



USA Volleyball Policy on Alcohol at Junior Events

USA Volleyball prohibits the sale and/or consumption of alcohol beverages in close proximity to junior age participants during all junior events. Despite this prohibition, there are situations where alcohol might be present at a junior event due to the venue where the event is being staged. Many facilities which have volleyball courts also have restaurants and bars located within or adjacent to the facility that serve alcohol. When this is the case the event director should take special precautions to restrict alcohol reaching the spectator area adjacent to the courts and to restrict junior access to the area where liquor is being sold and / or consumed. Below are listed some recommendations for conducting a safe event for juniors where alcohol is present:

1. The viewing area where spectators are present should clearly indicate that alcohol is not permitted in the spectator viewing area.
2. Event volunteers and staff should be instructed to be on alert for patrons possessing alcoholic beverage outside the licensed area where it is sold and how to deal with the situation.
3. Ideally, there should be separate access for the juniors to get to their playing area that does not bring them into close proximity to the area where alcohol is sold and/or consumed.
4. If this is not possible, the area where alcohol is served and consumed should be roped off and clearly indicate that no juniors are allowed and that alcoholic beverages may not be removed from that area.
5. No alcohol is permitted in the areas where the junior participants are competing, warming up or accessing public areas (eg. lobby, exhibitor booths, merchandising and results areas, etc.).
6. The facility must have its own liquor license and insurance which should be properly posted.
7. The event, the event director, USAV and the club should be included as additional insureds under the liquor liability insurance.

If you should encounter any additional questions regarding this issue please contact the USAV national office.