

Greenbriar Oceanaire Community Association Guidance on Alcohol Club License

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A quick guide for clubs, committees and residents regarding implementation and restrictions regarding the Associations alcohol club license

General Information to Residents, Clubs and Committees regarding GOCA club license and various alcohol issues

This document provides information and answers the most commonly asked questions regarding the GOCA liquor license and the various constraints pertaining to the license as per state and township laws.

This is intended as a guide to help the community, clubs and committees understand and appreciate the amenity the club license provides.

We can not cover all variations of a question so please consult the **Community Management office** to confirm your particular situation.

General information

- 1) GOCA holds a **club** license (which is very different from a plenary license).
- 2) A club license allows GOCA to serve alcohol for the immediate consumption of GOCA “Club” members (residents) and their personal guests (not to exceed 9).
- 3) A resident of the GOCA community is considered a member of the “Club” and under the GOCA club license can purchase a drink in the bar. (Resident is defined as a registered occupant.)
- 4) Vendors and GOCA employees are not considered members of the “Club” and can not purchase alcohol at this site.

General information Part 2 (cont'd)

- 5) Gifts such as liquor baskets and bottles can NOT be given out at events held on GOCA premises.
- 6) Raffles and door prizes of alcohol can NOT be given out on the GOCA premises.
- 7) GOCA sanctioned clubs CAN advertise an event as BYOB to their membership events notices.
- 8) Any bottle brought in by a resident for personal consumption under BYOB allowances can be taken home but should be recorked/resealed and placed in the trunk of their vehicle.
- 9) A guest may pay for a resident "Club" members drink. The "Club" member must be with his guest.

Scenario 1 - GOCA Sanctioned Club/Committee wants to have a club member informal Pizza party with beer.

A club members give money to another member and he/she makes a "beer run".

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Money cannot be pooled and beer/liquor purchased at a liquor store for a club event. Pooling money from individuals that are all members of a club is very similar to collecting dues for the club. Since all clubs are sanctioned or acting under the authority of the GOCA. The act of the club could be viewed as an act of the GOCA. The GOCA can only purchase or obtain alcoholic beverages from the holder of a New Jersey manufacturer's or wholesaler's license. See N.J.A.C. 13:2-23.12

The club members take the purchase for the "beer run" out of their annual club dues and run down to local liquor for purchase.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Clubs (since sanctioned by GOCA) should not purchase from an outside source.
2. A club is not the same as an individual so BOYB allowance does not stand.

The club members take the purchase out of their annual club dues and purchase from the GOCA bar.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Club members as residents are allowed to purchase alcohol from the bar.

The club members pool their monies and purchase from the GOCA bar.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Yes, the club members can pool money and buy beer/liquor from the GOCA bar. This is similar to collecting dues and buying beer/liquor from the GOCA bar.

Note: Individuals bringing in their own alcohol is allowed under the GOCA BYOB policy.

Scenario 2 - A GOCA Club/Committee wants to have a club member party and include alcohol as part of the party.

The club advertises this is a BYOB and member bring own drinks.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The club members as residents are allowed to bring in alcohol under BYOB ruling

The club take the purchase out of their annual club dues and buy alcohol from local liquor store.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The clubs sanctioned or acting under the GOCA authority, cannot purchase or obtain alcohol from an outside source. The GOCA can only obtain alcohol from the holder of a New Jersey manufacturer's or wholesaler's license. The club should obtain the alcohol from the GOCA bar for its event.
2. For affairs open to the public, a club may qualify for a one day Special affairs permits from the township. Check with the township AND the Community Manager for details..

The club take the purchase out of their annual club dues and buy alcohol from the Association.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The club members as residents are allowed to buy alcohol and the club license allows purchase.
2. Caveat- unopened bottles can not be taken home like a BYOB. Association will purchase back.
3. Caveat – open bottles can not be taken home like a BYOB. Association will NOT purchase back.

Scenario 3 - A GOCA Club/Committee wants to have a Member/Guest golf event and provide alcohol on the 5 & 14 holes for players to grab a beer

The club advertises that food and drinks (including alcohol are included in ticket price). Alcohol being purchased from club.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Since only Club members can purchase the ticket and bring a guest to the event, alcohol can be served to the guests. Guests are being sponsored by the member so it is the same as if in the Bar having a drink.
2. Since guest player is on the course with a member, they are being sponsored by the member.
3. Alcohol MUST be purchased from the GOCA

The club advertises that food and drinks (including alcohol are included in ticket). Alcohol being purchased from local liquor store.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The clubs, sanctioned and acting, under the GOCA authority, cannot purchase or obtain alcohol from an outside source. The GOCA can only obtain alcohol from a NJ manufacturers or wholesalers license. The club should obtain the alcohol from the GOCA bar for its event.
2. This is not considered a BYOB status

The club advertise food included but have bar open for sales during the event.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Guests of bona fide members may be sold or served alcohol by the GOCA. Each club member is permitted nine guests on the premises at any one time. These guest must be invited to the club licensed premises by an individual bona fide member of the club and sponsored by and personally attended by the member at the premises.
2. The "Club" member MUST sponsor and can pay for themselves and their guests alcohol purchases.
3. The "Club" member is allowed to bring BYOB for their consumption and their guest.

Scenario 4 - A GOCA Club/Committee wants to have a charity golf event open to outside players and provide alcohol on the 5 & 14 holes for players to grab a beer.

The club advertises that food and drinks (including alcohol are included in ticket price). Alcohol being purchased from GOCA.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Assumes the event is being advertised to the general public.
2. Players are not being specifically sponsored by an individual member as the event is open to the public.
3. The club can not sell to a person who is not a "Club" member and there is no specific "Club" member tied with a player.

The club advertises that food and drinks (including alcohol are included in ticket). Alcohol being purchased from local liquor store.

NOT ACCEPTABLE UNDER CLUB LICENSE

Logic of decision-

1. Not allowed as alcohol cannot be purchased or obtained by a club from an outside source.
2. This is not considered a BYOB status

The club advertise food included but have the bar open for alcohol sales at the event.

ACCEPTABLE UNDER CLUB LICENSE WITH SPECIAL PERMIT

Logic of decision-

1. In order for GOCA or a GOCA club/committee to conduct affairs that are open to non-residents or the general public, the hosting club must obtain a Social Affair permit from the Township if alcoholic beverages are to be sold at the affair. In such case, the club/committee must obtain the alcohol from an outside liquor store as the the GOCA club license does not allowed for the resale of alcohol..

Scenario 5 - A vendor wants to throw a cocktail party for the golfers members in the community.

A vendor wants to bring in the alcohol and give it way to the golf members of record for the year. The purchase is through a local liquor store and vendor will pay the servers.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The vendor must rent the ballroom/restaurant and purchased from an outside vendor the alcohol. The vendor must provide free of charge and pay for any servers privately. No GOCA employee can serve.

A vendor wants purchase the alcohol from the Association and pay for the GOCA bartenders.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. A vendor is not a club member and has no status to purchase the alcohol from the club.

Scenario 6 - The Concessionaire wants to bring in alcohol and give it a way with a dinner special. The bar is open but the concessionaire has purchased the alcohol from a local vendor to serve.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The concessionaire does not hold a liquor license and cannot resell alcohol in the licensed premises purchased from a local vendor.
2. The dinner special with alcohol implies selling alcohol.

**NOTE: IS ACCEPTABLE
IF GOCA sponsored**

Logic of decision-

1. If GOCA as the licensee includes one alcoholic beverage drink to be given complimentary with or to be included in the price of a meal. (An exception are Social Committee events such as the New Years Party, etc.- See Scenario 7)

Scenario 7 - The GOCA Social Committee wants to have a function (like a New Year's party) and wants to offer wine and beer with the meal price. Purchasing the alcohol from the GOCA and pay for the GOCA bartenders.



ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. GOCA as the license holder and the reseller of the meal is allowed to offer the “package” of meal and drink included. The Division of ABC permits a licensee to include one alcoholic beverage drink to be given complimentary with or to be included in the price of a meal. Only one free or complimentary drink can be offered with the meal. (ABC Handbook page 19).
2. The Division of ABC recognizes an exception for New Years Eve parties where tickets are not available at the door (ABC Handbook Page 53)
3. If the event is a private party or an event for which tickets are sold by a non-profit organization and the licensee has not advertised the event to the general public, an open bar may be included in the package furnished by the licensee to the organization or private party (ABC Handbook Page 53)

Scenario 8 - A resident (“Club” member) wishes to have a birthday party for 100 guests at the clubhouse.

One “Club” member can have as guests no more than 9 individuals. These guests must be invited to the club licensed premises by an individual bona fide member of the “Club” and sponsored by and personal attended to by the member at the premises.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Allowed via ABC Handbook page 17 and Division of ABC letter dated August 31, 2004 to Club Licensees.

The only waiver of the 9 guest limit occurs when a “Club” member utilizes a portion of the licensed premises for a private party he/she is sponsoring for an immediate family member, such as a spouse, child, parent, brother or sister. These situations most often represent functions such as weddings, anniversaries, confirmation, bar or bat mitzvahs or birthdays.

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

Allowed via ABC Handbook page 17 and Division of ABC letter dated August 31, 2004 to Club Licensees.

Scenario 9 - A resident (“Club” member) wants to pay for all the drinks of his party (who are not members of the “Club”). The “Club” member is renting or using the bar for his party.

Is he/she allowed to pick up the tab? (Drinks are being served by GOCA bartenders and the “Club” member is utilizing the bar.)

ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. A bona fide “Club” member may have a private function at the club such as a wedding anniversary, bar mitzvah and other social functions. The “Club” member may rent or use the club’s licensed premises in order to have the function where the club may sell the alcohol to be consumed at the social function to the member.

A resident (“Club” member) is throwing the party and is picking up the tab. Drinks will be served by the GOCA bartenders but guest may be going to the bar ordering drinks.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. The “Club” member cannot be at two places at once, hosting a private party in a party room and taking to the guests to the bar to personally attend them.
2. The GOCA bartender would have difficulty regulating this practice.
3. The member and his/her guests should stay in a private room to be served.

A resident (“Club” member) is throwing the party BUT wants his guests (who are not “Club”members) to pay for their own drinks separately. Drinks will be served by the GOCA bartenders but guest may be going to the bar ordering drinks.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Logic of decision-

1. Guests of the party can NOT pay for their own drinks.
2. Guests can not go to the bar and order & pay for their drinks.
3. GOCA may sell the alcohol to be consumed at the party to the club member.
4. Guests should be restricted to the area renting or being used for the party.

Scenario 10 - Guests (non “Club” members) have rented the ballroom to throw a surprise party for a resident (“Club” member) utilizing the status of the “Club” member and pay for the drinks.

The non “Club” member wants to utilize the bar (or pay to open the bar).

NOT ACCEPTABLE

The GOCA can ONLY sell alcohol to a “Club” member.

Logic of decision-

1. The host is a guest (non “Club” member). Only a bona fide “Club” member may have a private function at the club where the club may sell the alcohol to be consumed at the function.
2. The club (GOCA) **can not** run affairs or rent is premised for or cater such events as weddings, birthday parties or the like for anyone other than a bona fide “Club” member and serve alcohol at the affair.

CAN BE ACCEPTABLE IF

1. If host does not utilize the GOCA license or bar and purchases the packaged goods from a retailer (such as a liquor store) and brings it to the club for the affair.
2. The GOCA can NOT sell to a non-“Club” member.