



## Tailgating

### **Purpose**

This policy outlines the parameters for tailgating at athletic events and applies to all individuals wishing to tailgate, regardless of their affiliation to Stephen F. Austin State University.

### **Persons Affected**

Employees, Students, Community members

### **Policy**

1. Timeframe- Tailgating activities may not start before 8:00 am on the day of the athletic event. Equipment and vehicles may not be stored overnight in tailgating areas. All tailgating activities must cease 30 minutes prior to the start of the athletic event and 30 minutes after the conclusion of the athletic event.
2. Location(s)- Tailgating is permitted at all athletic events. Individuals may tailgate on any grassy or paved area around, but not within, any athletic facility, with the following exceptions:
  - Reserved spaces or areas.
  - Parking garages.
  - Areas designated by the Athletic Department or the Division of Students Affairs as programming or event spaces.
  - Sidewalks or vehicle thoroughfares.
3. Equipment- Individuals are responsible for all equipment brought to tailgating. All items must be removed from university property no later than 90 minutes following the athletic event. Special care should be taken to not damage any grassy or paved area.

The following equipment is permitted:

- Personal tents, not to exceed 10' x 20'. Individuals wishing to bring a commercial tent must receive approval from the Athletic Department.
- Grills/BBQs. All BBQ grills, propane or otherwise, may not be left unattended. Hot coals must be doused and properly disposed of in designated coal dumpsters. Cooking grease should be disposed of in proper containers.
- Household furniture, including tables, chairs, and couches.
- Fraternity letters load-in time (for football) begins six hours before kick-off and ends four hours before kick-off. Letters may not be removed until the conclusion of the game.

The following equipment is strictly prohibited:

- Open pit fire devices
- Personal drones

4. Alcohol- Alcohol may only be consumed by individuals 21 years of age and older in



designated tailgating areas (as outlined in this policy). No common source containers (i.e. kegs) or rapid consumption devices (i.e. beer bong) are allowed.

5. Commercial Sales- No commercial sales, tailgating, or solicitation is allowed unless approved by Athletics and in accordance with the university solicitation policy.
6. Amplified Sound- Amplified sound is allowed within designated tailgating areas. This sound should not exceed the boundaries of each individual tailgating slot. No personal DJs are allowed within the tailgating area. All individuals must comply with requests from University officials to lower music volume.

### **Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards**

None

### **Responsible Executive**

Director of Athletics, Vice President of Student Affairs

### **Forms**

None

### **Revision History**

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