

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2023 EXTENDED HOURS

Licensees need to complete certain steps at least 7 calendar days before games and meet certain conditions during games. Make sure you also read the Ministry's additional guidance available on our website.

Does any part of the Rugby World Cup game you intend to screen fall outside your normal licensed hours?

YES

NO

You may open only if the main reason is to allow customers to watch the game live

You must notify your territorial authority and your local Police station at least 7-days in advance of the game.

You must display a notice setting out the games you will open for alongside your licensing information

You may open as usual

Does the game start within 2 hours of the time your licensed hours normally end?

YES

NO

You don't have to close leading up to the start of the game

You must close by the end of your normal licensed hours.

You can re-open 1 hour before the game starts

Do you intend to screen another game on the same night?

YES

NO

Does that next game start within 2 hours of the earlier game ending?

YES

NO

You may remain open between games (but you might have to stop selling alcohol temporarily*)

You must stop selling alcohol 30 minutes after the earlier game ends and close another 30 minutes later.**

You may re-open 1 hour before the next game.

Do your normal licensed hours for the next day start within the extended hours?

YES

NO

You may remain open for your normal hours

You must stop selling alcohol 30 minutes after the final game ends, and close another 30 minutes later.

You may re-open for your normal licensed hours

* If there is less than 2 hours but more than 90 minutes between games, you must stop serving alcohol from 30 minutes after the earlier game ends until 1 hour before the next game starts.

** Licensed premises whose main business is not selling alcohol (such as sports clubs and restaurant) can remain open between games. However, they must stop selling alcohol from 30 minutes after the earlier game ends, and close the premises for patrons unless it is after 6am (s255 Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012). You may re-open 1 hour before the next game starts.