

WAC 314-05-030 Requirements for special occasion license events.

(1) The special occasion license must be posted at each alcohol service area at the event.

(2) Consistent with RCW 66.28.070, all spirits, beer, and wine purchased for the event by the special occasion licensee may only be purchased in the manufacturer's approved container or package from the following:

- (a) A licensed off-premises retailer;
- (b) A distributor;
- (c) A distillery or craft distillery;
- (d) A domestic brewery or microbrewery;
- (e) A winery; or

(f) A certificate of approval holder with a direct shipping to Washington retailer endorsement.

(3) Consistent with RCW 66.28.310, special occasion licensees are allowed to pay for beer, wine, and spirits used for the special occasion event immediately following the end of the event.

(4) Consistent with RCW 66.28.040, alcohol may be donated to special occasion licensees registered as 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) for the event as follows:

(a) In state breweries and beer certificate of approval holders may donate beer;

(b) In state wineries and wine certificate of approval holders may donate wine;

(c) An accredited representative of a distiller, manufacturer, importer, or distributor of spirituous liquor may donate spirits.

(5) Alcohol may not be provided, or advertised as being provided, to the public free of charge at the special occasion event.

(6) Alcohol may not be sold, or advertised as being sold, below the manufacturer's cost at the special occasion event.

(7) If alcohol is auctioned at the event, the final sale price may not be below the manufacturer's cost.

(8) If tickets are sold for the special occasion event and the ticket fee includes alcohol for event attendees, the ticket must be sold directly by the nonprofit organization and may not be sold by a third party. In order to ensure alcohol is not being given away or sold below the manufacturer's cost, if the ticket fee includes alcohol the total ticket fee must be above the manufacturer's cost of the included alcohol.

(9) Consistent with RCW 66.24.375, no portion of the profits from special occasion events may be paid directly or indirectly to members, officers, directors, or trustees of the nonprofit organization except for services performed for the organization.

(10) Wineries, breweries, and distilleries participating in a special occasion event may pay booth fees to the special occasion licensee. Booth fees must be uniform for all participating wineries, breweries, and distilleries.

(11) Breweries may provide installation of draft beer dispensing equipment for a special occasion event.

(12) Pouring or dispensing may be provided at any type of special occasion event by wineries, distilleries, or spirits distributors.

(13) Pouring or dispensing may be provided by breweries at a beer tasting exhibition or judging event. A beer tasting exhibition or judging event must be sponsored by the special occasion licensee and have at least three breweries represented that are pouring samples.

(14) Consistent with RCW 66.24.380, the sale, service, and consumption of alcohol must be confined to a designated area, unless the event is pursuant to RCW 66.24.800 (expires December 31, 2027).

(15) If a special occasion event is held at an establishment that has a liquor license, the following applies, unless the event is pursuant to RCW 66.24.800 (expires December 31, 2027):

(a) The special occasion event must be in a designated area of the licensed premises separate from areas open to the general public;

(b) The licensed premises' liquor cannot be sold or served in the designated special occasion event area;

(c) The liquor licensee cannot charge for the liquor purchased and brought by the special occasion licensee for service at the event;

(d) The liquor licensee must sign the special occasion application acknowledging that they will not sell or serve their liquor at the event and giving permission for the special occasion licensee to bring and sell their liquor at the liquor licensed premises; and

(e) The special occasion event cannot be held at a premises where the liquor license will be suspended by the board on the date(s) of the scheduled event.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030, 66.24.380, 66.24.690, 66.24.710, 66.24.800, 66.24.810, 66.24.820, 66.44.100, 66.98.070, 2025 c 361, and 2025 c 343. WSR 26-02-076, s 314-05-030, filed 1/7/26, effective 2/7/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030. WSR 20-20-038, § 314-05-030, filed 9/30/20, effective 10/31/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030 and 66.08.050. WSR 12-17-006, § 314-05-030, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030. WSR 11-23-046, § 314-05-030, filed 11/9/11, effective 12/10/11; WSR 09-02-013, § 314-05-030, filed 12/29/08, effective 1/29/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030, 66.20.360 through [66.20].380, 66.20.390, 66.24.170, 66.24.206, 66.24.210, 66.24.240, 66.24.244, 66.24.270, 66.24.290, 66.28.170, 66.28.180, and 42.56.270. WSR 07-02-076, § 314-05-030, filed 12/29/06, effective 1/29/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030, 66.24.375, 66.24.380, 66.28.010. WSR 04-22-078, § 314-05-030, filed 11/2/04, effective 12/3/04.]