

What is a Golf Course Beer and Wine License?

A Golf Course Beer and Wine License is for the use at a golf course. The person or entity that owns and operates the golf course must be the one who applies for this unique license type.

When the golf course is owned by someone other than the state, a unit of the university system, or a local government:

MAY:

- Sell beer and wine only during the time of the year that the golf course is open for business
- Provide beer and wine between 8 a.m. and up to 1 hour after sunset
- Sell beer and wine to go in original packaging
- Sell beer and wine in the building or other structural premises constituting the clubhouse or primary indoor recreational quarters of the golf course
- Sell beer and wine at any place within the boundaries of the golf course from a portable satellite vehicle or other movable satellite device that is moved from place to place
- Be open year-round if they have an indoor simulator
- Apply and be approved to sell beer and wine in an additional building or other structure; one per 9 holes of the golf course, that is designed to serve golfers during the course of play
- Apply for a catering endorsement and cater alcoholic beverages, but only when the golf course is open
- Apply for a non-contiguous storage area
- Apply for a delivery endorsement

MUST:

- Consist of at least nine holes **and** 2,500 lineal yards
- Be either within the limits of an incorporated city or town or within 5 miles of the limits of an incorporated city or town

MAY NOT:

- Lease the license
- Transfer ownership of the license
- Concession
- Provide curbside pickup
- Exceed the seating capacity of the premises, where the beer and wine are sold to over 75 persons
- Have gambling

When the golf course is owned by the state, a unit of the university system, or a local government

MAY:

- Sell beer and wine during the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 a.m.
- Sell beer and wine in the building or other structural premises constituting the clubhouse or primary indoor recreational quarters of the golf course
- Sell beer and wine to go in original packaging
- Sell beer and wine at any place within the boundaries of the golf course from a portable satellite vehicle or other movable satellite device that is moved from place to place
- Be open year-round
- Lease the license
- Apply for a non-contiguous storage area
- Apply and be approved to sell beer and wine in an additional building or other structure; one per 9 holes of the golf course, that is designed to serve golfers during the course of play
- Apply for a catering endorsement and cater alcoholic beverages, but only when the golf course is open
- Apply for a delivery endorsement to deliver beer and wine in original packaging if the delivery includes food that is prepared by the licensee at the licensee's premises
 - The purchase price of the delivered beer and wine may not exceed the purchase price of the delivered food

MUST:

- Follow all other laws and rules that dictate the sales and service of beer and wine.
- Be either within the limits of an incorporated city or town or within 5 miles of the limits of an incorporated city or town

MAY NOT:

- Concession
- Provide curbside pickup
- Have gambling

Questions? Contact a licensing specialist for your county ([Contact a Licensing Specialist list](#)).

All licensees and permit holders must comply with all Federal and Montana alcoholic beverage laws and rules. SECTIONS [16-4-109](#), [16-3-302](#), [16-3-311](#), [16-3-312](#), [16-4-105](#), MCA, [16-4-402](#), [Part 3. Retail Sales Restrictions - Table of Contents](#), [Title 16, Chapter 3, MCA](#) MCA, and ARM [42.12.145](#), [42.12.152](#), and [42.12.153](#).

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