



SCAWWA/WEASC Alcohol Service Guidance May 20, 2019

This policy is to guide the service of alcohol that may be provided at Association events, such as drinks served with a meal, as part of a reception, WEA District meeting, conference, workshop, etc. The purpose of this policy is to limit liability to the Association while providing fun and safe events for persons attending Association events.

The Association's General Liability policy includes something that is known as Host Liquor Liability Coverage. It provides coverage for a liquor related lawsuit as long as the Association is not involved in the sale, service or manufacturing of alcohol. Therefore, anytime alcohol is provided at an Association event it must be served by an independent (non-Association member) third party, such as a bartender, doing the actual service of the alcohol.

It is also a good practice in these circumstances to establish guidelines before the event about the availability of alcohol and expectations about how the consumption will be monitored. This is best accomplished by limiting the amount of alcohol an individual can consume. At Association events, this is often accomplished by providing "drink tickets" that can be given to each attendee and then have that ticket be given to the bartender to exchange for an alcoholic beverage. Typically, a maximum of two drink tickets per attendee is provided to limit alcohol consumption provided by the Association.

Sometimes the Association will not provide any included alcohol at an event and have a cash bar in lieu of Association provided tickets. The third-party provider should monitor potential inebriation on the part of an individual.