



**DIOCESE SHREVEPORT  
DIOCESAN POLICY STATEMENT  
SALE AND USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

1. No parish, school, or diocesan entity may sell alcoholic beverages of any kind at any event regardless of venue.
2. Beer and wine, but no other forms of alcoholic beverages, may be served by the parish, school, or diocesan entity at an event according to these guidelines:
  - a. The parish, school, or diocesan entity serving alcohol must comply with Louisiana law. In particular, the parish, school, or diocesan entity must obtain a permit from the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control for an event wherein the beer and wine permitted by this policy are served as an incidental part of the event for payment rendered or are supplied as part of a general admission or other type fee.
  - b. Beer and wine in the quantity allowed by this policy are to be dispensed only by a licensed bartender.
  - c. Food and non-alcoholic beverages should be served constantly throughout the event.
  - d. Two tickets for the consumption of one serving of beer or wine per ticket must be issued to those in attendance.
  - e. One ticket is collected by the bartender in exchange for each serving. No person may consume more than two servings.
  - f. No one shall be allowed to bring any additional alcoholic beverage into the event.
  - g. Security (a licensed law enforcement officer) must be provided per 50 people when beer and/or wine is served.
3. Those who rent parish, school or diocesan facilities must observe the guidelines in #2. b, c, d, e, f, and g, above.
4. The guidelines indicated in #3, above, must be included in RENTAL AGREEMENTS between the parish, school, or diocesan entity and those who rent the parish, school, or diocesan facility. These signed agreements must be received prior to the event.
5. “Event” does not include private parties where no sales are made, or fees charged. Hosts are to bear in mind, however, that they are responsible for their guests and third parties who could be injured by impaired behavior.
6. This policy is to be interpreted and applied always in a manner that complies with requirements established by the diocesan insurance provider and, when applicable, by the insurance provider for the venue.

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