



Bar and Restaurant Regulations for Viewing International Soccer Matches 2026

You do not need to apply for a special license if

1. Your establishment runs sports programming during the normal course of business.
2. You are not charging an admission fee or requiring a purchase for admission to the event.
3. You have a seating capacity of less than 1,000 people.
4. You have permission to broadcast as a commercial entity (no personal login is allowed).
5. You do not have a sponsor for your activities.

If these conditions apply to your establishment, you are considered a Non-Commercial Public Viewing Event and are required to obtain the signal of Telemundo (Spanish) or Fox Sports (English) at your own cost through your commercial telecommunications provider.

Conditions of Use

As a Non-Commercial Public Viewing Event you will not need a special license, however, you will need to adhere to the following rules.

1. Broadcasting Matches
 - a. You must begin airing the matches 10 minutes before the show begins and continue to air the program with all commercials and without interruption for 10 minutes after the program concludes. The exception to this rule is June 11 and July 19, the opening and closing ceremonies when broadcasts must be shown in their entirety and aired 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after the program.
2. Marketing of Broadcast
 - a. Under no circumstance can entities use the official name of the tournament or the logos of any team in promotion of their event.
 - b. Please reach out to mktalbot@goprovidence.com for free usage of the Rhode Island Summer of Soccer logo and inclusion on Summer of Soccer event listings.

If your event or viewing space exceeds 1,000 capacity, contact the Rhode Island Sports Commission at mktalbot@goprovidence.com for assistance in navigating the licensing process.

Ways to Maximize Your Business During the RI Summer of Soccer

- Create a festive atmosphere and ensure that your establishment is open on key match days.
- Host soccer trivia nights and offer themed drinks, appetizers and giveaways.
- Partner with local artists or DJs for music that is particular to a country that is playing at Boston Stadium.
- Set up an area with themed props, like flags and soccer balls or a background for Instagram worthy moments. Have them tag RI Summer of Soccer and your establishment to grow your fan customer base.
- Offer discounts to customers who arrive wearing their country's jersey or colors on match days.

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