33.04.99.C0.03 Tailgating

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Revision History

Procedure Summary

Tailgating is defined as a social gathering of people in conjunction with, and on the same day as, a university event. Tailgating events may be hosted by a university department, in which case an event coordinator will be designated, or they may occur organically. While showing their spirit, participants are expected to adhere to this procedure to maintain a safe and orderly environment and protect property.

Procedure

1. GENERAL

1.1. For university hosted tailgating events, the event coordinator must notify the University Police Department (UPD), Intercollegiate Athletics, Recreational Sports, and Institutional Advancement at least three (3) business days in advance of the event to ensure that space is available and can be reserved.

1.2. Tailgating areas are intended for fans, registered student organizations, and university departments. Certain areas are designated for particular use as described in section 8 of this procedure and on the Department of Athletics website.

1.3. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) officials and the UPD have the authority to patrol university property and events. University officials may take necessary action in response to any violation of university rules or procedures. Officers, including those from local law enforcement, may take necessary actions as appropriate. Inappropriate and/or illegal behavior may result in permanent loss of all tailgating and spectator privileges.

1.4. All trash must be removed and disposed of away from the premises. Glass containers are prohibited.

1.5. No overnight occupancy is allowed in tailgating areas.

1.6. Where allowed, all generators must be equipped with a noise reducing device

(manufacturer-approved cover or muffler). Portable generators should not be in enclosed spaces and should be placed out of the way of tailgaters with the exhaust directed away from neighboring tailgaters to reduce the exposure to emissions. Refueling of gasoline generators in the tailgating area is prohibited. Extension cords must be rated for outdoor use, appropriate for the generator, and of sufficient length to safely connect to electrical device(s).

1.7. TAMU-CC is not responsible or liable for accidents, damage, loss, or theft of materials/items/individual property.

1.8. In permitting the use of its premises, TAMU-CC does not relinquish custody or control thereof and retains the right to enforce 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 where a tailgating event is occurring at any time and on any occasion without any restrictions whatsoever. All facilities, including those areas approved for tailgating, are under the charge and control of TAMU-CC and its agents.

1.9. If music or noise becomes excessively loud and/or is disturbing, the volume level must be reduced upon notice by TAMU-CC officials. Acceptable sounds levels are outlined in the University Center Scheduling & Reservations Handbook (see Appendix).

1.10. Tailgating activity in areas other than Chapman Field (including the berm) must end when the event begins, and spaces must be cleared within one (1) hour after the event ends.

2. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL

2.1. The use of tobacco products, smoking, and/or vaping is prohibited in, on, and at all university properties, residence facilities, university vehicles, and athletic events, except in designated areas.

2.2. Tailgating events may only allow alcohol consumption at locations where alcohol consumption has been designated as approved. See university procedure *34.02.01.C1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs* for a current list of approved locations.

2.3. Common source containers (e.g., kegs) of alcohol are prohibited unless provided by an approved concessionaire.

2.4. 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.

2.5. TAMU-CC is not liable or responsible for any actions taken by the public or tailgaters while on or off state property or involving alcoholic beverage consumption.

2.6. Individuals are responsible for complying with all local and state laws governing alcohol consumption as well as university rule *34.02.01.C1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*. All laws governing alcohol consumption will be enforced by law enforcement officers.

3. CONSUMPTION AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

3.1. The sale of food on university property by non-university/external vendors is not allowed unless prior written approval is given by the Director of University Services or a designated official.

3.2. Food may be self-prepared or brought to tailgating areas for individual consumption. The university is not responsible for the consumption and/or sanitation of food if it is offered to the public by a non-university/external group or individual.

4. BARBECUE GRILLS AND OPEN FLAMES

4.1. Tailgaters must adhere to all local restrictions regarding grills and fires including burn bans.

4.2. All barbecue grills must be attended to at all times. Tailgaters who use a grill or smoker must have a fire extinguisher on hand.

4.3. 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 university grounds or into storm drains is prohibited.

4.4. Fires built on the ground and open fire pit devices are prohibited.

4.5. Any person damaging university property will be responsible for the cost of repairs, including damages to grass from cooking grease and sprinkler damage.

5. VEHICLES AND ROADWAYS

5.1. Requests for overnight parking must be made in advance with the UPD. Overnight parking requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are separate from tailgating events.

5.2. Driving or parking private vehicles on any green spaces or sidewalks is permitted only in designated areas and when conditions allow.

5.3. Tailgating in parking lots on the Island Campus is prohibited prior to 5:00 pm on weekdays.

5.4. All signs and instructions for parking lots must be obeyed. Barricades, barrels, or any other traffic control devices must not be moved.

5.5. Use of non-university motorized recreational vehicles, including motorhomes, mini-dirt bikes, four wheelers, golf carts, mules, gators, scooters, motorized skateboards, etc. are prohibited.

6. CANOPIES

6.1. Canopies are limited to appropriate outdoor areas as determined by the university.

6.2. Canopies must be secured with water ballasts, concrete blocks, sandbags or similar anchor weights. Canopies may not be anchored with stakes, nor may they be chained to landscaping or signs.

6.3. The university reserves the right to remove or prohibit the erection of any canopy that its representatives deem unsafe or that interferes with university operations.

6.4. Canopies and other tailgating amenities including furniture, grills, generators, or satellite dishes must not obstruct sidewalks, drive lanes, or pedestrian walkways.

7. ANIMALS

Tailgating is an approved university activity, and all animals must be leashed at all times in accordance with university procedures *41.01.01.C0.01, Use of University Facilities* and *33.04.99.C0.01, Non-Research Animals on University Property and in Facilities*. Information on service and emotional support animals may be found in university procedure *08.01.02.C0.03, Service and Emotional Support Animals*.

8. SITE-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

These site-specific guidelines are in addition to the other requirements stated in this procedure.

8.1. Chapman Field

8.1.1. These guidelines apply to the specified grassy area surrounding Chapman Field (baseball and softball) and behind the outfield fence.

8.1.2. The grassy area behind the outfield fence at Chapman Field (baseball

and softball) is available exclusively for season parking spot holders. If additional space remains, that space is available for activities on a first come, first served basis, but non-season parking spot holders may be asked to move if a season parking spot holder arrives. This area may be used for special activities at certain games, thus reducing the available space for tailgating.

8.1.3. Vehicles may park on the berm behind left field of the baseball field and the berm behind center and right field of the softball field with appropriate season parking passes and tickets. 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.

8.1.4. Service animals, as outlined in university procedure *08.01.02.C0.03, Service and Emotional Support Animals*, are permitted in the bleachers. All other pets and animals are prohibited in the bleachers.

8.1.5. Designated spaces of the Turtle Cove parking lot will be made available on weekends for tailgating in coordination with the UPD.

8.2. University Owned and/or Controlled Parking Lots

8.2.1. The event sponsor/coordinator must work with the UPD to designate appropriate parking spaces.

8.2.2. Parking spaces may be made available for tailgating activity when it does not interfere with university operations.

8.2.3. Tailgating activity must remain within designated parking spaces.

8.3. Lee Welcome Center

8.3.1. The event sponsor/coordinator must contact the Executive Director of Alumni Engagement to reserve space.

8.3.2. Space may be made available for tailgating activity when it does not interfere with university operations.

8.3.3. Tailgating activity must remain within designated space.

8.4. Off Campus Venues

8.4.1. Designated areas and guidelines for tailgating may be provided by off-campus venues.

8.4.2. TAMU-CC and off-campus venues are not responsible or liable for

accidents, damage, loss, or theft of materials/items/individual property.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

University Rule *34.02.01.C1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*
University Rule *34.05.99.C1, Tobacco Use, Smoking, and E-Cigarettes/Vaping*
University Procedure *08.01.02.C0.03, Service and Emotional Support Animals*
University Procedure *33.04.99.C0.01, Non-Research Animals on University Property and in Facilities*
University Procedure *41.01.01.C0.01, Use of University Facilities*

This procedure supersedes:

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

Appendix

University Center Scheduling & Reservations Handbook

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