

# BREWERIES + SPECIAL EVENTS

## Can a brewery obtain a special event permit? NO

- South Carolina is a THREE TIER state.
  - A SPECIAL EVENT permit holder is considered to be on tier three (**RETAILER**).
  - A WHOLESALER is considered to be on tier two (**WHOLESALER**).
  - A BREWERY permit holder is considered to be on tier one (**MANUFACTURER**).
- A brewer must not sell or deliver for resale beer to a person who does not have a wholesale permit. [SC CODE 61-4-940(A)]

## May a brewery offer tastings off the licensed premise? NO

- A brewery licensed in South Carolina is authorized to offer samples **only** on its licensed premise. [SC CODE 61-4-1515(A)]

## May a brewery provide educational and bartending services at a special event hosted by another entity?

- There is no problem educating the customers.
- Bartending is considered a service and is NOT allowed. A brewer or a person acting on his behalf must not furnish, give, rent, lend, or sell, directly or indirectly, to the holder of a retail permit any equipment, fixtures, free beer, or service.  
[SC CODE 61-4-940(B)]

## May a brewery donate beer? NO

- According to state law, a **wholesaler** may donate beer, wine, and alcoholic liquors to a nonprofit organization that has a license, including a temporary license, to serve the beverage. This provision only applies **if** the event creates an economic impact on State revenues. [2016-2017 Appropriations Bill (House Bill 3701, Part 1B, Section 117.106)]
- A **brewery must sell** to a wholesaler and the **wholesaler must deliver** the product **only** in the area designated in the territory distribution agreement.  
[SC CODE 61-4-1300]

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