

## Tailgating at USC Upstate

To promote camaraderie, inclusion and grow University pride and engagement across all constituents and throughout the region, the University of South Carolina Upstate has created these guidelines for tailgating at University athletic events. Defined as a “gathering in a designated area prior to designated University athletic events to socialize and prepare and/or consume food and beverages,” the purpose of the tailgating policy is to help maintain a family friendly atmosphere and ensure the health and safety of all attendees. This policy provides parameters for tailgating participants to enjoy their event in a space that discourages excessive consumption of alcohol and promotes positive behaviors among all attendees to ensure an enjoyable and memorable experience.

- 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:

<b>Basketball and Volleyball</b>	—————>	<b>Hodge Center Parking Lot</b>
<b>Soccer, Baseball, Softball</b>	—————>	<b>University Readiness Center Parking Lot</b>

- 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.
- A colored Solo Cup (preferably green) will be used by students for consuming non-alcoholic beverages such as water, lemonade, sodas, etc.
- 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.
- Guests parking an RV on campus must check in first with the University Police Department to determine parking availability and location.
- Household furniture is prohibited.
- Service animals are welcome. No pets allowed in food service areas and must be kept on a leash.
- 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.
- Persons 21 and over that purchase an alcoholic beverage will be provided a wrist band indicating they are of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to the designated tailgating area.
- Distilled spirits are not allowed unless previously approved by the Chancellor. Kegs of beer are prohibited unless provided by the University approved event vendor.
- Drinking contests or games are prohibited on the USC Upstate campus, including the designated tailgating area.

Please reference the USC Upstate Alcohol Policy found in the Student Handbook for the complete policy. This document may be found in the Office of Student Affairs in the Olin B. Sansbury Jr. Campus Life Center 180 Gramling Dr. Suite 303 or online at [www.uscupstate.edu](http://www.uscupstate.edu).

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.

### **Operations and Logistics**

- The co-sponsors or leadership team for Homecoming Tailgating will include the Director of Athletics, Vice-Chancellor for University Advancement and Dean of Students.
- Portable restrooms with surrounding pipe-and-draping will be installed at centralized locations for easy attendee access.
- Sufficient trash bins will be provided and spaced to accommodate trash generated at the event.
- All campus buildings should be accessible – especially for returning alumni to visit from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Once tailgating festivities commence, all buildings will be locked and secured for the duration of the event.