

Tailgating at USC Upstate

Tailgating at the University of South Carolina Upstate is defined as “gathering in a designated area prior to designated University athletic events to socialize and prepare and/or consume food and beverages.” The purpose of this policy is to help maintain a family friendly atmosphere and ensure the health and safety of all event attendees. Moreover, this policy contains guidelines to help discourage or prevent excessive drinking and nuisance behavior while ensuring an enjoyable experience for all.

*Tailgating shall be permitted only on game days designated by the athletic department and posted on the USC Upstate Athletics Website.

*Tailgating shall be restricted to the following areas unless otherwise approved in writing by the Chancellor:

Tailgating Locations and Times

Basketball and Volleyball	The Hodge Center Parking Lot
Soccer, Baseball, Softball	University Readiness Center Parking Lot

*Tailgating may begin two (2) hours prior to the commencement of the athletic event, and tailgating shall terminate upon CONCLUSION of the athletic event.

*Persons wishing to tailgate must be within the designated tailgating area during the designated time period.

*Consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of designated tailgating area(s) and/or the designated time period shall constitute a violation of this Policy.

*Violators are subject to prosecution under the USC Upstate Code of Conduct and/or applicable federal, state, or local laws and ordinances.

Tailgating Rules and Regulations

*Glass containers are prohibited.

*RVs are prohibited.

*Household furniture is prohibited.

*Pets are prohibited.

*Fighting, profanity, and any other violent or inappropriate behavior is prohibited.

*Individuals attending events at USC Upstate are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of the nature and character of the University.

- *Persons acting in a disruptive, disrespectful, or disorderly manner may be asked to leave the premises and/or may be subject to arrest. Students may also be charged with violating the USC Upstate Code of Conduct.
- *No food may be sold without proper University permission (either Food Services and/or Athletics).
- *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 make contact with the paved surface of the parking lot. Hot coals must be completely extinguished with water prior to leaving the tailgating site.
- *Open flame fires, including fire pits, are prohibited.
- *Participants are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. This includes proper disposal of garbage and charcoal.
- *USC Upstate is a smoke free campus, and use of tobacco is prohibited.
- *No fees may be charged to enter a tailgate area.

Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

- *Persons within the designated tailgating area must have available a picture ID with date of birth.
- *Consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to the designated tailgating area.
- *Liquor and kegs of beer are prohibited.
- *Drinking contests or games are prohibited on the USC Upstate campus, including the designated tailgating area.

Please reference the USC Upstate Alcohol and Drug Policy found in the Student Handbook for the complete policy.
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USC Upstate Police Officers will be present and patrolling the tailgating area as well as the surrounding areas to assist with enforcement of these policies. Persons who violate this policy, any other USC Upstate campus policies, or applicable law are subject to prosecution under the USC Upstate Code of Conduct and applicable law.

