FORESTERS ARMS

Table Reservation & Private Function Policy 2026/27

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South Africa's oldest pub — established 1852

1. Table Reservations

Foresters Arms happily accepts table reservations for diners via telephone, email and Dineplan.

Reservations are intended for guests who will be dining at Foresters Arms. Tables are not reserved solely for guests intending to drink.

All reservations are subject to availability and the operational requirements of the restaurant.

Foresters Arms reserves the right to allocate guests to an alternative table or section where required for operational reasons. **Specific tables, areas or sections cannot be guaranteed unless expressly confirmed by management.**

2. Peak Periods & Busy Days

To ensure that we can operate efficiently during our busiest periods, special reservation restrictions may apply.

Weekends & Public Holidays

We do not accept table reservations between **13:30 and 16:00 on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.**

This allows us to manage the restaurant effectively during our peak trading periods.

Major Sporting Event Days

On major sporting event days, reservations may be accepted only until whichever of the following two times occurs earliest:

- **13:00**; or
- **1½ hours before the scheduled kickoff/start time of the sporting event**.

Example: for an event with a 17:00 kickoff, 1½ hours before is 15:30.

Management reserves the right to introduce additional reservation restrictions on major sporting or special event days where operational requirements make this necessary.

3. Table Duration

Standard table reservations are allocated for a maximum period of **3 hours**.

Guests requiring additional time should discuss this with management in advance. Management may extend the allocated time where operationally possible.

4. Minimum Spend

Reservations are for diners only. A minimum spend per head applies to all guests seated as part of a table reservation, regardless of party size:

- **Adults: R350 per person**
- **Children: R150 per person**

Minimum spend amounts exclude gratuity and are based on the total food and beverage spend per guest at the table.

Where the minimum spend is not reached, the shortfall may be added to the table's bill.

5. Gratuity

A standard gratuity of **12.5%** is applied to tables of **6 guests or more**. This applies whether or not the table also falls into the large group reservation category in Section 6.

6. Large Group Reservations

For reservations of 10 guests or more, a reservation deposit is required in addition to the gratuity described in Section 5.

Reservation Deposit

R100 per person

The deposit is:

- payable 3 days in advance;
- deducted from the final bill; and
- refundable subject to the cancellation terms in Section 7.

Group Size at a Glance

Party Size	Gratuity	Deposit
6 – 11 guests	12.5% gratuity	No reservation deposit
12+ guests	12.5% gratuity	R100 per person deposit

7. Reservation Deposit, Cancellation & No-Show Policy

Reservations requiring a deposit must be secured by payment of the applicable deposit within the required time.

Cancellation More Than 48 Hours Before the Reservation

Where a reservation, not a private function, is cancelled more than 48 hours before the reserved time, the deposit will be refunded as follows:

- Deposits paid by credit card will be refunded to the applicable credit card.
- Deposits paid through Dineplan will be refunded through Dineplan.
- Deposits paid by EFT will be refunded by bank transfer to the account from which payment was received, within 14 business days.

Cancellation Within 48 Hours

If a reservation is cancelled **within 48 hours** of the reserved time, the deposit is **non-refundable**.

Late Arrivals

Guests are requested to notify Foresters Arms if they are running late for a reservation. Where the restaurant has not been notified, or where operational requirements make this necessary, the table may be released after 15 minutes from the reserved time.

No-Shows

A reservation is treated as a no-show where the party does not arrive within 25 minutes of the reserved time without prior notice to Foresters Arms.

A no-show is treated the same as a cancellation within 48 hours: the deposit is forfeited in full and is not credited toward any future booking.

Foresters Arms reserves the right to require a deposit for any future reservation from a guest with a prior no-show.

8. Changes to Reservations

Guests are requested to notify our reservations team as soon as possible of any changes to:

- the number of guests;
- the reservation time; or
- any other important booking details.

Foresters Arms cannot guarantee that changes to a reservation can be accommodated, particularly during busy trading periods.

For large reservations, changes to guest numbers may affect the table allocation and deposit.

9. Table Allocation

A reservation confirms a booking at Foresters Arms; it does not automatically guarantee a particular table.

Foresters Arms reserves the right to move non-private functions to another table, section or area of the restaurant where required for operational purposes.

Specific tables or areas may therefore not be guaranteed or promised.

Our team will always endeavour to accommodate guest preferences where operationally possible.

10. Children's Area

Due to logistical requirements, the children's area is limited to a maximum of 20 people at any one time on weekends and Public Holidays. This limit applies to ordinary table reservations seated in the children's area, not to birthday parties.

Children's birthday parties are not permitted on weekends or Public Holidays. Birthday parties in the children's area can be accommodated on weekdays — please contact our reservations team to arrange this.

