



Warner Park Stadium Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan for 2025

The Mallards will continue to execute the following Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan going into 2025. This plan has been in place since 2008 and is the result of staff working with Madison Parks, the Madison Police Department and receiving input from various other sources. This document is adjusted annually and, as a term of the Mallards lease with the city of Madison, needs to be presented to the Madison Parks Commission annually for their approval.

Since 2017, the Warner Park Stadium has operated with a full Class B Liquor, Wine and Beer license, with liquor only available to private parties in the stadium. In 2023 pre-packaged cocktails and slushy products with liquor were made available for public sale. Alcohol content in drinks sold to the public is comparable to beer or wine products offered historically.

General stadium rules posted throughout the stadium:

General stadium alcohol related policies and practices:

1. Stringent ID checking program by staff including incentives for finding false ID's.
2. Mandatory pre-season training for all beer pourers by the City of Madison Police Department, Management staff, and external experts.
3. Licensed bartender on staff throughout the stadium at all times.
4. No more than 2 alcoholic beverages per person, per trip at any beer stand in the stadium.
5. Secret shoppers looking for problems with ID checking, and whether or not beer servers are serving more beers per trip than allowed.
6. Bartenders wear "WE ID" pins.
7. Good Sport program where all designated drivers receive free soda for the night and get registered to win an authentic team uniform.
8. Safe ride messaging on stadium beer cups and/or signage throughout the stadium.
9. Everyone that appears under 30 will be required to show identification and they will receive a wristband if they want to purchase beer.
10. All attendees in the Duck Blind area will have their ID checked upon entrance into the area and receive a wristband that will indicate whether or not they are 21.
11. Incentive program for beer vendors and full time/intern staff to look for people that appear under 30 and are drinking beer in the stands.
12. Have state ID books on hand for all people checking ID's.

13. In 2010 the Mallards started running :30 anti-drunk driving messages provided by the WI DOT after the 7th inning to discourage drinking and driving and this will continue into 2025.
14. No under-age person will ever be allowed to drink in the stadium, even if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. State law does allow under-age persons, accompanied by parents or guardians, to drink under their supervision, but the law also allows license holders to make a policy decision not to serve those individuals.
15. For the safety of fans, the license holder reserves the right to refuse alcohol to anyone it determines has had too much to drink.
16. The organization also reserves the right to refuse service to anyone who is found to be in violation of these rules at any time during the season.
17. The Mallards will work with the Madison Police Department to staff each event with off-duty officers to provide additional security.

Duck Blind policies and practices

The following conduct rules are posted prominently at the entrance to the Duck Blind:

Duck Blind Conduct Rules

- Do NOT use inappropriate language
- Do NOT disrupt other fans
- Do NOT throw any objects/items
- Always obey instructions of Mallards staff and security personnel
- NO drinking games or card games
- Be able to safely control your behavior and physical movement at all times
- NO smoking or vaping
- Public safety is a primary objective
- NO consumption by a minor, even if accompanied by parents/guardians - NO standing on tables or any seating in the Duck Blind

Offenses punishable by ARREST as determined by local law enforcement authorities:

- Underage Drinking
- False identification – attempting to use fake ID's
- Disorderly Conduct or unsafe conduct in the Duck Blind Area
- Entering the field of play at any time without the express invitation/permission by Senior Management

This establishment does NOT at any time or for any reason allow parents (or legal guardians) or any other person to supply, provide or permit consumption of alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21, at any time or for any reason.

1. These rules are prominently posted at the entrance to the Duck Blind and are placed on email confirmations of all Duck Blind tickets purchased online.

Over the last several years several changes have been made to the Duck Blind all you can eat and drink area ("Area") these have become part of our plan and will be part of it for the foreseeable future.

1. The Mallards voluntarily agree to:
 - a. End beer distribution as part of the all-you-can-drink Duck Blind Area at three and a half hours after gates have opened, or end of game, whichever comes first.
 - b. Provide/hire off-duty City of Madison Police officers for every Mallards home game.
 - i. The # of officers will be reviewed monthly by the North District Police Captain and the Mallards will always employ the number of off duty officers recommended by the Captain.
2. All Duck Blind attendees that appear under 30 will have their ID checked to gain admission.
3. The entire Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan will be posted on team websites.
4. Prices are \$46 for every Friday thru Saturday home game for an all-inclusive food and drink admission to the Duck Blind. This price increased in 2024. The Duck Blind is subject to the natural "supply and demand" logic. This will temper attendance, and when people are paying a higher price for a privilege, they tend to treat the privilege with more respect.
5. The Mallards will issue each attendee of the Duck Blind one cup as they enter the area. This will be the only cup that they will be able to use to procure beer in the area for that night. This limits the number of beers a person can receive each time through the line to one and will make it easier to cut people off for staff as the cup will be taken from anyone that is cut off and others will not be able to bring additional beverages to those people. This will also help deter any under-age person's consumption in the area.
6. Anyone who provides alcohol to an under-age person shall be ejected from the stadium, and may be subject to prosecution by local law enforcement authorities.
7. In working with the Madison Police Department the facility will employ a minimum of three off-duty officers permanently stationed in the Duck Blind for every Thursday through Saturday game.
8. The number of private/corporate parties attending the Duck Blind each year has continued to increase dramatically, meaning larger parts of the area are reserved for these private parties. Private parties are typically better behaved because they are out as part of a work outing.