

Administrative Division University Advancement	
Policy Title Tailgating	
Scope of Policy USC Upstate	Date of Revision February 1, 2023
Responsible Officer Vice Chancellor for University Advancement	Administrative Office Special Events

I. PURPOSE

To help maintain a family friendly atmosphere, ensure the health and safety of all attendees, promote camaraderie, inclusion, and grow University pride and engagement across all constituents and throughout the region.

II. DEFINITIONS

Tailgating is defined as a gathering in a designated area to socialize, consume food and beverages (including beer and wine for those individuals of legal age), within the premises outlined below and specifically approved for public consumption of beer or wine therein particularly regarding such activities before and after an approved event or intercollegiate athletic game at USC Upstate.

III. POLICY

1. The University desires to provide a fun and energetic atmosphere for approved intercollegiate athletic games and events for pre and post activities.
2. Tailgating is designed to be a positive experience for all attendees; anyone disrupting the use of the pre-event facilities or associated grounds will be asked to leave. All tailgaters are asked to respect all attendees.
3. The University approves all designated parking lots and grounds for each approved event or intercollegiate athletic game.
4. Tailgating areas will open up to (4) four-hours prior to the commencement of an approved event or intercollegiate athletics competition. Tailgating shall terminate no later than (60) sixty-minutes after the start of the athletic event.
5. Persons wishing to tailgate must be within the designated tailgating area during the designated time-period.

IV. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

1. Tailgating activities must not impede vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.
2. Prior to the approved event or intercollegiate athletic game, parking vehicles and/or setting up tailgate supplies overnight are prohibited. Guests parking an RV on campus must check in first with the University Police Department to determine parking availability and location.
3. No animals except for service animals will be permitted.
4. No household furniture, sofas, recliners, staging, etc., are allowed within the designated tailgate areas and/or surface lots.
5. USC Upstate is a tobacco free campus, and use of tobacco is prohibited.
6. The selling and/or distribution of any item is prohibited.
7. Any violation of the policy below by any attendee may result in termination of tailgating privileges and/or criminal prosecution. If the violator is a USC Upstate student, disciplinary action through the Office of Student Affairs may also occur.

V. ALCOHOL

1. USC Upstate does not sanction the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by underage persons; nor does it sanction the violation of Federal, State or Local Law.
2. Hard/distilled liquors such as tequila, whiskey, bourbon, gin, vodka, etc. are prohibited.
3. Glass containers are prohibited.
4. Kegs and other common containers are prohibited.
5. **Anyone who brings beer and wine to campus is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and should take measures to ensure that beer and wine is not being consumed by minors or intoxicated persons.**

Please review the [USC Upstate Alcohol Policy](#) for more information.

PROCEDURES

1. Participants are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. This includes proper disposal of garbage and charcoal.
2. Propane and charcoal grills are the only permissible sources of heat for cooking. Burned coals and/or residue from cooking may not be permitted to contact the paved surface of the parking lot. Hot coals must be completely extinguished with water prior to leaving the tailgating site.
3. Open flame fires, including fire pits, are prohibited.
4. Tents should be no larger than a 10x10 space in designated tailgate areas. The University reserves the right to prohibit tents.
5. Anyone who consumes alcoholic beverages must have a valid picture ID such as a driver's license or state issued identification card with date of birth in their possession.
6. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to the designated tailgating area.
7. All applicable statutes, regulations, and ordinances are strictly enforced by law enforcement.