

BEER DISPENSING LOCATIONS

On a Beer Recreational Golf Course

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QUESTION: How many designated beer sales locations can a golf course have on its floor plan?

ANSWER: However many they can safely control!

Separate beer licenses are not required for each designated dispensing location on the premises of a golf course as long as they are owned or operated by the same person. The law implies that there can be more than one location but does not give a certain number or limit. However, every golf course must include a floor plan and boundary map of its premises including:



1. The consumption area
2. Designated beer dispensing locations

On a golf course, the consumption area (wherever patrons are allowed to drink beer) may include any buildings and the entire green. The designated beer dispensing locations (storage and sales of beer) are different from the consumption area and beer sales locations cannot be an entire golf course.

The preferred designated beer dispensing locations are in clubhouses where it is easier to control and observe consumption. Many golf courses have another building midpoint where patrons may stop, order beverages and there are usually tables and a variety of food available under a more controlled situation. Beer storage is behind a sales counter so that beer cannot be self-served or accessed by a minor.



GOLF CARTS

Are mobile golf carts a dispensing location? No, they are just the means to transport the sealed beer to the dispensing locations.

Utah alcohol laws do not provide an avenue by which golf carts can drive all over and be a mobile storage and dispensing location.

When law enforcement or a DABC compliance officer visits the golf course, they must be able to identify where the beer dispensing location is even if there are no beer sales at that time.

In addition, the alcohol-trained server would need to know exactly



where the designated sales location is in order to

take the beer to the proper location on the golf course, and that it matches the approved floorplan. The DABC license, the local license, and the warning sign must also be posted at each sales location, or on the golf cart itself once stationary.



Remember, no matter how many locations there are, the licensee must still have control for public safety issues and concern for their own civil and criminal liability. The more sales locations on the course, the more likely someone could become intoxicated along the way.

THINGS TO DO OR CONSIDER:

- Make sure that no one brings his or her own alcohol onto the course.
- As with any responsible licensee, pay attention to how much alcohol you are selling to one person and do not allow patrons to become intoxicated as required by law.
- Consider selling more food and other types of beverages at the designated locations. Food does help slow intoxication.
- DABC does not enforce traffic laws, but be aware of patrons with open containers or possible DUI violations in golf carts that could result in criminal penalties. If a patron is walking the golf course, or not carrying an open container in the golf cart it is not an issue.
- Consider not having beer sales locations at the end of their golf game, such as at the 18th hole, or anywhere that they may immediately leave the golf course. It is not always possible, but it may be a good way to encourage them back into the dining area.
- Enforce the law that prohibits individuals from leaving the golf course with an open container.



Don't let patrons get stuck in the over consumption sandtrap

The bigger question to ask is not how many beer sales locations a golf course may have, but how many can safely be controlled.