

Festival Liquor Permit (LFP) Quick Reference Guide Rev. 7/25

Legal Hours of Alcohol Sales

- **Monday through Saturday:** Alcohol allowed 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** Alcohol allowed 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- *Local town/city rules may be more restrictive; check with your town hall*

Permit Requirements

- **Renewal:** This permit is not renewable.
- **Permit framed and hung:** Place your permit in a frame and hang in your area visible to the public.
- **Records needed:** Daily sales record for food and alcohol need to be kept for a period of two years.
- **Alcohol storage:** Must keep alcohol locked and inaccessible to the public when festival closed.
- **Food available:** Hot meals must be regularly served; hot meals normally require sitting to eat and use of tableware.
- **Employee age:** An employee must be 18 years old to sell or serve alcohol.
- **Age statement forms:** Required to be kept on premises at all times; utilize when a person's age is in question.
- **Food and restrooms:** Availability of food and restrooms during festival hours may be required by local ordinance.

Festival Specific Rules

- **Minors eating:** Minors allowed in festival premises to eat. For areas without effective separation between bar and dining, minor may remain on premises while waiting for and consuming food made on premises. *No minor may sit or stand at a bar unless with a parent, guardian, or spouse.*
- **Entertainment:** You are only allowed to have the entertainment endorsed on your permit. Town approval required (e.g., live bands, acoustic performers, comedians).
- **Vendors allowed:** Only licensed Connecticut manufacturers and licensed caterers are allowed to sell alcohol at the event. All manufacturers must be invited by the festival sponsor.
- **Types of alcohol allowed:** Manufacturers are limited to selling their own products.
- **Off-premises sales allowed:** Manufactures may do retail sales of sealed bottles and cans for off-premises consumption. May also ship directly to festival attendees alcohol purchased at festival.
- **On-premises sales allowed in marked glass:** Manufactures may do retail sales of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the festival; glass must be embossed or permanently labeled with name and date of festival.
- **Tastings:** Manufacturers are allowed to offer free or paid samples.
- **Drinks to go:** Manufacturers may only sell alcohol to go if it is in the original container as prepared by the manufacturer (no mixed drinks or cocktails to go).
- **Consumer disclosures:** Must tell each person at the time they buy admission to the festival about all restrictions or limitations (e.g., maximum number of glasses or tasting allowed).
- **Growlers:** May sell draught beer to go in sealed containers during package store hours (M-Sat, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Limit 4 liters per person per day. Clean and sanitary containers must be supplied and filled by you.
- **Caterer option:** A licensed caterer operating under a contract made with festival sponsor may serve alcohol as part of festival admission or sell alcohol at a bar stocked and run by the caterer.

Common Violations

- **Refilling:** You may *not* refill any liquor or wine bottle, even if brands are the same. All alcohol must be poured from its original container as received from a wholesaler or manufacturer.
- **Sales to minors:** You may not sell to or serve anyone under 21 years of age (unless with parent, guardian, or spouse). *You have the right to refuse a sale to a suspected minor.*
- **Sales to intoxicated person:** You may not sell to or serve anyone showing signs of intoxication. *You have the right to refuse a sale to someone who is intoxicated.*
- **Hours:** You may only sell alcohol during the hours allowed by your permit; all alcohol must be cleared by stated hour.
- **Smoking:** All smoking prohibited in the premises or any covered portion of the festival, including all electronic systems (cigarettes, cigars, vapes, pipes, hookahs, cigarillos, etc.).
- **Gambling:** No gambling on games of chance allowed unless allowed by CT Lottery and licensed by DCP Gaming Division. Example: no dice games, sports pools, or slot machines.
- **Own products:** Manufacturers are limited to selling the products they alone make; beer manufacturers may sell beer made in conjunction with another brewery.
- **Unlicensed manufacturer:** Festival sponsor must ensure manufacturers are all properly licensed and licenses active during festival.
- **No shippers or wholesalers:** *Only* manufacturers may attend; no shipper or wholesaler permittees.

Alcohol Beverage Rules

- **Service:** You may serve one person two drinks at a time. A pitcher or bottle of wine must be served to more than one person.
- **Drinking games:** No games that involve drinking or alcohol as prizes.
- **Bottomless:** "Bottomless mimosa", "all you can drink happy hour," etc. are prohibited.
- **Discrimination:** Promotions must apply to all patrons. "Ladies nights", etc. are prohibited if deal is based on age, gender, sexual orientation, or other protected classifications.

Contact Liquor Control :

www.ct.gov/dcp/liquorcontrol ♦ dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov ♦ 860-713-6200 **(This guide for general reference only; not a full description of all obligations)**