

University Policies and Procedures

TAILGATING PROCEDURES

These procedures implement Policy 06-09.02 – *Policy for Tailgating*, incorporate its definitions, and may be amended from time to time without the need to amend that policy.

I. Procedures:

A. Rules and Management:

1. All University policies and procedures, along with local, state, and federal law, remain in effect and subject to enforcement while Tailgating occurs. This includes but is not limited to the use of illicit drugs, smoking, the distribution and sale of alcohol, and underage consumption of alcohol.
2. The University may establish special rules, restrictions, or regulations specifically applicable to unique events or circumstances (*e.g.*, Homecoming, Family Weekend, Tigerfest, etc.). In such cases, these procedures remain in effect in addition to those additional rules, restrictions, or regulations established by the University.
3. The Athletics Department (“Athletics”) manages tailgating events hosted, arranged, or associated with NCAA-sanctioned sporting events.
4. The Campus Recreation Department (“Campus Rec.”) manages Tailgating hosted, arranged, or associated with a Division 1, Tier 5 Campus Recreation Sports Club.
5. During an event, Athletics and Campus Rec. will:
 - a. Ensure use of a sound monitor;
 - b. Assign appropriate SAFE management to work the event; and
 - c. Adhere to the Safety Guideline Staffing Matrix established by Events and Conference Services.

B. Guidelines, Expectations, and Prohibitions:

1. These Procedures anticipate and require that all members of the University community, third parties and guests participating in Tailgating pursuant to the University's Tailgating Policy, act in a responsible manner to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. In order to maximize the positive nature of the Tailgating experience, the University encourages respectful treatment, language and behavior towards others. The University does not and will not tolerate harassment, abusive or threatening behavior. Such behavior may be a violation of the University's anti-discrimination and harassment policy, the Code of Student Conduct, as well as local, state and federal law.
2. A Tailgating participant who violates University policy and procedure, and/or any local, state, or federal law or may be removed from University premises, incur fines, loss of parking and/or Tailgating privileges, and/or applicable disciplinary action under the University's Code of Student Conduct as well as possible criminal prosecution.
3. The University permits Tailgating in Designated Areas only and with appropriate advance approval. All Tailgating activities for DI, Tier 5 Sports clubs must be sponsored by an alumni or parent group.
4. Tailgating is intended to occur prior to or following an event and is discouraged during the event. Attendees are encouraged to attend the event inside the stadium or field.
5. Smoking tobacco products, smoking medically prescribed marijuana, or any form of vaping is not permitted on any University property.
6. Participants in Tailgating are required to keep the area clean by using trash bins, which are provided in the parking lots. Trash and recycling bags can be found at "A-Frame" stations at the entrance of each parking lot and help support sustainability initiatives.
7. No platforms, stages, or structures allowed unless approved in advance by the Athletics Department or Campus Recreation. Tents are permitted as provided in Section G, *below*.
8. No amplified sound over 95 decibels at the source. This limit applies to personal/hand-held devices as well as vehicle-enhanced sound systems and freestanding speakers. As Tailgating occurs in a

community environment, the University requests that music be “radio edited” and without crude or obscene lyrics.

9. Restroom facilities are available in the Towson Center, on the north side of Unitas Stadium, Burdick Hall, and in the University Union.
10. Active sports (*e.g.*, Frisbees, footballs, Corn Hole, Kan Jam, etc.) are allowed so long as the activity does not endanger or disrupt others or interfere with others’ use and enjoyment of the tailgating space or if the activity does not include the competitive consumption of alcohol. The University reserves the right to determine when an active sport may be dangerous or disruptive and may require that an activity be stopped.
11. Without prior written University approval, solicitations, including the distribution or sale of anything of value, is not permitted during Tailgating. Written approval may be arranged with the Department of Athletics by calling the main office at (410) 704-2759.

