



Public Safety – Tailgating Policy

1.0 PURPOSE

This policy covers coaches, parents, alumni, vendors and fans of Wheeling University athletics to facilitate tailgating at NCAA/Intercollegiate athletic events. For non-NCAA/Intercollegiate athletic events, including but not limited to high school sporting events or other community events hosted at Wheeling University, this policy shall remain in effect subject to all included terms and conditions excluding the allowance of alcohol at said events (in any form).

2.0 POLICY

Wheeling University athletics appreciates the support of its fans and the following guidelines will illustrate the steps that must be followed when tailgating at University athletic events:

2.1 Locations

- Tailgating is restricted to the side lot of McDonough Hall (Lot E2) by the Auxiliary Gym. This is the only authorized area for tailgating activities, unless specified by the Office of Public Safety for special events.. NO alcohol or drinks of any kind are permitted to be carried out of the designated tailgating area. This would include drink containers, or cups.
- All vehicle must be parking in a lined and marked parking space. Taking up more than one space per permit is not allowed.
- Tailgating access is first come, first serve. Saving of spaces for other permit holders is prohibited.

2.2 Time Period

- Tailgating is permissible beginning two (2) hours before the start of the game, and must conclude and be cleaned up one (1) hour after the conclusion of the game.

2.3 Permissible Vehicles

- Regular passenger vehicles are allowed to be parked in the tailgating area. Nothing larger than a SUV will be permitted.
- Trailers or towable RV's are NOT allowed to be used for tailgating activities
- RV's and motorhomes also are NOT allowed to be used for tailgating activities.
- Portable gas generators are prohibited also.

2.4 Facilities/Amenities

- Tailgaters must provide their own:
 - Tables and chairs
 - Tents without stakes
 - Grills (propane and portable gas only), NO open fires. Propane tanks are limited to 20-gallon tanks as maximum capacity.

- Tailgaters may not drive or park on gravel access roads or University lawns/grass/sidewalks.
- The University reserves the right to require outside security/police for groups in excess of twenty (20) persons.
- The University may also request any vehicles or equipment to be moved or relocated so as to provide an accessible pathway through the event area, and also to address any safety concerns that may arise.
- Facilities guidelines:
 - Personal tents/canopies must be 10x10 feet or smaller.
 - Couches and/or other indoor furniture are not permitted outdoors.
 - Kegs, glass containers, drinking game accessories and beer funnels are not authorized on campus.
- No live bands or excessively loud, amplified sound systems will be permitted.
- Sidewalks must be kept clear of tents, grills, furniture, speakers and other tailgating items at all times. Power or extension cords cannot extend across sidewalks and cannot be plugged into any university power source.
- Animals, except for service animals, are not permitted on campus on game day. Anyone who brings an animal that is not a service animal will be asked to take it home.
- Sales of products, food, or beverage is prohibited.

2.5 Clean up

- Tailgaters are responsible for all clean-up: housekeepers and janitors will not be provided.
- Waste food and trash must be disposed of in the appropriate receptacles provided throughout the grounds and at the sites.
- Excess trash, which is unable to fit in receptacles or if the receptacles are full, must be placed within the tailgaters own trash bags and placed next to receptacles.
- Tailgaters are responsible for cleaning up and leaving the location in the condition in which they found it.

2.6 Alcohol and Tobacco

- Use of alcohol must stay within the designated tailgate area. No alcohol, drink containers, or cups of any kind are allowed to be taken outside the designated tailgating area.
- Hard liquor is prohibited
- No tobacco use is permitted within the tailgating area

2.7 Illicit Drugs

- Illicit drugs are forbidden by University policy. The unlawful possession, distribution or use of illicit drugs is prohibited on the Wheeling University campus. Violators of this policy shall be subject to the full measure of state and federal laws, city and county ordinances, and University disciplinary action.

2.8 Conduct

- Event participants are expected to be respectful of University property and the other event participants.
- Alcohol found at location or event not designated for tailgating will result in immediate termination of the event. Campus Public Safety will be notified and individuals who refuse to curtail the event will be asked to leave the University grounds.

- Drunkenness, vandalism, obscene or harassing behavior, and violence (or threats of violence) will not be tolerated and should be reported to the nearest law enforcement official, campus Public Safety, or athletic game administrator.
- Individuals who violate this policy or any University policies noted herein will be asked to leave. Depending upon the circumstances, individuals may be asked to depart the University grounds when notified; perpetrators may be subject to arrest.

2.9 Scheduling a Tailgating Event

- Only the Office of Public Safety, with approval of the University President may designate events that allow tailgating.
- Tailgating with alcohol must be scheduled through the University Conference Services, and must be approved by the Director of Athletics and Director of Public Safety
- All permits issued by the University will be subject to a fee of \$20 per game to help reimburse the extra security costs associated with said event(s).

3.0 AUTHORIZATION

The Vice President, Human Resources and Compliance has the authority to change or modify this policy at any time with or without notice and with the approval of the University President.

4.0 ACTIONS

4.1 Restrictions

- Wheeling University reserves the right to restrict tailgating at any time or in response to any prevailing policy consideration or condition.
- Anyone violating any provision of this policy may be restricted from participating in any future tailgating events

Wheeling University extends tailgating activities as a privilege to responsible individuals and groups. Wheeling University reserves the right to revoke this privilege at any time, and to deny this privilege to any individuals or groups that have displayed irresponsible, disorderly, or harassing conduct/behavior.