

## Alcohol Policy for Youth/Junior Volleyball Activities & Events

**OVERVIEW:** This policy is to govern all USA Volleyball youth/junior events and activities sanctioned by the Florida Region of USA Volleyball.

**POLICY:** The Florida Region of USA Volleyball prohibits the possession, sale, purchase, and consumption of alcoholic beverages at all sanctioned youth/junior volleyball events. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be present or consumed on the premises of any sanctioned/insured space of any venue, this includes common areas inside the sanctioned/insured area.

**NOTES:** The following notes are designed to clarify specific situations that may occur and how they should be handled.

1. If a rented/owned venue has a space dedicated to serve food/drinks inside the sanctioned/insured area, alcohol may not be served during the posted event hours if youth/junior athletes are training or competing. This prohibition applies to a gymnasium/sports venue that may be in use by multiple, unrelated organizations at the same time.
2. If a rented/owned venue has a separate outside entrance to a space where alcohol is being served in the same building, there can be no internal entryway/hallway/access to the competition space where the youth/junior athletes are competing.
  - a. Note 2.1: Also, in this example no spectators attending the youth/junior volleyball event may take alcohol from the separate space (referenced in Note 2) into the sanctioned competition space.
  - b. Note 2.2: The venue operator in this example would need to provide proof of the required liquor licenses to sell alcohol and would need to provide proof of liquor liability insurance naming the event promoter and the Florida Region of USA Volleyball as an additional insured.
3. If a rented/owned venue has a common overlook area inside the sanctioned event space that has visible access to the playing courts by attendees, alcohol may not be served or consumed in that area.
4. If a youth/junior beach or grass event is adjacent to an establishment that sells alcohol, the alcohol may not be brought back into or consumed inside the event perimeter.
5. Additional situations that may not be covered above are also subject to this policy and must be disclosed by the event promoter/tournament director and subsequently cleared by the Florida Region in advance of the event to avoid any sanctioning penalties.
6. As part of this policy, the following requirements for event promoters/tournaments directors will be in effect:
  - a. Event promoters/tournament directors will be required to indicate if any alcohol is available to be purchased or consumed from the venue within the sanctioned event space or in any common area or adjacent space within the same building when requesting an event sanction and insurance coverage from the Florida Region and/or USA Volleyball.
  - b. Event promoters/tournament directors will be required to indicate if any alcohol was available or consumed within the sanctioned event space or in any common area or adjacent space within the same building on their post-event report.

**IMPORTANT: A violation of this policy will result in the event in violation not being awarded ranking points for the event and MAY result in additional sanctions by the Florida Region, up to and including loss of Good Standing status as an event promoter.**