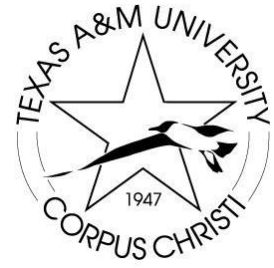


33.04.99.C0.03 Tailgating

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Procedure Statement

Tailgating is defined as a social gathering of any number of people in conjunction with, and on the same day as, a university sporting event. Tailgating events will be supervised and managed by an event coordinator that is designated by the event sponsor.

Reason for Procedure

While showing their spirit, it is expected that participants adhere to this procedures to maintain a safe and orderly environment and to protect property.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

The tailgating event coordinator must notify University Police Department (UPD), Intercollegiate Athletics, and/or Recreational Sports at least three (3) days in advance of the event. Alcohol is only allowed at tailgating events on properties where alcohol consumption has been designated as approved.

1.1 Tailgating areas are intended for fans, registered student organizations, and university departments. Certain areas are designated for particular use described in section 6 of this procedure and at <http://www.goislanders.com/landing/index>.

1.2 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) officials and the UPD have the authority to patrol university property and events. Officers may take necessary actions (e.g., asking guests to leave, issuing citations/referrals, arrests) depending on the situation. Inappropriate behavior could result in permanent loss of all tailgating and spectator privileges.

1.3 Drinking games (including, but not limited to, beer pong) and the use of devices intended to accelerate the consumption of alcohol (including, but not limited to, funnels or beer bongs) are prohibited.

- 1.4 All trash must be removed and disposed away from the premises. Glass containers are prohibited for safety reasons.
- 1.5 No overnight occupancy is allowed in tailgating areas. Requests for overnight parking must be made in advance with the UPD. Overnight requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are separate from tailgate functions.
- 1.6 Driving or parking private vehicles on any green spaces and sidewalks is permitted only in designated areas when conditions allow.
- 1.7 Where generators are allowed, all generators must be equipped with a noise reducing device (manufacturer-approved cover or muffler). Special care and consideration should be taken when handling fuel. Extension cords will not be more than 25 feet in length.
- 1.8 TAMU-CC is not responsible or liable for accidents, damage, loss, or theft of materials/items/personal property.
- 1.9 Tailgating in parking lots on the Island Campus is prohibited on weekdays when classes are in session.
- 1.10 In permitting the use of the premises, TAMU-CC does not relinquish custody and control thereof and retains the right to enforce any and all appropriate laws, policies, regulations, rules, and procedures applicable to TAMU-CC's grounds, property, signage, and/or equipment. Representatives of TAMU-CC may enter any of the premises at any time and on any occasion without any restrictions whatsoever. All facilities, including the area that is the subject of approved facilities for tailgating, will at all times be under the charge and control of TAMU-CC or its agents.
- 1.11 All signs and instructions for lots must be obeyed. Barricades, barrels, or any other traffic control devices must not be moved.
- 1.12 Excessively loud music or noise will not be tolerated. If loud music or noise becomes disturbing to others, the volume level will have to be reduced.
- 1.13 Use of non-university motorized recreational vehicles, including mini-dirt bikes, four wheelers, golf carts, mules, gators, scooters, motorized skateboards, etc. are prohibited.
- 1.14 Tailgating activity will end when game begins and spaces must be cleared within one (1) hour after the game ends.

2. CONSUMPTION AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

- 2.1 Sale of food on university property is not allowed unless prior written approval is

given by the Director of University Services or designated official.

- 2.2 The university is not responsible for the consumption and/or sanitation of food if it is offered to the public by an outside group or individual.

3. GRILLS AND OPEN FLAMES

- 3.1 All barbecue grills, propane or otherwise, must be attended to at all times. It is highly encouraged that tailgaters who use a grill or smoker have a fire extinguisher on hand.
- 3.2 Hot coals must be doused and properly contained until they can be disposed of off premises. The disposal of grease, hot coals, or hazardous materials onto the grounds or into storm drains is prohibited.
- 3.3 Fires built on the ground and open fire pit devices are prohibited.
- 3.4 Any person damaging university property will be responsible for the cost of repairs, including damages to grass from cooking grease and sprinkler damage.

4. TENTS OR CANOPIES

- 4.1 Tents are limited to appropriate outdoor areas as determined by the university.
- 4.2 The university reserves the right to remove or prohibit the erection of any tent that its representatives deem unsafe or interferes with university operations. Approval is required by the appropriate university event sponsor prior to erection of tents in order to avoid any damage to sprinkler systems (from stakes).
- 4.3 Tents or canopies must be secured. Only weights may be used to secure tents in areas marked as "No Staking."
- 4.4 Tents or canopies must be secured and may not obstruct sidewalks, drive lanes, or pedestrian walkways. Tailgating amenities including furniture, grills, generators, or satellite dishes may not obstruct sidewalks, drive lanes, or pedestrian walkways.

5. ANIMALS

Tailgating is an approved university activity and all animals must be leashed at all times as referenced in University Rule *41.01.99.C1, Use of University Facilities*.

6. SITE-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

These site-specific guidelines are in addition to the information provided in sections 1-5 of this procedure.

6.1 Chapman Field

- 6.1.1 This includes the specified grassy area surrounding the ball fields and behind the outfield fence.
- 6.1.2 The grassy area behind the outfield fence at Chapman Field is available for activities on a first come, first served basis. This area may be used for special events at certain games, thus reducing the available space.
- 6.1.3 The Athletics Department staff will be onsite two (2) hours prior to the game to supervise the facility.
- 6.1.4 Vehicles may park on the berm behind left field of the baseball field. Vehicles must use the path behind the softball field to access this area and may not drive on the grass behind center and right field of the baseball field.
- 6.1.5 Only service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are allowed in any of the bleacher sections. Other animals are not permitted in the bleacher sections.
- 6.1.6 Designated spaces of the Turtle Cove parking lot will be made available on weekends for tailgating.

6.2 Momentum Sports Complex

- 6.2.1 The grassy area between the soccer stadium and the tennis center is available for tailgating activities.
- 6.2.2 For large group tailgating activities, vehicles may be driven on the grassy area between the stadium and the tennis center with prior authorization and as ground conditions permit.

6.3 Parking Lots

- 6.3.1 Event sponsor/coordinator will work with UPD to designate appropriate spaces.
- 6.3.2 Spaces may be made available for tailgating activity when it does not interfere with university operations.
- 6.3.3 Tailgating activity must remain within designated spaces.

6.4 Lee Welcome Center

- 6.4.1 Spaces may be made available for tailgating activity when it does not interfere with university operations.

6.4.2 Tailgating activity must remain within designated spaces.

6.5 American Bank Center (subject to change)

6.5.1 The American Bank Center, Parking Lot 6 (Shoreline and Resaca) is the designated area for tailgating. Other areas may be provided by American Bank Center.

6.5.2 TAMU-CC and the American Bank Center are not responsible or liable for accidents, damage, loss, or theft of materials/items/personal property.

6.5.3 Individuals are responsible for complying with all local and state laws governing alcohol consumption, as well as, University Procedure *34.02.01.C1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*.

6.5.4 All laws governing alcohol consumption will be enforced.

Related Statutes, Policies or Requirements

University Rule [41.01.99.C1, Use of University Facilities](#)

University Rule [34.02.01.C1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs](#)

University Procedure [08.01.01.C1.05, Service and Assistance/Emotional Support Animals on Campus](#)

This procedure supersedes:

- *33.04.99.C1.03, Procedures for Tailgating*

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