

JUSTIFICATION – SUITABILITY OF LICENCE TYPES



Under section 46 of the Liquor Control Act 1988 (WA), a Special Facility Licence cannot be granted where another category of licence would be appropriate for the proposed manner of trade. The following table outlines why none of the standard licence types are suitable for The Salty Putter’s operations.

Type of Licence	Reason
Casino Licence	The Salty Putter will not conduct or permit any form of gaming or wagering activities. Its focus is casual outdoor recreation and hospitality, not gambling.
Club Licence	A club licence is intended for incorporated associations supplying alcohol to members and guests only. The Salty Putter is a public entertainment venue, not a membership-based organisation.
Hotel Licence	A hotel licence authorises accommodation and unrestricted alcohol service, neither of which align with The Salty Putter’s business model. The venue offers entertainment and leisure activities only, without any form of accommodation.
Liquor Store Licence	A liquor store licence authorises the retail sale of packaged liquor for consumption off the premises. The Salty Putter’s liquor service will be limited to on-site consumption by patrons participating in mini golf or attending entertainment activities.
Nightclub Licence	A nightclub licence is designed for late-night venues providing entertainment such as dancing or live music with extended trading hours. The Salty Putter is a daytime and early evening family-friendly recreational venue, not a late-night entertainment facility.
Producer’s Licence	A producer’s licence applies to the manufacture of liquor. The Salty Putter does not produce alcohol; it retails pre-packaged beverages for consumption by patrons engaged in recreation.
Restaurant Licence	A restaurant licence requires alcohol to be supplied only to patrons consuming a meal. The Salty Putter will operate primarily as a leisure and entertainment venue where patrons play mini golf and enjoy casual refreshments; many visitors will not be dining.
Small Bar Licence	A small bar licence is designed for venues primarily providing liquor and social interaction in an indoor setting, typically without significant entertainment facilities. The Salty Putter’s focus is outdoor recreation and family-friendly entertainment rather than operating as a bar.
Tavern Licence	A tavern licence primarily authorises the sale and supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises without the requirement for patrons to engage in another activity. The Salty Putter’s primary focus is mini golf and recreational entertainment, with alcohol being ancillary to this activity, not the main purpose of attendance.

Wholesaler's Licence	A wholesaler's licence is limited to the sale of liquor to other licensees, not direct service to the public. The Salty Putter will serve beverages directly to customers on site.
Club Restricted Licence	A club restricted licence is intended for incorporated clubs supplying liquor to members and their guests, often with limitations on access and trading. The Salty Putter is not a membership-based organisation and is designed as a publicly accessible recreational facility catering to locals and visitors, making this licence category unsuitable.
Hotel Restricted Licence	A hotel restricted licence is associated with premises operating primarily as a hotel, typically involving accommodation and bar facilities with limitations on trading or areas of service. The Salty Putter does not provide accommodation and is not intended to operate as a hotel or pub-style venue. Alcohol service is ancillary to recreational activities, not the primary purpose of the premises.
Tavern Restricted Licence	A tavern restricted licence is intended for premises where the primary activity is the sale and consumption of alcohol, albeit with specific restrictions. The Salty Putter's core purpose is recreational entertainment, particularly mini golf and family-friendly activities, with alcohol supplied only as a secondary offering. As such, this licence category does not align with the proposed manner of trade.