



Pfand System

The Pfand System is used in Germany, along with other places around the world, and is based off of the idea of placing a deposit down for a container. When somebody buys a drink, they pay more for their beverage (for example \$10 instead of \$5), but they also receive a cup. If they return the cup at the end of the evening they would receive their deposit back (\$5 in this example). If they choose to take the cup with them, it has already been paid and they are free to go.

Implementation

- Think about public access to water
- Think about a cleaning stations
- Think about where the cup station will go
 - this could affect where attendees can use the cups and how accessible they are

Extra Points and Tips

You don't want people entering the event with the same, or similar cups, returning them for the deposit money. In order to avoid this, you could give a unique ticket along with the glass that only depositors have.

You can either distribute the cups from a single vendor/tent or from multiple ones. A single Deposit-Refund tent that everybody at the event knows to go to may be more simple than having all distributors give them out, but both are possible. It is very important that all vendors and volunteers are on the same page with the system.

Links

+ [click here](#) for more information on deposit-return cup systems