11. Outside Food & Beverages

No outside alcohol or other beverages may be brought onto the premises.

No outside food may be brought onto the premises without prior permission from the owners/management.

This includes celebration cakes.

Where permission has been granted for a cake to be brought onto the premises, a **R250 cake fee per cake** applies.

12. Corkage

No corkage is permitted.

Guests may not bring their own wine, beer, spirits or other beverages onto the premises.

13. Pre-Ordered Food & Beverages

All pre-ordered food and beverages, including alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, must be paid in advance, are final and cannot be returned for a refund or exchange.

This includes sealed bottles.

PRIVATE FUNCTION VENUE HIRE

14. Private Function Areas

Foresters Arms offers several private and semi-private function areas.

Current capacities and venue hire fees are:

Venue	Capacity	Venue Hire Fee
Old Cocktail Room	Up to 30 guests	R3,500
Squirrel Room	Up to 50 guests	R7,000
Bottom Beer Garden	Up to 120 guests	R10,500
Bobby Muir Cellar (VIP)	40–60 guests	R11,000

The Bobby Muir Cellar includes the adjacent pebblestone outside area.

Photographs of the available function areas are available on the Foresters Arms website.

15. Private Function Venue Hire Payment

The applicable venue hiring fee must be paid **in full 7 days in advance**.

The venue hiring fee is **non-refundable**.

Minimum Spend

In addition to the venue hiring fee, a minimum spend on food and beverages applies to all private function bookings. This minimum spend is separate from, and additional to, the venue hiring fee.

The minimum spend amount is agreed with management in advance of the function and is set at Foresters Arms' discretion. The same minimum spend policy applies consistently across all function venues, regardless of capacity.

Where the agreed minimum spend is not reached, the shortfall will be added to the function's final bill.

Rescheduling

A booking may be rescheduled to an alternative available date, free of charge, provided the request is made at least 7 days before the original function date and is subject to venue availability.

Reschedule requests made within 7 days of the original date will be treated as a cancellation, and the hiring fee will not be transferred or refunded.

Each booking may be rescheduled once under this policy.

16. Function Bar & Beverages

Foresters Arms offers a range of fresh traditional and craft beers on tap.

For functions, the Kings Table can offer a selection including:

- Castle Lite
- Black Label
- Newlands Spring
- Stella Artois
- Devil's Peak

Alternatively, guests may select from a range of 3L beer towers.

A cocktail on arrival can also be arranged.

Guests are not permitted to bring their own beverages onto the premises.

The main bar operates separately from the function bar. Guests purchasing drinks directly from the main bar are required to pay immediately.

17. Function Catering

Catering requirements depend on the nature of the function. As a general guide:

- **Snacks:** approximately 4–5 items per person
- **Dinner:** approximately 8–9 items per person

Platters are available in sizes of:

- For 5
- For 10

Pizza is also available and works well as a snack or starter.

Final guest numbers and any pre-ordered food or beverage requirements must be confirmed **7 days before the function** to allow sufficient time for ordering and preparation.

18. Cakes for Private Functions

Guests are welcome to bring a cake for a private function subject to the applicable cake fee of **R250 per cake**.

Alternatively, our chef can create a cake for the function, subject to a minimum of **7 days' notice**.

19. Music & Entertainment

Private functions have access to the venue's sound system.

Guests may connect an iPod, iPad, mobile phone or laptop via Bluetooth/Aux to play their own music. Microphone facilities are also available.

No bands, external sound equipment or DJs are permitted without prior permission from management.

Screening facilities are available, including the ability to connect a laptop via HDMI to the venue's 55-inch television screens.

20. Décor & Access

Guests are welcome to provide and set up their own décor for a private function.

If access to the venue is required before the function begins, this must be arranged with Foresters Arms in advance.

21. Liability & Personal Property

Guests are responsible for their personal belongings and any property brought into the venue for a function.

Foresters Arms does not accept liability, obligation or responsibility for any loss of or damage to personal property brought into or left at the venue during or after a function.

Use of the Foresters Arms venue constitutes acceptance of these terms.

22. Proof of Payment

Proof of payment for deposits and venue hire fees must be emailed to:

- **admin@forries.co.za**
- **reservations@forries.co.za**

Banking Details

Bank: Nedbank

Account Name: PrimeInvest 1069 (Pty) Ltd t/a Foresters Arms

Branch Code: 118-602

Account Number: 1186 043 245

23. Management Discretion

Foresters Arms reserves the right to make reasonable operational decisions regarding table allocation, reservations, functions and venue use where required to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the restaurant.

Where circumstances require a departure from the standard policy, the final decision rests with Foresters Arms management.

Foresters Arms reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions from time to time.

Thank you for choosing Forries. We look forward to welcoming you.