Private Professional Sports Stadium

“Private professional sports stadium” means an applicant or licensee that is only open for professional sporting events when such events are affiliated with or sponsored by a professional sporting association, reserved weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other special events and does not maintain daily or regular operating hours as a bar or restaurant. The licensee may not sell alcoholic liquors when conducting or hosting non-professional sporting events, and further the applicant shall:

- Maintain an open air or closed air stadium venue primarily used for sporting events, such as football, baseball, soccer, auto racing, or other professional sports, and also weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events where parties must reserve the stadium venue in advance of the event;
- Operate a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the commissioner, on the licensed premises and capable of serving freshly prepared food, or meals to serve its stated members, guests, and patrons who will be attending the event at the private professional sports stadium;
- Own or lease, control, operate, and use acreage amounting to at least 3 contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property, as determined by the commissioner, which would be listed on the professional sports stadium’s floorplan and could be used for contracted for professional sporting events, group-type weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events;
- List the entire property and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private professional sports stadium’s floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private professional sports stadium’s licensed premises;
- 1000+ members;
- Meet and be subject to all other private club requirements; and
- Use an age verification system approved by the commissioner.

This is a summary, the completed legislation can be found at [www.abca.wv.gov](http://www.abca.wv.gov)