C. Hours of Operation:

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Office of Student Affairs or the Department of Athletics:
 - a. The hours that Football Tailgating will be approved begins each week on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. Tailgating for other recognized NCAA sports will be approved by the requested scheduler.
 - b. Tailgating is only permitted beginning four (4) hours prior to the start of a University Athletic Events or three (3) hours prior to Division 1, Tier 5 Campus Recreation Sports Club Events; and
 - c. Tailgating is also permitted for one (1) hour after the end of a University Athletic Events or Division 1, Tier 5 Campus Recreation Sports Club Events.
2. Requests for exceptions, which allow Tailgating outside the normal hours of operation, must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Affairs as far in advance as possible (but no less than 1 week in advance).
3. The University may grant exceptions which allow Tailgating outside the normal hours of operation. Notification of the event along with written permission from the University must be given to the Office of

Public Safety at least seven (7) working days prior to the scheduled game or event.

D. Requirements Related to Alcoholic Beverages:

1. The University permits the consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, as defined by the Tailgating Policy, by those 21 or more years of age in Designated Areas only.
2. Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage is prohibited by law for a person under 21 years of age. It is also prohibited for a person under 21 years of age to purchase, consume, distribute, store, or transport Alcoholic Beverages.
3. If you intend to drink alcohol, please designate a sober driver.
4. The University permits the possession of an Open Container by someone 21 or more years of age while Tailgating in Designated Areas only. Designated Areas are defined in the Tailgating Policy. Possession of an Open Container outside of the Designated Tailgating Areas is prohibited by state law and University policy. A driver of a motor vehicle may be subject to criminal prosecution if any occupant in that motor vehicle possesses an Open Container.
5. Alcohol by individuals who are 21 or more years of age is permitted in the Designated Tailgating Areas subject to reasonable consumption limits as set forth in Paragraph 6.
6. The University prohibits beer kegs, party balls, multi-quart containers of any type of alcohol, drinking paraphernalia (*e.g.*, funnels, beer bong, ice luges, etc.) and drinking games of any sort during Tailgating (*e.g.* Beer Pong, Beer Die[snappa], flip cup, slap cup, drinking corn hole, and drinking Kan Jam, etc.).
7. Glass containers of any kind are strictly prohibited.
8. Distribution, manufacturing, sale, and underage consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited.
9. The use of drugs (medically prescribed or not) is strictly prohibited on university tailgating lots.

E. Parking:

1. If you have a vehicle, follow the instructions of the Towson University event staff. Event staff will assist drivers in identifying designated areas for tailgating.
2. Only one vehicle permitted per parking space and vehicles may not leave and re-enter a parking lot.
3. Keep roadways and access points clear at all times.
4. Tailgating for those with General Admission tickets is located in parking lot(s) which are defined as Designated Areas. Tailgating is prohibited in any other areas, including garages. The University reserves the right to restrict vehicle entry or parking, as well as to preclude Tailgating in certain parking spaces or others areas.
5. The Department of Athletics website identifies Designated Areas. Please see <http://www.towsontigers.com>. Typically, Designated Areas for Tailgating include:
 - a. For University Athletic Events, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. In addition, Lots 3, 9, and 10 may be used for overflow or regular season parking.
 - b. For NCAA-sanctioned swimming/diving events and baseball games, Towsontown Field and designated areas between Burdick Hall and John Schuerholz Field.
6. The University reserves the right to restrict vehicle entry or parking, as well as to preclude Tailgating in certain parking spaces or other areas.

F. Tents:

The University permits Tailgating participants to use tents to enhance their enjoyment of the event. However, the following rules apply:

1. Tents may not:
 - a. Have a side(s);
 - b. Be larger than 10' x 10';
 - c. Interfere with vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic;
 - d. Occupy a space reserved for a vehicle(s);

- e. Be erected on the hard surfaces and other areas where ingress and egress would be limited (as determined by the University in its sole discretion) except Lot 7; and/or
- f. Be erected in parking spots between parked vehicles unless tailgating participant has purchased or made arrangements with Athletics for a second designated spot without a car present.

2. Tents must be:

- a. Secured such that wind will not dislodge the tent (provided, however, that stakes may not be used in any location to secure a tent); and
- b. Taken down at the direction of University personnel if they present a reasonable risk of harm to others.

G. Violations:

Individuals who violate these procedures or other applicable policies, regulations, rules, or laws may be subject to criminal prosecution, fines, loss of parking and/or Tailgating privileges, removal from University property, and/or (if University students) disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct.

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