



University Policies and Procedures

06-09.02- TAILGATING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

- I. Policy Statement:** Towson University (the “University”) encourages safe and responsible socializing for those students, alumni and fans who attend University athletic events.
- II. Reason for Policy:** The University recognizes that athletic events can be an important component of the University experience. We support game day activities that build community and offer an opportunity for social interaction in the support of athletic events. The following policies and guidelines are designed to clarify individual responsibilities.
- III. Definitions:**
 - A. Alcoholic Beverage: any liquid containing at least one-half percent (0.5%) alcohol by volume, including beer, wine, liquor, or mixed drinks.
 - B. Possession: transportation, ownership, or consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage.
 - C. Tailgating: game day activities that build community and offer an opportunity for social interaction in support of athletics events.
- IV. Responsible Executive and Office:**

Responsible Executive: Vice President for Student Affairs

Responsible Offices: Student Affairs
Administration and Finance
Athletics
- V. Entities Affected by this Policy:** All students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University community.
- VI. Procedures:**
 - A. Special rules and regulations can be established through the Tailgating Committee in order to manage unique events or circumstances, i.e. Homecoming.
 - B. All state and local laws and University policies are in effect during Tailgating.

1. Consistent with these, it is prohibited for a person under the age of 21 years to purchase, possess, consume, transport, or store Alcoholic Beverages.
2. The consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by those of age is only permitted in designated Tailgating areas. State law and University policy prohibit public consumption of Alcoholic Beverages or Possession of open containers of alcohol in public places.
3. It is also prohibited for any person or group to purchase or give Alcoholic Beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

C. Designated areas:

1. General admission Tailgating is located in designated parking lot(s). Tailgating for athletic events in the Athletic precinct is designated in Lots 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 and lots 23 and 24 when needed. Tailgating is prohibited in any other areas including garages*.

*Exception: Tailgating will be permitted on Towsontown Field for Baseball and Swimming & Diving, in season, and in accordance with the rest of the policy.

2. Only one vehicle is permitted per parking space. Vehicles that leave the Tailgating area will not be permitted to reenter without providing a valid permit, if applicable
3. Tents without sides and no larger than 10 x 10 feet are permitted in most designated tailgate lots *as long as the tent does not interfere with vehicular traffic*. Tents cannot occupy a space reserved for another vehicle and will not be allowed on the hard surface of Lot 14 and other areas where ingress and egress would be limited. Tents must be secured to ensure wind gusts don't dislodge the tent. Stakes may not be used in any locations to secure tents.
4. The University reserves the right to restrict vehicles and designate parking spaces for safety reasons. All roadways and access points must be cleared at all times.

D. Hours of Operation:

1. Tailgating is only allowed for Athletic Events on weekends, unless otherwise approved by Student Affairs. The weekend begins at 3 PM on Friday and runs through 9 PM on Sunday.

2. Tailgating is permitted up to four (4) hours before game time and ends when the game begins. Athletics may designate special groups or activities to be permitted to begin prior to the general population. Tailgating ends at the Tailgating start of the game.
3. Tailgating is permitted for up to one-and-a-half (1½) hours after the game has ended.
4. Tailgating is prohibited during the game and at half-time.

E. Alcohol requirements:

1. Beer and wine are permitted within reasonable consumption limits, i.e., one six pack of beer per person and no more than 24 ounces of wine. Glass beverage containers are prohibited.
2. Hard liquor and spirits are prohibited during Tailgating, including, but not limited to Jell-O-shots, shooters.
3. Beer kegs, party balls, multi-quart containers of beer, and all drinking paraphernalia (including, but not limited to funnels, beer bongs, ice luges) and drinking games of any sort are prohibited from Tailgating because of the encouragement of rapid consumption of alcohol.
4. Excessive amounts of alcohol as determined by event staff will not be permitted.

F. Tailgating activities:

1. Amplified sound is not allowed for individual tailgate activities. Only personal hand held music and/or sound devices/systems are permitted. Vehicle enhanced sound systems and free standing speakers are prohibited
2. Active sports (e.g. Frisbee or football throwing) are allowed as long as the activity does not endanger anyone around them. Event staff may determine when active sports is dangerous to those around them or is inhibiting the event.
3. Platforms, and stages are not permitted unless approved and reserved in advance by Athletics.
4. Soliciting is not permitted. Sales by anyone other than approved University personnel are prohibited unless granted prior written approval.

G. General Guidelines:

1. Please keep the parking lots and designated Tailgating areas clean. Trash bins are in the parking lots and trash bags are available from University personnel.
2. Respect the rights of others. Avoid the use of loud and/or abusive language and behavior.
3. Restroom facilities are available in the Towson Center, on the north side of Uinitas Stadium, and in the University Union.
4. Those violating any law or policy are subject to removal from the Tailgating area, legal penalties, and/or University judicial action.
5. Please be smart. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Following these policies and being respectful of others can make this a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

The University reserves the right to modify or revoke any of these provisions at any time for any reason, without prior public notice.

Related Policies: TU Policy 06-09.01

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