Security Plan for Alaska State Fair, Inc.

This plan outlines the Beverage Enforcement policy during the 14 days of the annual Alaska State Fair.

General Beverage Security

We contract with a security company that specializes in event crowd management and beverage enforcement. Each year, prior to opening day of the fair, all of their Beverage Enforcement personnel attend a TAPS class, specific to them, taught by an accredited CHARR instructor. Beverage Enforcement is present during all open hours of each individual venue. All venues have Beverage Enforcement at the entrance. This is the first point of I.D. inspection. Our bartenders will ask for I.D. a second time, if deemed necessary. All venues will have Beverage Enforcement overseeing any areas not directly visible to the bar staff. Every venue keeps a daily log book maintained by the bar staff. This provides written documentation of any extraordinary issues occurring on any specific day. Alaska State Fair is vigilant in trying to prevent consumption of contraband alcohol and drugs. The "roaming" Beverage Enforcement personnel are continually on the watch for this. Any alcohol not sold by ASF is seized and disposed of immediately.

Venue Specific Security

Event Hall utilizes just one of the four entrance doors. All doors are visible to the security person and the bartenders. We also place an additional person at the restroom entrance, because there is a separate entry for restroom only use. The outside garden area has a 4' bicycle or snow fence. The entrance to the outside garden has one Beverage Enforcement person, This person checks I.D.s for entrance to the bar and has visibility of the entire room, an additional beverage security is in the outside garden area to prevent any drinks being passed to minors or outside of the garden fence. The bartenders have direct visibility of the entire inside room. Accompanied minors are allowed in until 9:00 pm.

Hitchin' Post that has one entrance and an additional emergency exit in the back of the room and behind the bar. The entrance to the building is accessible only through the outside garden area. The outside garden area has a four-foot-high bicycle or snow fence. The entrance to the outside garden has one Beverage Enforcement person, with an additional person scheduled inside during weekend days and busy evenings. This person checks I.D.s for entrance to the bar and has visibility of the entire outside garden area to prevent any drinks being passed to minors or outside of the garden fence. The bartenders have direct visibility of the entire room inside. No one can access the emergency exit without being seen by the bartenders. Accompanied minors are allowed in until 9:00 pm.

The Sluicebox has a minimum of one Beverage Enforcement person present at the entrance door each day. On weekend days and busy evenings, this is increased to two people at the entrance. The Sluicebox has an outdoor garden area with a four foot wooden fence that has an emergency only exit gate. There is a Beverage Enforcement person present at the outside garden at all times to ensure no drinks are passed outside of the garden or handed to underage persons inside the garden. There is a minimum of one Beverage Enforcement person inside the venue to watch the side emergency exit doors and to help keep an eye on the patrons inside. This is increased to two Beverage Enforcement people on busy days and evenings. We have a total of six security people on the weekends and five on Monday and Thursday. Minors accompanied by their legal guardians are welcome between the hours of 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm. After 6:00 pm no minors are allowed.

The Oasis Beer Garden is a tent that has one entrance and an additional emergency exit behind the bar. The tent has a secured base that does not permit lifting of the walls to gain ingress. The entrance to the tent is accessible only through the outside garden area. The outside garden area has a four foot high wooden fence. The entrance to the outside garden has one Beverage Enforcement person, with an additional person scheduled during weekend days and busy evenings. This person checks I.D.s for entrance to the bar and has visibility of the entire outside garden area to prevent any drinks being passed to minors or outside of the garden fence. The bartenders have direct visibility of the entire inside tent area. No one can access the emergency exit without being seen by the bartenders. Accompanied minors are allowed in the Oasis until 9:00 pm. The Oasis is open until 12:00 midnight, but may close earlier on the slower weekdays.

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The Woodlot is an outdoor venue with a “dry” section of bleachers and 2 “wet” section of bleachers. The Woodlot has Beverage Enforcement at the entrance and a beverage enforcement person between the wet and dry sections of bleachers. This person has clear visibility of everyone within the Woodlot. The Woodlot has a six foot solid wood fence on three sides. On the fourth side, around the wet bleachers, there is beverage restriction signage and a 4’ fence delineating the wet area. The Woodlot is open during specific show times, no later than 7:00 pm, with accompanied minors always allowed.

Eckert Gardens. When the garden is utilized, we have Beverage Enforcement at the open gate and a roaming Beverage Enforcement as well. Map #2B is a close up of the garden bar located under the covered area.

