

OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Policy Objectives

- To maintain a safe, family atmosphere at all events and activities taking place at the OC Fair & Event Center (OCFEC).
- To promote responsible sales, service and consumption of alcohol during all applicable events and activities at the OCFEC.
- To mitigate OCFEC liability in potential alcohol-related legal actions.
- To employ personnel, and contract with concessionaires who are professional, friendly, helpful and fully trained and certified pursuant to the Responsible Beverage Service Training Act (RBSTA) as specified by California Assembly Bill (AB) 1221.

Right to Serve or Sell Alcohol at the OCFEC

Concessionaires shall only sell or serve approved alcoholic beverages in accordance with their valid license issued by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The valid license shall be on file with the OCFEC. A current agreement between the concessionaire and the OCFEC is required.

Year-Round Events (All events and activities outside the annual OC Fair)

Any sale or service of alcohol at the OCFEC shall be coordinated through the OCFEC Master Concessionaire with exception of the existing long-term agreement with the Orange County Wine Society, where such right has been permitted. Any exceptions shall be authorized in writing only by the OCFEC upon receiving written request from the Renter.

Annual OC Fair

Any sale or service of alcohol at the OCFEC during the annual OC Fair shall be coordinated through the OCFEC Master Concessionaire with exception of the existing long-term agreement with the Orange County Wine Society where such right has been permitted. In addition, the OCFEC grants one-year contracts to three (3) independent concessionaires through conclusion of the 2025 OC Fair.

Alcohol Servers

- Before serving an alcoholic beverage, servers shall be required to verify valid identification of a patron when the patron appears to be less than thirty (30) years of age. Acceptable forms of identification shall be limited to a valid driver license, military identification, passport or any other valid identification with a picture issued by a United States government entity. If the patron does not have acceptable identification, sale or service shall not be allowed.
- If a server has any doubts regarding the validity of the identification, he/she shall call their supervisor for verification. Anyone using false identification shall have same ID confiscated, and will not be served an alcoholic beverage.
- Concessionaire shall provide their servers and security staff with immediate access to a current identification book during all serving times. This will assist the server or security personnel when verifying validity of the identification.
- Any patron appearing intoxicated shall not be permitted to purchase or be served alcohol.
- Server shall serve no more than two alcoholic beverages to a patron of legal age at any one time.
- Servers shall report underage alcohol drinkers or patrons providing alcohol to underage persons to the OCFEC Security Department and/or the Orange County Sheriff's Department.
- Servers shall be at least 21 years of age in order to sell or serve alcohol.
- Servers shall not consume alcohol while on duty.
- Servers shall not solicit tips in any way including, but not limited to, leaving money or towel on the counter, wearing a button suggesting that the patron tip, placing signage, etc. A cup or container placed inconspicuously under the counter is permissible for collection of gratuities offered solely at the decision of patrons.
- Servers shall document and notify their supervisor when they choose not to serve a patron an alcoholic beverage for any reason. Documentation and notification of the supervisor shall take place on same day of the incident.
- Servers shall only be allowed to serve alcohol when wearing a designated and valid OCFEC issued or approved badge. The designated OCFEC issued or approved badge will validate that the server has received OCFEC approved training and is

currently certified to serve alcohol at the OC FEC. It will also validate that the server has a current OC FEC approved Server Responsibility Form on file with the Concessionaire acknowledging that the server has read and understands the current OC FEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies. If identification is OC FEC issued, OC FEC will process and produce badges once all required server documentation is received.

Lead Personnel

All alcohol beverage concessionaires shall assign one person the responsibility of leading each alcohol beverage location during operating hours. This person shall serve as the lead of the stand to ensure that all servers are adhering to OC FEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies. In addition, this person shall have a radio to ensure ability to communicate as necessary.

Alcohol Service & Sales Hours

- Any patron appearing intoxicated shall not be permitted to purchase or be served alcohol.
- Alcohol sales and service times shall be hours limited to the laws of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the OC FEC, whichever is earlier.
- During the OC Fair, patrons shall be limited to purchase of no more than two alcoholic beverages at any one time.
- Alcohol sales and service times at all locations during the OC Fair shall end one (1) hour prior to published nightly closing time of Fair (Pacific Amphitheatre at 9:30 pm).
- All alcohol sales and service shall end at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the conclusion of any event.
- OC FEC management and the Orange County Sheriff's Department reserve the right to stop or restrict alcohol sales at any time for any reason.

Age Identification Wristbands

- Wristbands shall be required for anyone purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages during the OC Fair and any other event designated by the OC FEC.

- Contract Security at each alcohol location will check patron identification for proper age, and place a wristband on every patron who wishes to purchase or consume an alcoholic beverage.
- Wristbands shall only be issued to a patron upon approval from security personnel that have been hired by the concessionaire.
- Wristbands are to be color-coded. Every concessionaire will coordinate wristband colors for consistency throughout the grounds, with La Cantina wristbands being the only possible exception due to sponsorship agreement terms.
- **Anyone observed consuming an alcoholic beverage without a wristband will be questioned, and security or law enforcement personnel will confiscate their alcoholic beverage if they are determined to be underage. If of legal age, they will be required to be issued a wristband prior to being allowed any further consumption.**

Security/Alcohol Compliance

- During the OC Fair and any other event designated by the OCFEC, all concessionaires selling or serving alcohol shall provide OCFEC approved ID/age verifiers or alternate security staff at each alcohol location or venue.
- Security personnel shall be a minimum of 18 years old and wear a uniform and OCFEC approved ID badge while on duty.
- Contract Security personnel duties shall include age identification checks and wristband issuance.
- Concessionaire shall submit an operating plan outlining the number of bars and respective locations at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of an event for review and approval by the OCFEC.
- Approved security levels for wristband issuance shall be:
 - Grounds locations – A minimum of one (1) security person at each alcohol beverage stand.
 - Pacific Amphitheatre – Common area checkpoints will be determined and coordinated between Concessionaire and OCFEC Security Department based upon planned number and placement of point-of-sale locations.

