



**Responsible Department:** Athletics and Recreation  
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## I. INTRODUCTION

The University strives to promote a fan-friendly tailgating environment that does not interfere with public safety and promotes positive engagement with Division of Athletics and Recreation and other University-sponsored events on University Premises.

## II. POLICY OVERVIEW

- A. All tailgating participants must comply with federal, state, and local laws regarding the use, distribution, and consumption of alcohol, University policies, and signage posted in the tailgating areas.
- B. Participants may only tailgate in designated parking lots and parking spaces and must not occupy more than one parking space per vehicle or tailgate event
- C. Vehicle owners must have and display as instructed a valid University parking permit. Permits for the general public are available for a fee upon entry to the parking lot.
- D. Parking lots will open for tailgating two (2) hours prior to the start of the event.

## III. PROCESS OVERVIEW

- A. Parking. Participants may obtain information about general traffic patterns, transportation, parking for handicapped patrons, and parking locations for cars, buses, and other vehicles from the Department of Parking & Mobility Services at <https://www.du.edu/parking>.
- B. Safety of Movement. Travel lanes, sidewalks, and other pedestrian walkways must be kept clear to allow for free, unobstructed flow of vehicles and pedestrian traffic. Nothing **must** obstruct sidewalks, driving lanes, traffic flow, pedestrian walkways, disability access routes, or obstruct the ingress or egress of any

building.

- C. Restrooms. Restrooms are available for tailgate participants within the Daniel L. Ritchie Center for Sports and Wellness for fan use. Restroom locations may change on a per event basis. Participants must not bring personal and portable restrooms on University Premises.
- D. Alcohol. Tailgating participants on University Premises must be cognizant of, and abide by, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and policies pertaining to the consumption and provision of alcoholic beverages, including University Policy PROV 3.20.010 – *Use and Consumption of Alcohol*. Participants must not engage in, or support, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and the consumption of alcohol by persons under the legal drinking age. Open source alcohol, including, but not limited to kegs, party balls; beer bong; or drinking contests and/or drinking games in any form, pooling or mass purchases are not allowed. Advertising or announcements as to availability of alcohol are prohibited.
- E. Tobacco. The University is a tobacco-free campus. See Policy HRIC 3.20.050 -*Tobacco-Free Campus*.
- F. Controlled Substances. The use, unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or being under the influence of Controlled Substances is not permitted on University Premises. See Policy SAFE 3.20.020 – *Possession, Use, or Distribution of Controlled Substances*.
- G. Glass Containers. Glass containers are not permitted for any food or beverage while tailgating on University Premises.
- H. Noise. Participants must be considerate regarding the volume and content when playing music during a tailgate to allow everyone to enjoy a fun, festive, and inclusive environment on game days.
- I. Conduct. Participants must be respectful of those surrounding them and remain mindful of their choice of language and activity. Individuals acting in a manner that is disrespectful, disruptive, or disorderly or persons interfering with the rights of other people by use of loud and/or abusive language and conduct will be asked to leave University Premises. Students and/or Student Organizations that are alleged to have violated this policy or other University Policies will be referred to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities for action under the [Honor Code](#).
- J. Weapons. The University prohibits the use, possession or storage of Weapons on University Premises. See Policy SAFE 7.10.060 – *Weapons on Campus*.

**K. Sales and Solicitations.**

1. Except where the Division of Athletics and Recreation has provided prior written approval, or for vendors that been officially licensed, hired, or contracted by the University, participants must not offer to sell or sell any products (including food and beverage at tailgates or anywhere else on University Premises on game days or during special events.
2. Throughout the year, the Division of Athletics and Recreation supports specific charitable causes. The University prohibits tailgating participants from engaging in other solicitations, distribution of information, or other promotional activities that are unaffiliated with the University.

