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Tailgating Regulation

Statement

Tailgating is a gathering of students, alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the public prior to Eastern Kentucky University athletic events, in Designated Locations, to socialize and prepare and/or consume food/beverages. The objective of tailgating is to promote attendance at and the popularity of University athletic events and enhance University team spirit.

The University recognizes that tailgating has become a popular adjunct to athletic event attendance. All tailgating activities, particularly those involving Alcoholic Beverages, must be in accordance with this Regulation.

The possession and/or consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on University Property is controlled by State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and University Policies. All members of the University community and visitors to campus are expected to comply with these State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and University Policies. The University desires to preserve an environment compatible with academic endeavors without unnecessarily restricting exercise of legal privileges, while also promoting an environment where there is zero tolerance for underage drinking and alcohol education and counseling programs are readily available.

This regulation should be read in conjunction with University Policy 9.1.1POL, Service, Sale, and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages.

Entities Affected

Internal and External constituents.

Procedures

I. Tailgating Locations, Times and Permits

- Tailgating is permitted only in the Designated Locations set forth below or other areas designated by the Athletic Director and approved by the President:

Designated Location	Specified Groups
Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot	Colonel Club General Population, EKU Students
Ashland Parking Lot	Visiting Team Fans
Brockton/Hanlon Parking Lots	General Population
Carter Parking Lot	General Population/Media
Fitness and Wellness Center Parking Lot	RV

- Persons planning to tailgate are not required to obtain prior approval or secure the services of a licensed caterer.
- Tailgating for weekend events with an advertised start time of 3:00 p.m. or earlier may begin in designated locations no earlier than 9:00 a.m.
- Tailgating for weekend events with an advertised start time after 3:00 p.m. may begin no earlier than six (6) hours prior to the start time.
- Tailgating for weekday events with an advertised start time of 6:00 p.m. or earlier may begin in designated locations no earlier than 2:00 p.m.
- Tailgating for weekday events with an advertised start time after 6:00 p.m. may begin no earlier than four (4) hours prior to the start time.
- For weekend events, parking in the RV lot begins on Friday at 12:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- The object of tailgating is to engender support for the Eastern Kentucky University athletic teams. Persons should leave the tailgating area to attend the game no later than 30 minutes after the actual start time of the event.

II. General

- Individuals attending tailgating events are expected to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of the nature and character of the University.
- The University reserves the right to restrict and/or remove any vehicle or person, to designate parking spaces, and to restrict access to designated tailgating locations or picnicking spots for reasons of safety and/or disruption of the peace.
- Prohibition against public intoxication or other inappropriate behavior will be enforced.

- Pets on leash are permitted and must be under the control of the owner at all times. Waste removal and cleanup is the responsibility of the owner.
- Portable electrical generators with a decibel rating of 60DB or less are permitted but are discouraged. For temporary electrical needs, the use of battery-operated inverters is recommended since these do not generate hazardous carbon monoxide emissions, do not require gasoline cans and resultant hazards, and do not create noise that is potentially damaging to hearing or a nuisance to fellow tailgaters. The operation of portable electrical generators that create excessive noise, emission hazards, or other safety concerns will not be permitted.
- Banners and signage recognizing businesses may not be displayed nor may promotional materials be distributed without prior approval by the University Athletics Department.

III. Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

- Possession and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on University Property must not violate State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and/or University Policies.
- Open containers of alcohol outside of Colonel Club and Designated Locations are prohibited.
- Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by persons under 21 years of age is prohibited.
- For safety purposes, glass containers of any type are prohibited.
- Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages from their original containers is prohibited and shall be consumed from paper or plastic cups. The University encourages the use of recyclable drink containers.
- Kegs and other mass common sources of Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited. In addition, use of accelerated drinking games are strongly discouraged. Accelerated devices, such as funnels, are prohibited.

IV. Vehicles

- Spaces are limited and are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Blocking aisles or other vehicles from parking is prohibited.
- Box trucks and/or trailers are prohibited.
- For safety reasons, standing on elevated platforms is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: truck beds, vehicle roofs, and tables.
- Any vehicle that requires more than one (1) space requires prior approval from the Director of Athletics.

V. Noise

- Music must be confined to your tailgate participant's direct area and speakers must be directed into the tailgate participant's direct area.
- Excessively loud music and noise are not permitted. If loud music or noise becomes a disturbance to others, tailgate participants may be required to lower the music and/or noise level. Courtesy is expected of all tailgaters.
- Live musical bands and other live performances are not allowed at tailgating locations unless sponsored or approved by the Director of Athletics.

VI. Food/Grilling

- It is strongly recommended that wherever alcohol is being consumed that food also be made available.
- Grilling is permitted in the tailgating area. Only propane (with a maximum propane cylinder size of 20lbs.) and charcoal grills are permissible sources of heat for cooking.
- Burned coals and/or residue from cooking may not make contact with the paved surface of the parking lot. Hot coals must be completely extinguished with water prior to leaving the tailgate site.
- Open flames are strictly prohibited. This includes the use of portable fireplaces and tiki torches.

VII. Tents and Tables

- Tents and tables are permitted in Designated Locations. No permanent or semi-permanent structures may be constructed for any tailgating activity.
- The use of tents larger than 10' by 10' is discouraged. Tents may not be staked into the ground or pavement.
- Tents may not be set up on sidewalks, bike paths, travel lanes, or any other area of regular flow of pedestrian traffic.

VIII. Cleanup and Trash Removal/Recycling

- Individuals and groups participating in tailgating are required to clean up their immediate area in the Designated Location before going to the game or leaving the Designated Location. Tailgaters are encouraged to make use of available recycling containers in and around each Designated Location for recycling.
- All tailgaters are responsible for proper disposal of their trash. Any person damaging University Property will be responsible for the cost of repairs.

Definitions

- **Alcoholic Beverages:** Alcoholic beverages shall have the same meaning and definition as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.
- **Designated Locations:** Areas where specific groups may engage in tailgating activities.
- **External Constituents:** Individuals, groups, or organizations not affiliated with Eastern Kentucky University.
- **Internal Constituents:** University employees, students, academic departments and colleges, administrative offices and units, and registered student organizations. For the purposes of this policy, this also includes alumni and alumni organizations.
- **Tailgating:** A gathering of students, alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the public prior to University athletic events, in Designated Locations, to socialize and prepare and/or consume food/beverages.
- **University:** Eastern Kentucky University, including all regional campuses.
- **University Property:** Any real property, buildings, and facilities under the primary control of the University through ownership, lease, or other means.

Responsibilities

See "Procedures" section of this Regulation.

Violations of the Policy

Internal and/or External Constituents who violate this regulation may be barred by the University from participating in future tailgating events.

Failure to abide by the terms of this regulation or other University policies may result in charges of violations of the Student Code of Conduct, or of other University regulations, in the case of Internal Constituents.

Any persons failing to comply with this regulation may also be found in violation of the law if so determined by a law enforcement official on the scene.

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