

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY SPECIAL EVENT TAILGATING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

I. POLICY

The University encourages, legal, safe and responsible socializing for those students, alumni and fans who attend athletic events. While alcohol is permitted, per this policy, the focus on the tailgating experience should be toward fostering school spirit and community, not alcohol consumption. Any individual engaging in the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages must be 21 or older. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy and accompanying procedures is to set forth appropriate rules for tailgating that will ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all who attend.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Alcoholic Beverage: Any liquid containing at least one-half percent (0.5%) alcohol by volume, including beer, wine, liquor or mixed drinks.
- B. Possession of Alcoholic Beverage: Transportation, ownership or consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- C. Tailgating: Game day activities that build community and offer an opportunity for social interaction in support of athletics events.
- D. Abuse: Includes, but is not limited to, verbal, written graphic or electronic abuse, harassment or violence of any sort, bullying, and domestic violence.
- E. Alcohol Paraphernalia: Includes, but is not limited to, beer pong, beer funnels, beer bong and ice luges. Drinking games using playing cards also are considered alcohol paraphernalia.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Salisbury University reserves the right to determine the date, time, manner and place of all designated and approved tailgating activities. Tailgating will only be

approved for designated events. Tailgating is not approved for every athletic event. The University, through a designated website, will indicate those events where tailgating is permitted.

- B. Special rules and regulations can be established through the Office of Student Affairs in order to manage unique events or circumstances, i.e. Homecoming.
- C. All federal, state and local laws and University policies are in effect during tailgating.
 - a. Consistent with law, it is prohibited for a person under the age of 21 years to purchase, possess, consume, transport or store alcoholic beverages. Only beer and wine are permitted within reasonable consumption limits, i.e., three beers per person or 18 oz. of wine.
 - b. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by those of age is only permitted in designated tailgating areas. State law and University policy prohibit public consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of open containers of alcohol in public places.
 - c. It is also prohibited for any person or group to purchase or give alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

D. Designated Areas

- a. Approved tailgating is permitted on the Avery Street Parking Lot (East Campus). One vehicle is permitted per two parking spaces. One space is for parking and one is for recreation (grilling, corn hole, etc.). Once the parking area has reached maximum capacity, no more tailgaters will be permitted entry. Vehicles that leave the tailgating area will not be permitted to reenter.
 - i. Tents without sides and no larger than 10 feet x 10 feet are permitted in most designated tailgate lots *as long as the tent does not interfere with vehicular traffic*. Tents cannot occupy a space reserved for another vehicle. Tents must be secured with sandbags or similar means to ensure wind gusts do not dislodge the tent. Tents may not be staked into the concrete. Tents must be taken down and removed when the game starts.
 - ii. Guests must tailgate in front or behind their vehicle only.
 - iii. Vehicle tailgates should not interfere with traffic flow and/or emergency vehicles.
 - iv. No open flames (fire pits) are permitted in any tailgate or parking area. Charcoal grills are permitted. Proper handling, storage and disposal of grills/embers is expected. Disposal of hot charcoal must be in provided charcoal receptacles. Gas grills are permitted.

- v. Due to space constraints recreational vehicles (RVs) may be placed in designated locations at the discretion of University Police.
 - vi. Salisbury University provides trash receptacles. Guests are expected to clean up after their tailgate and no trash should be left behind.
 - vii. Handicapped parking is located in designated areas in the parking lot.
 - viii. The University may charge a per vehicle fee to recoup the costs of tailgating sponsorship.
- b. The University reserves the right to restrict vehicles and designate parking spaces for safety reasons. All roadways and access points must be cleared at all times.
 - c. All visitors park at their own risk. The University assumes no responsibility for damage or injury that may occur as a result of parking and utilizing our tailgating area.

E. Hours of Operation

- a. Tailgating in the designated area is permitted for specific (pre-approved) athletic events on weekends pre-approved by the University, unless otherwise approved by the Office of Student Affairs. The weekend begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and runs through 9 p.m. on Sunday.
- b. Tailgating in the designated area is permitted only up to three hours before game time and ends at the start of the game.
- c. For safety reasons, tailgating in the designated area is not authorized or permitted after the event has concluded.
- d. Tailgating in the designated area is prohibited during the game and at half-time.

F. Alcohol Policy

- a. Individuals are permitted to bring their own alcohol and must be 21 or older to drink. The University will not sell or dispense alcohol at any tailgating events, unless prior permission by University Dining Services is received. Beverages must be consumed from plastic containers. Visibly intoxicated individuals may be removed or detained.
 - i. Hard liquor and spirits are prohibited during tailgating, including, but not limited to, Jell-O shots, and shooters.

- ii. Beer kegs, party balls, multi-quart containers of beer and all drinking paraphernalia (including, but not limited to, funnels, beer bong, ice luges) and drinking games of any sort are prohibited from tailgating because of the encouragement of rapid consumption of alcohol.
- iii. Excessive amounts of alcohol, as determined by event staff, will not be permitted.
- iv. Alcohol may be brought into the tailgating area only in vehicles. Individuals may not walk/carry alcohol into the tailgating area or remove alcohol from the area.
- v. Individuals are to conduct themselves responsibly before, during and after the event, particularly when consuming alcohol. This includes driving to and from campus for tailgating and athletic activities.

G. Tailgating Activities

- a. Active sports (e.g. Frisbee or football throwing) are allowed as long as the activity does not endanger anyone. Event staff may determine when an active sport is dangerous or is inhibiting the event.
- b. Amplified sound is not allowed for individual tailgate activities without prior approval. Only personal hand-held music and/or sound devices/systems are permitted. Vehicle enhanced sound systems and free-standing speakers are prohibited. Guests are expected to be courteous to their tailgating neighbors.
- c. Platforms and stages are not permitted unless approved and reserved in advance by SU Athletics.
- d. Soliciting is not permitted. Sales by anyone other than approved University personnel or authorized designees are prohibited unless granted prior written approval.
- e. For the safety and security of others, pets are not permitted in the tailgating area.

H. General Guidelines

- a. The University reserves the right to cancel a tailgating event as a result of inclement weather, unsafe conditions, excessive community disruptions, or if the University determines that it is in its best interest to cancel the tailgating event.
- b. Individuals using the tailgating area are required to keep the parking lots and designated tailgating areas clean through use of trash receptacles located in the tailgating area.

- c. Tailgating guests are expected to respect the rights of others and avoid the use of loud and/or abusive language, music, and behavior.
- d. The University reserves the right to prohibit and/or inspect bags and backpacks before permitting entry to the tailgating area.
- e. Those violating any law or policy are subject to removal from the tailgating area, legal penalties and/or University conduct action.
- f. Failure to cooperate with University authorities, maintain a safe and clean environment, or abuse alcohol may result in conduct sanctions, criminal arrest or forfeiture of the opportunity to tailgate in the future.
- g. Designated restroom facilities are located in the tailgating area. Tailgating guests should report any concerns concerning restroom cleanliness to the event staff. Misuse of restroom facilities may result in sanctions or cancellation of future tailgate activities.

VI. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

The University’s Vice President of Student Affairs is responsible for implementing this policy and may be contacted regarding questions about the policy or to report concerns or violations of the policy. (Office of Student Affairs 410-543-6080).

Other offices responsible for this policy are the Office of the Vice President of Administration & Finance, the Office of the Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs, University Police, and the Department of Athletics.

The University reserves the right to modify or revoke any of these provisions at any time for any reason, without prior public notice.

Approval Date:

Effective Date:

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Approved by: President’s Executive Cabinet

Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, President

Date