**L. Tailgating Equipment.**

1. Tents
  - a. Tents used for tailgating must be of a reasonable size not exceeding approximately ten (10) feet by fifteen (15) feet unless both the Division of Athletics and Recreation and the Division of Campus Safety have provided prior written approval for the use of a larger tent .
  - b. Tents used near a grilling area shall be UL approved, have a fire resistance rating label, and be open on all sides.
  - c. Tents must be adequately secured and anchored using, for example, sandbags or water barrels. Due to potential damage to underground utilities, the use of stakes is prohibited.
  - d. Tents and other personal items such as furniture, grill(s), games/activities must not obstruct sidewalks, driving lanes, traffic flow, pedestrian walkways, disability access routes, or obstruct the ingress or egress of any building.
2. Grills
  - a. The University permits participants to use propane grills during tailgating on University Premises, provided that participants operate authorized grills in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with the restrictions set forth in this policy.
  - b. The University prohibits charcoal fires, open flames, or grills that are larger than permitted under this policy.
  - c. Each tailgate group must have at least one designated griller who will be responsible for the safe operation of the grill at all times.
  - d. Each grill operator shall have an approved ABC fire extinguisher on premises.
  - e. The University permits authorized grills at outdoor tailgates but does not allow grills and other heat- producing devices inside buildings or parking decks.
  - f. All grills must have metal covers or lids.
  - g. Grills that are in use must not be attached to, connected to, or positioned such that the grill has any contact with a vehicle.

- h. Grills must be positioned so that flames and smoke produced are kept at a sufficient distance from buildings, trees, tents, HVAC intakes, fresh air intakes, vehicles, flammable or combustible liquids, and any other flammable or combustible items.
- i. Grills must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from combustible structures and ten (10) feet away from non-combustible structures and all debris.
- j. Grill operators must shut off propane tank valves prior to disconnecting propane cylinders from grills.
- k. Grills shall be fully cooled prior to storage and should be properly secured after use.

**3. Propane**

- a. Participants must not use more than one (1) approved LP 20-pound propane gas canisters for use and one (1) approved LP 20-pound spare propane canister per tailgate. Participants must keep the spare canister in an upright position at least ten (10) feet from the grill.
- b. Propane gas canisters are only permitted on ground level parking locations as designated by University Officials and are not permitted in parking structures and decks.
- c. Participants must remove all propane canisters and dispose of any empty propane canisters off University Premises.
- d. The University will hold any person determined by the University to have damaged University property responsible for all resulting costs of maintenance and repairs deemed necessary by the University in its sole discretion. Such costs may include, but shall not be limited to, expenditures necessary to repair grass or landscaped areas which may be damaged.

**M. Motorized Vehicles.** Tailgating participants must not use personal golf carts, mopeds, scooters, ATVs, go-carts, and other similar motorized vehicles in the tailgating area. See Policy SAFE 7.10.050 – *Non-Motorized and Small Motorized Vehicles on Campus.*

**N. Disposal and Clean Up.** Participants at each tailgate must properly dispose of all trash, recycling and other refuse.

1. The Division of Athletics and Recreation and the Office of Sustainability encourage proper disposal of tailgate refuse and, whenever possible, to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
2. Participants must not pour excess liquids (such as cooking grease and unfinished beverages) down storm water drains. Participants must remove and properly dispose of these items off University Premises.
3. Participants must dispose of all waste in an appropriate manner.

#### IV. DEFINITIONS

- A. **"Tailgate" or "Tailgating"** shall generally mean a gathering of people outdoors which typically occurs near or around a vehicle in a parking lot before and/or after a sporting or special event on the University campus.
- B. **"Tent"** shall also include any canopy or other similar structure used to provide shade or other protection from the elements.
- C. **"University Premises"** include all land, buildings, facilities or other property in the possession of, or owned, used, operated, or controlled by the University, including adjacent streets and sidewalks.
- D. **"Vehicle"** means any car, truck, limousine, van, and any other automobile.

<b>Revision Effective Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
12/10/2021	<i>Separate policy from Policy PROV 3.20.010 – Use and Consumption of Alcohol, and align policy with practice</i>