

# **Alcohol, Cannabis Possession and Consumption and Smoking Standards Policy**

Effective Date: **January 1st, 2026**

Scope: **All Exhibitors, Participants, Staff, Contractor, Volunteers, and Patrons**

## **1. Legal Compliance & Authority**

All individuals on the premises must abide by the Ontario Liquor License and Control Act (LLCA) and its regulations. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair ("The Royal") operates under a strictly controlled licensing agreement; any deviation by participants threatens the event's standing with the AGCO.

## **2. Prohibition of Outside Alcohol**

- **Zero Tolerance:** Bringing, possessing, or consuming alcohol from outside sources is strictly prohibited. This includes all barn areas, stalling areas, trailers, and exhibit halls.
- **Authorized Service:** Alcoholic beverages may only be obtained from licensed bars and vendors located on-site.
- **Self-Service:** Self-service of alcohol is prohibited. All service must be conducted by Smart Serve-certified staff.

## **3. Identification & Age Requirements**

- **Legal Age:** The legal drinking age in Ontario is 19.
- **Photo ID:** Government-issued photo identification is required for all alcohol purchases.
- **Underage Possession:** Any individual under the legal drinking age found in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol will be subject to immediate eviction from the event without a refund.

## **4. Safety & Impairment**

- **Equipment Operations:** The Royal maintains a zero-tolerance policy for impairment. Anyone suspected of operating equipment, machinery, or handling livestock while under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be immediately removed from the grounds without refund.
- **Right to Refuse:** Staff and security reserve the right to refuse service or entry to any individual who appears intoxicated.

## **5. Liability Waiver**

The Royal assumes no liability for any damages, injuries, or death occurring as a result of any individual's consumption of alcohol. By entering the grounds, participants acknowledge they consume alcohol at their own risk and are responsible for their own conduct.

## **6. Exhibitor-Specific Provisions**

Exhibitors wishing to provide alcohol, food, or beverages at their specific stalling or exhibit area must coordinate through the authorized channel:

- **Contact:** The Royal's Hospitality Department at [mzelenovic@royalfair.org](mailto:mzelenovic@royalfair.org)
- **Constraint:** Alcohol not sourced through this authorized provider is considered "Outside Alcohol" and is not permitted.

## **7. Consequences of Non-Compliance**

Failure to abide by these rules is a breach of the Exhibitor/Participant Agreement. Enforcement actions may include, but not limited to:

- Disposal of prohibited beverages.
- Immediate eviction from the grounds without refund of entry or stall fees.
- Potential permanent expulsion and banning from all future Royal Agricultural Winter Fair events.