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Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Application for Occasional Licences – Melrose Rugby Football Club Annual Sevens Tournament, Saturday 13th April 2019. (Public Beer Tent and Hospitality Tent)

Applicant – Melrose Rugby Football Club, The Greenyards, High Street, Melrose, TD6 9SA, SB/PREM/200 per Andrew Jack, [REDACTED] (Designated Premises Manager).

With reference to the above subject I make the following observations, the applicant has applied for Occasional Licences for the usual Temporary bar facilities at the Annual Sevens Tournament. One application is for the Hospitality Marquee where entry is by ticket only and not accessible to the general public with the hours 11.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. (as previous years) the other is for a public beer tent situated in the car park immediately adjacent to the main stand and just inside the main entrance to the ground with hours requested from 11.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. On and Off Sales. (As previous years)

Both these licences have been granted in the past with the following additional conditions attached. These conditions having been agreed in the past as being appropriate for all temporary bars at the Annual King of the Sevens circuit of tournaments:

Additional Conditions

- 1. Drinks supplied in any public beer tent or bar to be dispensed in plastic containers.**
- 2. Any drinks carried out, from any hospitality tent, to be in a plastic container.**
- 3. The applicant named on the licence should be present and available throughout the event.**
- 4. There should be a clearly identified person in charge at each bar/ point of sale.**
- 5. Policy Statements should be in place showing how the Five Licensing Objectives contained within the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 are to be achieved.**
- 6. 'Challenge 25' to be strictly enforced with staff trained and signage displayed accordingly.**



7. Adequate and appropriate stewarding should be in place at all licensed areas.
8. Full compliance with the guidance, advice and recommendations of the Licensing Standards Officer, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and any other relevant Council Officer.
9. Appropriate measures should be put in place to lessen the chance of any noise disturbance being caused at neighbouring properties.

I would suggest further appropriate conditions should be added to this list when attached to licences granted as a result of these applications:-

10. An age identification scheme to be implemented at the entrance to the tournament venue which would clearly identify persons under 18 years of age within the venue.

The most obvious scheme to adopt would be a coloured wrist band scheme with a colour differential for under and over 18 years. This scheme of identification is inexpensive, straight forward to implement and commonly used at events where alcohol consumption is a major part of the days proceedings and where alcohol purchased from any licensed bar is able to move freely within the venue, where there is no requirement for direct adult supervision and with the event spanning a considerable period of time.

11. The area around the entrances to the venue to be appropriately stewarded at the conclusion of the tournament with no alcohol being allowed to be carried out of the Rugby Club grounds.

This with a view to helping reduce the amount of alcohol circulating around the town centre area of Melrose when the tournament has concluded.

This observation is made in consideration of the Licensing Objectives:-

- Preventing Crime and Disorder.
- Securing Public Safety.
- Preventing Public Nuisance.
- Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm.

Yours Faithfully

Ian J. Tunnah
Licensing Standards Officer