



Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Competitions Policy

1. MINOR EVENTS

A. Consumption of Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Events

In accordance with the Softball BC Code of Conduct, participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires) and spectators shall refrain from consuming, promoting or selling alcohol at sanctioned Softball BC minor events, which include age categories from Learn to Play to U20.

B. Exception for Permanent Structure

- i. The host facility must have a permanent structure where alcohol can be sold and consumed, and must comply with all city, municipal and provincial liquor licensing regulations.
- ii. Participants and spectators may only consume in licenced areas AND not within 10 feet of the backstop and dugouts/team benches.

C. Result of non-compliance

- Spectator: removal from the facility, and possible ban from future events
- Participant: removal from the facility
- Coach: removal from the facility
- Association with Participant or Spectator(s) in breach of Policy: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension
- Host Association for non-enforcement: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension

2. ADULT EVENTS

A. Consumption of Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Events

Host may sell alcohol at sanctioned Softball BC adult events, which include all categories above U20, but must comply with the following:

1. The host must provide Softball BC with a copy of their Beer Garden/Liquor Liability Insurance coverage, purchased through our broker. Softball BC's insurance includes a liquor liability exclusion; therefore, a host who wants to serve alcohol must have their own insurance.

2. The host must secure the required special event permit and comply with provincial and municipal laws and regulations.
3. While the legal requirement for solid fencing around beer gardens at festivals/events has been removed, Softball BC requires that the designated beer garden area be clearly marked and located away from the backstop and dugout. The ideal location would be beyond the outfield fence.
4. Softball BC will expect the host to ensure the beer garden area is monitored by a volunteer whose sole responsibility is to manage guests and their consumption. This is intended to supplement the servers who are also Serving It Right (SIR) certified.

B. Result of non-compliance

- Spectator: removal from the facility, and possible ban from future events
- Participant: removal from the facility
- Coach: removal from the facility
- Association with Participant or Spectator(s) in breach of Policy: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension
- Host Association for non-enforcement: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension