

Liquor Policy

This policy is not about preventing players from having a good time. We have a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic options available at the kiosk. We will also provide them with a Cordova Bay cooler and ice for their use during the round.

However, BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch provides strict rules for alcoholic service on golf courses, and monitors them strictly.

Under these regulations, all alcoholic beverages consumed on the course must be purchased at the golf course and labelled as such.

Outside alcohol is defined as any liquor (including beer) not purchased at CBGC. The golf course is required to limit the quantity of liquor it will sell to individuals, and this is the primary way LCRB rules help limit over consumption on or adjacent to the course. Through education and regulation, LCRB rules are intended to ensure that the service and sale of liquor is done according to law and in a way that keeps customers, guests and others safe from alcohol related harm.

The intent is control, not prohibition. The LCRB is not opposed to liquor being sold and consumed on the golf course. It is a legal and socially acceptable practice that provides enjoyment and relaxation for those golfers who chose to imbibe while playing or to enjoy a drink with their playing partners after the round.

The issue with outside alcohol is that its distribution cannot be effectively controlled, and the risks of over consumption, legal liability, impaired driving, and violence are significantly increased.

Ownership and management of CBGC fully supports these principles.

Over consumption of alcohol detracts from everyone's enjoyment of Cordova Bay Golf Course. The terms of CBGC's liquor license require our management and staff to be diligent in trying to prevent the consumption of outside alcohol. Failure to abide by the rules may result in substantial fines levied against the ownership, management and staff members, as well as the suspension or removal of the liquor license.

The LCRB has identified the problem of outside liquor consumption on Vancouver Island golf courses as a significant concern and is ramping up monitoring of this issue.

As a result, CBGC management has adopted a zero-tolerance policy regarding outside alcohol.

CBGC staff are permitted under our liquor license to search coolers and/or golf bags for illicit alcohol. This right will be used as a last resort, and only after non-compliance has been confirmed through other means. The customer has the right to refuse this search, the result of which will be immediate removal from the course.

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in player removal from the course and property. Saanich police will be called should a player refuse to leave upon request.