

Athletics Tailgating Policy

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Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to detail the parameters at West Chester University for sports events. This policy applies to any person or group intending to participate in tailgating in the parking lots surrounding south campus athletics facilities for athletics department sponsored events only. Tailgating on north campus is not permitted. If more specific information is needed regarding the availability and location of acceptable parking lots during competition, contact the Department of Athletics.

Policy Statement

Tailgating will be permitted in designated lots surrounding Farrell Stadium and the south campus athletic fields under the following conditions.

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in parking lots, athletic facilities, or other areas of campus.
- Designated parking lots for tailgating will open beginning four (4) hours prior to a contest start time. Tailgating is only permitted in lots that have been designated for this activity.
- Vehicles must park in designated spaces and may only use one space per vehicle. Parking across spaces is not permitted. Tailgaters may be charged for additional parking spaces if applicable.
- RVs and trailers must register with the WCU Athletics Department by the close of the business two (2) days prior to the event by calling 610-436-3555. These vehicles may be directed to park in appropriate areas as directed by public safety officers and/or athletics parking staff.
- Cooking may be done on natural gas or propane grills that are a minimum of two (2) feet above the parking surface and safely away from any combustible materials. Charcoal grills may not be used on any campus property.



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- All parking lots must be kept clean. Please dispose of trash in the receptacles provided throughout the parking lot.
- No amplified sound, DJs, excessively loud car stereos, or portable radios may be used.
- No glass container of any type may be used.
- All parking lots must be cleared of tailgaters and game attendees 90 minutes after the completion of the athletic event.

Anyone found in violation of these or any other university policies will be asked to leave the area.

Definitions

Tailgate: (per Merriam-Webster) to have a tailgate party

Tailgate Party: a social gathering in which food and drinks are served at or near the back end of a parked vehicle (such as a pickup truck) that usually occurs in a parking lot before or after a public event (such as a football game or concert)

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