



Service Nova Scotia
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Alcohol and Gaming Division

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SOL Class 1, 2, and 3 Underage Conditions

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I. POLICY STATEMENT

The Alcohol and Gaming Division will consider this policy for requests from applicants to permit underage/minors at Special Occasion Liquor Licensed Class 1, 2, or 3 events. In the absence of an applicant requesting minors to be permitted all licenses will be considered age restricted.

II. DEFINITIONS

Special Occasion License ("SOL") – For the purpose of this policy SOL refers to SOLs 1, 2, and 3; SOL 4 licenses will not be considered, as an SOL 4 is an extension of a permanent liquor license and all conditions and legislation attached to the permanent licensee applies.

Minor - a person under the age of nineteen years.

III. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Alcohol Gaming Division has historically and will continue to permit minors at family orientated events with food/meals being provided. This policy is intended to standardized underage conditions of Special Occasion Licenses and promote compliance with the Liquor Licensing Regulations.

IV. APPLICATION

This Policy applies to an SOL applicant who requests that minors be permitted to be in attendance at the SOL event.

V. POLICY

The AGD will consider permitting minors to attend dinners/meals as well as family orientated events and events which include a meal component; while accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Licensed events and/or areas that are not family orientated in nature will be age restricted. This would include events with a lounge/beer garden type atmosphere. (ie: drinking, dancing, no meal or food provided and/or event that would primarily attract an adult audience)

If a licensee requests or is required to have conditions that are more restrictive than the standard conditions noted above, it will be noted in the licensee’s conditions. Such as, the licensee has by-law requirements and/or police/AGD concerns present. (ie: As requested by the licensee the following condition has been applied: All minors must vacate the licensed area by 6pm)

If an SOL is age restricted underage performers may be considered on a case-by-case basis and formal approval from the AGD is required.

The following table provides the standard age restriction for the type of event based on pre-determined types of events in Amanda. If an applicant requests a more permissive condition of license the following conditions will still apply – if the applicant appeals it should be presented to the Senior Licensing Officer.

Type of Event – Amanda Drop Down Menu	Minors Permitted until 9pm	Minors Permitted – after 9pm	Age restricted
	Note: Events must include a meal		
Anniversary		X	
Auction			X
Banquet (Awards Presentation)	X		
Beerfest/Beergarden (Pub Night)			X

Type of Event – Amanda Drop Down Menu	Minors Permitted until 9pm	Minors Permitted – after 9pm	Age restricted
Note: Events must include a meal			
Birthday	X		
Boxing Event			X
Ceilidh (Kitchen Party)	X		
Community Gathering (Block Party, Street Party)			X
Concert (Variety Show)			X
Convention (Conference, Seminar)			X
Dance			X
Darts			X
Dinner/Supper	9pm or earlier (when meal is complete) No Guardian Required		
Festival (Festival, Carnival, Exhibition)	X		
Holiday Celebration (Christmas event, Halloween, St. Patrick's, etc.)	X		
Hospitality Suite			X
Monte Carlo/Casino Night			X
New Years Event (New Years Eve, Levee)	X		
Other	Reviewed on a case by case		
Reception (Private Event, Social)			X
Religious Event (Bar Mitzvah, Funeral, Wake, Memorial Service, Celebration of Life)	X		

Type of Event – Amanda Drop Down Menu	Minors Permitted until 9pm	Minors Permitted – after 9pm	Age restricted
Note: Events must include a meal			
Retirement Party (Family/Work)	X		
Reunion (Family)		X	
Reunion (Other)			X
Shower (Wedding, Baby)	X		
Shower (Jack & Jill)			X
Sport Event (with Beer Tent or designated area)			X
Sporting Event (Seating licensed)	X		
Staff Event (No Meal or After Meal)			X
Staff Event (Where some staff members are underage)	9pm or earlier (when meal is complete) No Guardian Required		
Theatre Productions (Dinner Theatre)		X	
Wedding Event (Wedding Reception, Rehearsal Party, Gift Opening, Engagement Party)		X	
Wine & Cheese			X
Wine Tasting			X

VI. EXAMPLE CONDITIONS

Age restricted:

- the licensed area is age restricted – the licensee must not permit a person who is under 19 years old to enter or be in the licensed area.

Minors permitted:

- a person who is under 19 years old may enter the licensed area (until 9pm) with a parent or legal guardian
- Although persons under 19 years of age are permitted in licensed areas, it is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure that minors are not sold, or served and do not consume alcohol while on the licensed premises

VII. ACCOUNTABILITY

SOL licensees are responsible to ensure that the regulations and conditions applied to the license are strictly enforced at all times.

VIII. REFERENCES

Liquor Licensing Regulations

Classes of special occasion license

36 The following are the 4 classes of special occasion licenses:

- (a) Class 1 special occasion license: authorizes a licensee to give away liquor for persons to consume at a licensed premises, at a private event that is open only to invited guests;
- (b) Class 2 special occasion license: authorizes a licensee to sell liquor for persons to consume at a licensed premises, at a private event that is open only to invited guests;
- (c) Class 3 special occasion license: authorizes a licensee to sell liquor for persons to consume at a licensed premises, at a community fund-raising event that is open to the public;
- (d) Class 4 special occasion license: authorizes a licensee to sell liquor for persons to consume at a licensed premises, at an event that is open to the public.

Conditions set by Executive Director on special occasion license

37B The Executive Director may impose conditions on a special occasion license and may rescind or amend existing conditions on a special occasion license.

IX. INQUIRIES

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