

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decision

018-0631

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by
Tigers Sports Club (Ōtorohanga) Incorporated
for the variation and renewal of a club licence
pursuant to sections 120 and 127 in respect of
the premises at Rangipare Street, Ōtorohanga
and known as Tigers Sports Club

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Tigers Sports Club (Ōtorohanga) Incorporated is authorised to sell and supply alcohol on the premises situated at Rangipare Street, Ōtorohanga and known as Tigers Sports Club for consumption on the premises to any authorised customer or visitor as described in the licence conditions.
2. The licence 018/CLUB/002/23 is varied and renewed for a further period of 3 years. The licence may issue upon payment of the annual fee.
3. The present conditions of the licence are replaced as follows:
 - a) Alcohol may only be sold and supplied to:
 - (i) a member of the club,
 - (ii) any member of any other club where this club has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights,
 - (iii) a person who is invited and accompanied by the members listed in (i) or (ii) above.
 - b) Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours:
Friday, from 6.00 pm to 12midnight
Saturday, from 12noon to 12midnight
 - c) The club must always have a secretary.
 - d) The club must inform the District Licensing Committee of the name of a new secretary within 10 working days of their appointment.
 - e) All proceeds from the sale of alcohol belong to the club.

- f) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on **25 May 2026** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
- g) The entire premises is undesignated (persons under 18 can be in the area).
- h) A properly appointed certificated, acting or temporary manager must be on duty and on the premises at all times when the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol. If a duty manager is not present, then there must be no alcohol sales and a notice displayed advising the public of this fact.
- i) A Manager's Register (as required by s.232 of the Act) is to be maintained and available on site.
- j) The licensee must maintain and display a Host Responsibility Policy and ensure all staff and committee members receive training in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- k) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons. Appropriate signage outlining these restrictions must be clearly displayed at every point of sale.
- l) Drinking water must be freely available and this must be clear to customers while the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- m) A range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- n) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard. Where catered finger foods, buffet or a la carte meals are not provided, there must be a minimum of food four choices available (excluding nuts and crisps and the like).
- o) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Contact details for alternative transport options from the premises and the availability of a courtesy vehicle must be clearly displayed for patrons.
- p) No BYO alcohol is permitted on the premises while alcohol is available for sale.
- q) The Licensee must ensure the following are displayed.
 - i. A copy of the original licence with all the conditions, displayed prominently in the premises.
 - ii. A sign in a prominent place identifying the duty manager or responsible bar person.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Tigers Sports Club (Ōtorohanga) Incorporated for the variation and renewal of a club licence in respect of the premises situated at Rangipare Street, Ōtorohanga. The club has been operating under a licence since 2010.
2. The application was advertised, and no objections have been received from members of the public. The Licensing Inspector, Police and the Medical Officer of Health have provided reports and do not oppose the application. Accordingly, the matter is decided on the papers (s 134).
3. The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4).
4. In deciding whether to renew a club licence, the Licensing Committee must have regard to sections 105, 120 and 131 of the Act. Therefore, we must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) Is the applicant suitable?
 - b) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
 - c) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable?
 - d) Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food?
 - e) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law?
 - f) Have the police, inspector and medical officer of health raised any relevant considerations?
 - g) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be increased by more than a minor extent by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence?
 - h) Has the applicant sold, displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol in a responsible manner?
 - i) Does the application comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy?
5. Section 132 provides that the Licensing Committee may vary or cancel any conditions applying to the licence before its renewal.

Should the licence be renewed?

6. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that Tigers Sports Club (Ōtorohanga) Incorporated is a suitable applicant to hold a club licence. The club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
7. Tigers Sports Club (Ōtorohanga) Incorporated proposes to continue operating as a club but seeks to reduce the licensed hours to less than 40 hours per week and to better reflect the club's operations. The licensed days and hours are reduced to just Friday from 6.00pm to 12midnight and Saturday from 12noon to 12midnight. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that these are appropriate hours of operation.
8. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application complies with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.
9. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the premises has a suitable design and layout to meet the requirements of the Act. The clubrooms comprise a single building of a typical layout and are serviced by a bar, kitchen, changing rooms, showers, and toilet facilities. The principal entrance can be readily monitored from the bar area. A small outdoor area extends along the full length of the eastern side of the clubrooms and is visible from inside the premises. Access to this area is via patio doors. The area is enclosed by a low wall to prevent patrons from leaving the licensed area with alcohol, and signage has been installed to clearly identify the licensed boundary. Overall, the

premises are well-appointed and designed in a manner that enables staff to effectively monitor and supervise patrons and activities throughout the premises.

10. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the club has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy which demonstrates suitable measures will be undertaken regarding responsible sale and supply of alcohol and that harm will be reduced. As a condition of this licence, all staff employed by the club must be trained in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This condition also extends to committee members, who are licensees and must similarly understand their obligations under the Act. The Inspector confirms that the club's committee and staff have attended Servewise and Club Champs trainings and have provided certificates as evidence. The committee is pleased to see this committee training actively taking place.
11. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the club has sufficient Duty Managers who serve on these premises to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol.
12. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that the renewal of the club licence will not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality by more than a minor extent. There have been no reports of any nuisance, vandalism or noise problems associated with this premises in the previous licensing period.

Conclusion

13. Therefore, the application for the variation and renewal of the club licence is granted.

Dated at this 17th day of July 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee