

**STATE OF NEW YORK LIQUOR AUTHORITY**  
**NOTICE TO CLUB LICENSEES**

**The ABC Law provides:**

**1. A CLUB MAY SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONLY TO ITS “MEMBERS” AND TO THEIR GUESTS ACCOMPANYING THEM.**

A “member” of a club shall mean a person who whether a charter member or admitted in agreement with the by-laws of the club has become a bona fide member, thereof, who maintains by the payment of annual dues in a bona fide manner in accordance with the by-laws and whose name and address is entered on the lists of members. (See amended Section 3, Paragraph 9 of ABC Law for expanded definition of “member”.)

A guest is a person who is in the actual company of a “member” and who enters club premises on the invitation of such member. Alcoholic beverages may not be served to a guest where the member who invited the guest has left the club premises.

**2. THE ONLY TIME A CLUB MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO A PERSON OTHER THAN A “MEMBER” OR HIS ACCOMPANYING GUESTS IS WHEN THE CLUB APPLIES FOR AND RECEIVES A CATERER’S PERMIT PERMITTING THE HOLDING IN THE CLUB PREMISES OF A PARTICULAR FUNCTION, OCCASION OR EVENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 98 OF THE ABC LAW.**

A caterer’s permit permits the club to serve alcoholic beverages to non-club members and their guests only on the date and time specified in the permit. A caterer’s permit is not required when a particular function, occasion or event is hosted by a club member.

**3. CLUBS MAY NOT SOLICIT CATERING BUSINESS.**

A club license may only be issued to an organization operated solely for recreational, social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purposes. A club license may not be issued where the intent is to traffic in alcoholic beverages for profit or for pecuniary gain. Accordingly, a club that solicits catering business or public patronage (except under circumstances approved by the Authority) violates the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and will subject the club license to disciplinary proceedings.

**4. THE CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES IN ALL PARTS OF THE LICENSED PREMISES AND THE PREVENTION OF VIOLATIONS THEREON.**

**5. NO SALE OF LIQUOR OR WINE MAY BE MADE FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES.**

Package stores alone are authorized to sell liquor or wine for off-premises consumption.

A club license may not be used to accommodate club members, officers, employees or anyone else seeking to purchase bottle or case goods for use of the club premises.

**6. PERSONS WHO ARE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE OR PERSONS WHO ARE VISIBLY INTOXICATED MAY NOT BE SERVED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

**7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY NOT BE SERVED DURING THE HOURS PROHIBITED BY LAW.**

**8. GAMBLING ON CLUB PREMISES (EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED BY LAW) IS PROHIBITED.**

The burden of demonstrating that a particular form of gambling is specifically permitted by law shall be on the club. Suffering or permitting any form of gambling which is not specifically permitted by law is a violation of the ABC Law and shall subject the club license to disciplinary action.

**VIOLATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW OR THE RULES OF THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY WILL SUBJECT THE CLUB LICENSE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

**(THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE LICENSED PREMISES)**