The Borealis Theater is an outdoor concert venue with a wet side and dry side. The Borealis is encased in a six foot chain link fence with separate entrances to the two sides. At the wet side entrance, attendees with valid I.D. receive a stamp, unique to each day. Bartenders may I.D. and stamp attendees at the service outlets, if needed. There is a reserved section up front and a lawn section in the back of the venue. The reserved section may be seated or standing; dictated by projected ticket sales. The division of the wet/dry sides of the lawn and reserved areas is decided prior to ticket sales, again based on projection of the attendee demographic.

The maps labeled Borealis are examples of the two divisions. These areas have four foot fencing dividing the two sides. There are gates in this fencing manned by Beverage Enforcement to I.D. and stamp people that want to enter the wet side from the dry side. We have Crowd Management and Beverage Enforcement personnel at all concerts, with the quantity based on ticket sales and concert demographics. Beverage Enforcement people are always present at the fence dividing the sides, at the entrance and at emergency exit gates. There are roaming Beverage Enforcement people on both sides as well. The number of roaming Beverage Enforcement people varies based on ticket sales and demographics. Accompanied minors are welcome on the wet side during concerts, with all concerts ending between 8:30 pm and 10:00 pm. I have also included maps that are close ups of the service areas within the Borealis.

The Waterin’ Hole is a tent that has one entrance and an additional emergency exit behind the bar. The tent has a secured base that does not permit lifting of the walls to gain ingress. The entrance to the tent is accessible only through the outside garden area. The outside garden area has a four foot high fence in the front and four foot fencing in the back. The entrance to the outside garden has one Beverage Enforcement person, with an additional person scheduled during weekend days and busy evenings. This person checks I.D.s for entrance to the bar and has visibility of the entire outside garden area to prevent any drinks being passed to minors or outside of the garden fence. The bartenders have direct visibility of the entire inside tent area. No one can access the emergency exit without being seen by the bartenders. Accompanied minors are allowed in the Waterin’ Hole until 9:00 pm. I’ve included a close up of the interior layout of the tent.

The Borealis Plaza Beer Garden is an outside seating area that has one entrance and an additional emergency exit in the back, behind the beer service shed. The entrance to the beer garden is accessible only through the Plaza gate. The outside garden area has four foot fencing. The entrance to the outside garden has one Beverage Enforcement person. This person checks I.D.s for entrance to the bar and has visibility of the entire outside garden area to prevent any drinks being passed to minors or outside of the garden fence. The bartenders also have direct visibility of the entire area. Accompanied minors are allowed in the Borealis Food Truck Beer Garden until 9:00 pm.

The Grandstands has four bleachers all on the south side of the oval entertainment area. The area has 4’ to 8’ fencing with one gate entrance. Beverages are served out of a conex on the wet side, prior to the shows and then additional servers are added to take orders on the wet side bleachers during the shows. We have Beverage Enforcement staffed at the wet gate and in-between the wet and dry sides of the bleachers. All bleachers are clearly visible to the person between the wet and dry side. The wet side is clearly marked with signage and is divided with a barrier on the bleachers.

The Wine Bar at Colony Theatre is a building with an outside garden accessible only after entering the building. Beverage Enforcement is stationed outside the entrance at a point where they have clear line of sight viewing of the entire garden area.

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Interim Fairgrounds Beverage Security

In addition to our own events throughout the year, our grounds and buildings are used as rental facilities, with some rentals that desire alcohol service for their events. There are many different areas utilized. I have mapped out areas where clients have requested alcohol service or where our off-season events have been or might be located.

For events inside buildings, we always have one entrance and one exit that are both within view of security people and/or the bartender. If the event needs to have a separate beer garden and not the entire room, we use 3.5' 'stanchions to clearly define and secure the wet area. Attendees are ID checked at the entrance and bartenders will ID a second time if they deem it necessary.

For events on the lawn areas, the fence line is always either 4' bicycle fencing or 4' snow fencing, along with any 6-foot permanent chain link fencing, if it is part of the event area. This is defined in the maps. Beverage Enforcement is present at all alcohol service events, with one stationed at the entrance, with clear view of the area.

Buildings

Colony Theatre / The Wine Bar

Event Center

Farm Exhibits

Hitchin Post

Hoskins

Raven Hall

Sheldon Events Center

Sluicebox

Lawn and outside areas

Borealis Plaza Beer Garden

Borealis Theatre

Eckert Gardens

Grandstands

Grandstand lawn (in front of, not inside grandstands)

Purple Lawns

Rebarchek with service out of the Sjodin Barn

Woodlot

Green Lawns

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