- Action Sports Arena – Common area checkpoints will be determined and coordinated between Concessionaire and OCFEC Security Department based upon planned number and placement of point-of-sale locations.
- The Hangar – Common area checkpoints will be determined and coordinated between Concessionaire and OCFEC Security Department based upon planned number and placement of point-of-sale locations.

Alcohol Beverage Containers

- Concessionaires shall only sell or serve alcoholic beverages in containers that have been pre-approved by the OCFEC.
- Cups for beer shall not exceed a twenty-four (24) ounce serving size at any time.
- Cups for margaritas shall not exceed a twenty (20) ounce serving size at any time.
- Cups for wine shall not exceed an eight (8) ounce serving size at any time.
- Cups for spirits shall not exceed a twelve (12) ounce serving size at any time.
- Cup sizes for all other alcoholic beverages shall be pre-approved by the OCFEC.
- Alcoholic beverages shall be served in clear plastic cups or branded aluminum cans only. Service, directly to patrons, in glass containers is prohibited, with the exception of souvenir wine glasses sold by the Orange County Wine Society and glass bottles served during private catered events. Otherwise, alcoholic beverages not in approved packaged containers must be poured into OCFEC approved cups.

Spirit Beverages

- Spirit beverages shall only be served if approved by the OCFEC after submittal and review of an operating plan detailing specified product selection, beverage content (ounces of each ingredient) including cup size, service location and service times.
- Spirit beverages shall not exceed a one and a half (1½) ounce shot of OCFEC approved eighty (80) proof liquor served in a twelve (12) ounce cup.
- Patrons of legal age shall only be allowed to purchase and consume up to two (2) spirit beverages at any one time.

Parking Lots

- Alcohol consumption in OCFEC parking lots is prohibited unless specific parking lot has been rented out for event footprint utilization (not for general parking).
- Parking Attendants that observe patrons with open alcohol containers in OCFEC parking lots should immediately contact their supervisor.
- Parking Attendants who observe impaired patrons in OCFEC parking lots should immediately report the situation to their supervisor.

Ticket Gates

- Patrons shall not be allowed to bring any alcoholic beverages into the OCFEC.
- Patrons that appear to be intoxicated while attempting to purchase an admissions ticket shall not be sold a ticket, and shall be reported by ticketing personnel to their supervisor.
- Patrons that appear to be intoxicated and who already have an admissions ticket shall not be allowed entry into the OCFEC. The Gate Attendant shall immediately report the situation to their supervisor.
- Patrons shall not be allowed to exit OCFEC ticket gates with any alcoholic beverages.

Policy Enforcement

- Any observations of either patrons or concessionaires not adhering to OCFEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies shall be reported immediately to the OCFEC Security Department and/or OCFEC Management.
- All observations shall be documented by the OCFEC Security Department.
- Patrons in violation of OCFEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies shall be approached and questioned by either the OCFEC Security Department or the Orange County Sheriff's Department.
- Patrons in violation of OCFEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies and/or the laws of the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control may be ejected from the facility and prosecuted accordingly.
- Any patron harassing an OCFEC employee or contractor in any way may be ejected from the OCFEC and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

- Concessionaires in violation of OCFEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies and/or the laws of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall be approached and questioned by either the OCFEC Security Department and/or the Orange County Sheriff's Department.
- Concessionaires in violation of OCFEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policies and/or the laws of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control risk the right to continue selling or serving alcohol at the immediate time of the violation, and also risk cancellation of their agreement to continue future sales or service of alcohol at the OCFEC.
- Concessionaires shall be fully responsible for the actions of their employees or volunteers who are authorized to serve alcohol on their behalf.
- The OCFEC Security Department will provide Alcohol Compliance Officers to monitor both patrons and concessionaires during the OC Fair and other events deemed necessary.

Public Awareness

Signage provided by the concessionaire and approved by the OCFEC shall be required to be visible to the public at all alcohol beverage service points and must contain all information as follows:

- Minimum age to purchase and consume alcohol is twenty-one (21) years old.
- Identification required if you appear to be thirty (30) years old or younger.
- Limit of two (2) alcoholic beverages per person of legal age.
- Sales shall end thirty (30) minutes prior to conclusion of the event or earlier at the sole discretion of OCFEC management.
- Intoxicated patrons shall not be served.
- Alcohol Compliance Officers with the OCFEC Security Department will be visible to monitor and ensure compliance of the OCFEC Alcohol Beverage Management Policy. This cost shall be fully and proportionately reimbursed by all concessionaires serving alcohol.
- Public service messages will be provided during events requesting that patrons drink responsibly, do not drink and drive, and encouraging the practice of using a designated driver.

- During events, OC FEC concessionaires and alcohol beverage companies will organize and promote programs that encourage “safe and sober” or “designated driver” practices.
- Based upon historical data or similar comparisons, as necessary security and law enforcement personnel levels will be scheduled for duty during events projecting high volume sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages.