



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **Tailgating**

### **Policy Number 7-05**

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania

Approved by University Senate, 4/10/2025

Issued by President Bashar W. Hanna as Policy 7-05 on 4/21/2025

Responsible Office:        Bloomsburg: Bloomsburg Athletics  
                                     Lock Haven: Lock Haven Athletics  
                                     Mansfield: Alumni & Professional Engagement

Previous Policy: PRP 4815

### **1. Purpose**

For purposes of this policy, tailgating is a picnic and/or social event that can accompany an athletic event and is officially sanctioned by the university. With appropriate risk management measures in place, tailgating can be an effective enhancement to the community experience and bolster a sense of pride and spirit associated with our university community, particularly athletic events.

Commonwealth University recognizes that athletic events are an important component of the university experience. This policy is being created to formalize the tailgating experience already growing surrounding our athletic events. The goal is to assure a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants. Thus the following guidelines are designed to clarify individual responsibilities so that everyone may enjoy being on campus.

### **2. Scope**

All members of the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania community, including students, faculty, staff, officials, alumni, volunteers, and visitors.

### **3. Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **3.1. Definitions**



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- 3.1.1. **Tailgating:** a picnic and/or social event that can accompany an athletic event and is officially sanctioned by the university

### 3.2. Roles and Responsibilities

- 3.2.1. At Bloomsburg: Bloomsburg Athletics – responsible for tailgating for football
- 3.2.2. At Lock Haven: Lock Haven Athletics – responsible for tailgating for football
- 3.2.3. At Mansfield: Dave Donlick, Director of Alumni and Employer Engagement – responsible for the Homecoming tailgate

## 4. Policy

- 4.1. Tailgating is approved only in the designated areas on each campus.
- 4.2. A tailgate event may begin four hours before the official start of the event but can last no later than two hours following the conclusion of the event.
- 4.3. Only those individuals over the age of 21 may possess, consume, transport, or store alcoholic beverages (must have I.D. available at all times).
- 4.4. Tailgaters must incorporate food into their activity and non-alcoholic beverages must be offered.
- 4.5. No kegs and other large volume containers will be allowed at any tailgating event. Only individual containers are allowed.
- 4.6. No glass containers allowed. Recycling is strongly encouraged for all containers.
- 4.7. Drinking games and all associated drinking paraphernalia is strictly prohibited (beer pong, beer funnels, etc.).
- 4.8. Courtesy must be provided to all other tailgaters with regards to noise, language, etc.
- 4.8.1. Large, amplified sound systems are prohibited unless they have the proper University approval to do so.
- 4.9. Soliciting and sales of any food, merchandise, or other products is not permitted by anyone unless they have the proper University approval to do so.
- 4.10. All parking must be within the designated tailgating zone.
- 4.11. All vehicles must be confined to their designated space. Any additional amenities, grills, furniture, etc., must be used within the allotted space.
- 4.12. Tailgaters are responsible for cleaning trash and debris from their area following the conclusion of each tailgate.
- 4.13. All University policies are enforced throughout campus including tailgate areas.
- 4.14. The Commonwealth University Police or any other law enforcement agency reserves the right to remove any individual or group who fail to abide by these guidelines, are deemed unruly or are not abiding by the spirit of tailgating in the CU Community. Removal can be for a specific event or permanently.



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- 4.15. All tailgaters will need to be in possession of a valid event ticket once the event has begun.
- 4.16. No overnight parking or camping allowed. There are no utility hookups available.
- 4.17. Generators are only allowed with proper written approval.
- 4.18. Soliciting and sales of any food, merchandise, or other products is not permitted by anyone unless they have the proper written University approval to do so.
- 4.19. Platforms and stages are not permitted by anyone unless they have the proper written University approval.
- 4.20. No smoking or use of tobacco products
- 4.21. Subject to change based on individual athletic department operations at the respective campus.

## 5 Compliance and Enforcement

- 5.1 Every University policy will undergo a regular review on a five-year cycle, with approximately 20% of the total policies inventory being reviewed each year.
- 5.2 All policy reviews will be conducted by the responsible Senate Committee to assure that the policy remains relevant and aligns with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, PASSHE Board of Governors policies, and other University policies, procedures, standards, or guidelines.

## 7. Additional Information

### 5.3 Supporting Documents

- 5.3.1 Husky Tailgate Zone (Bloomsburg):  
[https://buhuskies.com/sports/2014/4/28/FB\\_Tailgate\\_Zone](https://buhuskies.com/sports/2014/4/28/FB_Tailgate_Zone)
- 5.3.2 Lock Haven Football Tailgate Information:  
<https://www.golhu.com/sports/2024/7/25/lock-haven-football-2024-tailgate-information.aspx>

### 5.4 History

- 5.4.1 Initial release: 4/22/2013; Reviewed by Forum, Approved Emergency Implementation after First Reading, 4/24/2013; Second Reading, Recommended for Approval, 3/26/2014
- 5.4.2 Effective Date – [Date Approved by the University Senate or Issued by the Office of the President as an Interim Policy]



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5.4.3 Revised – October 21, 2024

5.4.4 Next Review Date - [Date of Revision]

**5.5 Related Policies -** [Reference related policies]

**5.6 Contacts for Additional Information and Reporting**

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