at each booth?

A: Legally, there is no minimum requirement for how many staff should service one booth. The VCGLR always encourages best practice and recommends clubs to plan accordingly so that large crowds are managed and well looked after.

Q: What signage must a sporting club display at a booth?

A: Sporting clubs must display the same signage at a booth as they would on-site. This includes a copy of the licence and signage below.

Print your <u>required liquor signage</u> and read the <u>printing requirements</u> on the VCGLR website.

Q: What penalties apply if a sporting club holds a booth without the right licence?

A: If your sporting club operates a booth from which liquor is supplied without the correct licence, your club will be in <u>breach</u> of the liquor licensing laws. Serious penalties apply under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.

Q: When should your clubs apply for a temporary licence?

A: You should lodge your application with the VCGLR at least eight weeks in advance. You can do this <u>online</u> and for special club events you know are coming up, you can include up to three dates on the same application.

How can I find out more information?

For any questions please contact the VCGLR on 1300 182 457 or email contact@vcglr.vic.gov.au







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