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 areas of EKU's campus, to socialize and prepare and/or consume food/beverages. The objective of tailgating is to promote attendance at and popularity of EKU athletic events and enhance EKU team spirit.

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

The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on Eastern Kentucky University property is subject to Kentucky statute, city ordinances, and University policies and regulations. All members of the Eastern community and visitors to campus are expected to obey these laws and regulations. Eastern desires to provide an environment for underage students where alcohol is not made available, and alcohol education and counseling programs are promoted.

Please review the University’s Consumption and Serving of Alcohol Beverages Policy (9.1.1P) for further information concerning alcohol beverages on campus.

Entities Affected

- Entire campus community
- Campus visitors

Background

No comprehensive tailgating regulation existed prior to this regulation.
Tailgating Locations, Times and Permits:

- Tailgating is permitted only in the Colonel Club and Alumni Coliseum Parking Lots or such other locations as the President might approve.
- Persons planning to tailgate are not required to obtain prior approval or secure the services of a licensed provider/caterer.
- Tailgating may begin in the areas designated within this regulation at 9:00 a.m. on event day.
- Since 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.

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.
- 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 and 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.

Use of Alcohol

- Use of alcoholic beverages on Eastern Kentucky University property must not violate state and local laws, or University policies and/or regulations developed and approved by the President to implement this regulation.
- Open containers of alcohol outside of Colonel Club and Alumni Coliseum Parking Lots are strictly prohibited.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age is strictly prohibited.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages from their original containers is strictly prohibited. All alcoholic beverages shall be consumed from paper or plastic cups and not from cans or bottles. EKU encourages the use of recyclable drink containers. For safety purposes, glass beverage containers are prohibited.
- Kegs and other mass common sources of alcohol are not permitted. In addition, use of accelerated drinking games and accelerated devices is strongly discouraged.
Vehicles

- Each vehicle is permitted one (1) parking space and the area directly behind the vehicle for tailgating. Tailgating participants may not block aisles or other vehicles from parking.
- Spaces are limited and are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Any vehicle that requires more than one (1) space requires prior approval from the University Athletics Department.

Noise

- Music must be confined to your tailgate participant’s direct area and speakers must be directed into 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 University Athletics Department.

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 be permitted to 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.

Structures (Tents and Furniture)

- Tents and tables are permitted in the designated tailgating areas. 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.
- No domestic furniture (i.e., couches, lounge chairs, etc.) will be allowed in the area.
Cleanup

- Individuals and groups participating in tailgating are required to clean up their immediate parking lot area before going to the game or leaving the parking area. Tailgaters are encouraged to make use of available glass and aluminum recycling containers in and around Alumni Parking Lot for recycling their original beverage containers.

- All tailgaters are responsible for proper disposal of their trash. Any person damaging University property will be responsible for the cost of repairs.

Definitions

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Responsibilities

See “Procedures” section of this Regulation.

Violations of the Regulation

Violations of this Regulation will be handled through appropriate University procedures.

Interpreting Authority

Vice President, Financial Affairs & Administration

Regulation Adoption Review and Approval

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