

Date: October 31, 2022

To: LCRB staff
Liquor Primary licensees and hospitality industry associations
Local Governments, Indigenous Nations and Police agencies

Re: Temporary authorization for Liquor Primary establishments to open early during the 2022 FIFA World Cup, November 20-December 18, 2022

Introduction

This Policy Directive announces temporary terms and conditions to permit liquor primary (LP) establishments greater flexibility in hosting televised games of the 2022 FIFA World Cup outside of normal liquor service hours. There is no change to the hours of liquor sale and service.

Current Terms and Conditions

LP establishments are required to clear all patrons from the service area and close within a half-hour after liquor service ends. They are prohibited from using their service area for any other purpose between closing time and 6:00 a.m.

If the establishment is open for non-liquor service activities after 6:00 a.m., all patrons must vacate the premises at least one half-hour before the start of liquor service hours as stated on the liquor licence. For example, if liquor service hours begin at 11:00 a.m., all patrons must be cleared by 10:30 a.m.

Temporary Terms and Conditions

During the 2022 FIFA World Cup, taking place from November 20 to December 18, 2022, the following temporary terms and conditions will apply:

- A liquor primary establishment may open to the public for non-liquor service prior to 6:00 a.m. provided there is a minimum of one hour between the end of liquor service the preceding evening and the opening for the soccer game. For example, if the establishment's liquor service ends at 2:00 a.m. patrons may not

re-enter the establishment until 3:00 a.m. at the earliest.

- While these terms and conditions are in effect, the requirement for patrons to vacate the premise a half-hour prior to the start of liquor service, as stated on the licence, is repealed.
- Minors are not permitted in the establishment during the hours of liquor service unless specifically permitted under the terms and conditions of the liquor licence, but minors are permitted outside the hours of liquor service.
- Liquor must be securely stored or supervised by staff to ensure that it is not consumed during the hours when liquor service is not permitted.
- The person capacity for the establishment is in effect even outside liquor service hours. Licensees may not, at any time, have more persons in the establishment than the stated person capacity on the licence.
- As always, patrons may not bring liquor into the establishment at any time and intoxicated persons are not permitted in the establishment at any time.
- These terms and conditions are in place only for 2022 FIFA World Cup games between November 20 and December 18, 2022.
- Licensees are not required to apply to the LCRB for approval, but it is recommended licensees check with their local government regarding any restrictions on hours of operation.

Please be advised that licensed establishments are subject to inspection by branch staff and police at all times.

Disclaimer

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Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the LCRB website at <https://www.gov.bc.ca/lcrb>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please email the LCRB at LCRBLiquorPolicy@gov.bc.ca.

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