Cloth	Blue
PPE	• N/A
Reference	 Safety policies • Break water test poster • DMLB • Dispense training card SOP 0F0003 - Dealing with a spillage SOP B0005 - How to maintain clean glassware SOP B0006 - Handling & storage of glassware SOP B0022 - How to complete free pour training SOP B0025 - Cleaning the glasswasher FV40.2G-Gio SOP C0004 - Keg line cleaning SOP C0005 - Traditional ale line cleaning - stillage & Widge SOP C0018 - Changing a keg
▶VideoSOP	To be used together with this written SOP. Tap here to play lager video Tap here to play smoothflow video Tap here to play stout video Tap here to play real ale video

Step



For all drinks:

- Choose a clean and cool glass.
- Ensure the correct branded glass is used where applicable.
- Hold the glass within the bottom third of the glass.
- Prior to dispensing the drink, ensure that the correct nozzle is in place.
- For the pouring of lager, go to step 2.
- For the pouring of smoothflow products, go to step 4.
- For the pouring of stout, go to step 6.
- For the pouring of real ale, go to step 10.
- For the pouring of shandy, go to step 13.

Step 2



Pouring a pint of lager

- Place the glass underneath the tap of the product to be dispensed.
- Hold the glass close to the nozzle at a 45° angle and turn the tap fully on.
- The head must be created during the initial stages of the lager hitting the glass.
- Ensure the lager initially hits the side of the glass and not the lager already dispensed.
- At no point must the nozzle come into contact with the liquid in the glass.

Step 3



- Lower and straighten the glass as the lager reaches the top of the glass.
- Turn the tap fully off as the top of the head reaches the top of the glass.
- Ensure that the drink is poured with no more than a 5% head.
- Present the drink to the customer with the brand logo facing forwards where applicable.
- Top up the drink if requested by the customer.

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Step 4



Pouring a pint of smoothflow product

- Hold the glass underneath the correct product tap.
- Hold the glass at a 45° angle.
- Turn the tap fully on.
- Ensure the smoothflow product hits the side of the glass throughout the initial stages of the pour.
- At no point must the nozzle come into contact with the liquid in the glass.

Step 5



- Lower and straighten the glass as the beer reaches the top of the glass.
- Turn the tap fully off when the top of the head approaches the top of the glass. The head will expand slightly as the drink settles.
- Ensure that the drink is poured with no more than a 5% head.
- Present the drink to the customer with the brand logo facing forwards where applicable.
- Top up the drink if requested by the customer.

Step 6



Pouring a pint of stout

- Hold the glass underneath the correct product tap.
- Hold the glass at a 45° angle.
- Turn the tap fully on.
- Ensure the stout product hits the side of the glass throughout the initial stages of the pour.
- At no point must the nozzle come into contact with the liquid in the glass.

Step



- Turn the tap fully off when the glass is two thirds full.
- Allow the stout product to settle in the glass.

Step 8



- Once the product has settled, raise the glass so that the product almost touches the nozzle.
- Push the tap away to top up the glass. **If 'fast taps' are installed**, do not push the tap away. Turn the tap fully on to top up the glass.
- Turn the tap fully off as the top of the head reaches the top of the glass.

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Step 9



- Ensure that the drink is poured with no more than a 5% head.
- Present the drink to the customer with the brand logo facing forwards where applicable.
- Top up the drink if requested by the customer.

Step 10



Pouring a pint of real ale

- Ensure the correct sparkler is fitted to the ale tap.
- Raise the glass so that the bottom of the sparkler touches the bottom of the glass.
- Pull the ale pump steadily and firmly ensuring the first pull creates the head.
- If the ale is lively, a slower pull will be required.

Step 11



• On the final pull, lower the glass as the ale reaches the top of the glass.

Step 12



- Ensure that the drink is poured with no more than a 5% head.
- Present the drink to the customer with the brand logo facing forwards where applicable.
- Top up the drink if requested by the customer.

Step 13



Pouring a pint of lager shandy:

• Half fill the glass with lemonade and then follow the process in step 2 and step 3 to fill the glass with lager.

Pouring a pint of smoothflow shandy:

- Half fill the glass with lemonade.
- Agitate the lemonade to release some of the gas.
- Remove the nozzle from the tap and then follow the process in step 4 and step 5 to fill the glass with smoothflow.
- Replace the nozzle onto the tap.

Pouring a pint of real ale shandy:

- Half fill the glass with lemonade.
- Agitate the lemonade to release some of the gas.
- Remove the sparkler from the ale tap and then follow the process in step 10 to step 12 to fill the glass with real ale.
- Replace the sparkler onto the ale tap.

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Step 14



- Ensure any spillages are wiped up with a blue cloth and the bar top remains dry.
- Half pints of all draught products should be poured using all of the above principles within the SOP.
- Ideal dispense time for lagers and smoothflow products should be no more than 16 seconds.
- Lagers should achieve a dispense temperature of +1°C to +3°C.
- Ales should achieve a dispense temperature of +10°C to +14°C.
- If fobbing occurs, if the flow rate drops, or if the product is outside of the correct temperature range, stop serving the product and inform the Duty Manager.
- Maintenance issues must be logged immediately with tech services and recorded in the DMLB.