

University of West Georgia Wolves

Tailgating Policies & Procedures

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OVERVIEW

Tailgating has long been a tradition with sporting events, especially on the collegiate level. Nothing is better than gathering with other Wolves fans, fellow classmates, alumni, friends, or family before home athletic events.

Tailgating is permitted on campus in *designated* parking lots and green spaces. Please follow all guidelines related to food/grilling, clean-up and risk management policies. **For the purpose of this policy, consumption of alcohol is governed by procedures described in Section 5 of this policy.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES THAT APPLY TO ALL TAILGATING

RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT

Tailgating is a lively and family-friendly environment. While we want you to have an exciting experience, we ask that you be respectful of those surrounding you, being mindful of your choice of language and activity. Groups are personally responsible for making sure their guests act appropriately. Individuals are expected to conduct themselves in a manner 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 or be subject to citation. Students may also be charged with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. We wish for the tailgating experience to be enjoyed by all.

FOOD/GRILLING

Groups may bring their own picnic items and food to their tailgate area. Grilling is permitted, but all grills must be elevated. All fires must be contained within grills. Extinguish charcoal fires thoroughly with water before leaving them unattended. Please remove extinguished charcoal from campus for disposal. Do not dump charcoal on the ground or in dumpsters. Please be advised that grilling may be prohibited in a time of

drought or extremely dry conditions. Should this be a consideration, proper announcements will be made on University websites and in the local media during the week preceding an affected game date.

CONSUMPTION AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

- No food may be sold without proper University permit from the Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises, Business Services & Campus Events.
- 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 surfaces of parking lots A-F at the Athletic Complex. Hot coals must be completely extinguished with water prior to leaving the tailgating site.
- Open flame fires, including fire pits, are prohibited.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Groups tailgating must follow these risk management policies:

- Tailgating in designated parking spaces, which limit other spaces from being occupied by a vehicle, **is not permitted.**
- Tailgating in any traffic lanes or pedestrian pathways **is not permitted.**
- Do not transport individuals in the back of trucks. Nor should persons be allowed to stand in or on the vehicles.
- Have food available to avoid the effects of drinking alcohol beverages on an empty stomach.
- Provide plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. If alcoholic beverages are present, designate at least one member of the group as the “designated tailgater” so they can monitor those who may over indulge.
- Educate ALL group members and guests about the tailgate policies.
- Contact 911 for all emergencies.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

In accordance with the University of West Georgia’s Alcohol Policy (See www.westga.edu/alcohol), **alcohol is allowed at any major event which is designated by the President as a Tailgate Event.** Participants in tailgating parties are expected to follow all relevant laws and UWG’s Alcohol Use Policy, including not serving alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age, not giving alcoholic beverages to any obviously intoxicated person, and not driving while intoxicated.

Consumption of alcohol outside designated areas and/or time periods constitutes a violation of The University of West Georgia tailgating policy. Student violators are subject to conduct proceedings under the University Of West Georgia Student Code Of Conduct, and students and others are subject to prosecution under the ordinances of the City of Carrollton and Carroll County, and the laws of the State of Georgia. **Any participant who consumes alcoholic beverages at such events must be able to produce a valid driver’s license or other photo ID that reflects the person’s age upon request.**

Alcohol will be permitted in the tailgating area only. Groups are responsible for making sure **only those who are 21 years of age or older consume alcohol**. All beverages, including alcohol, must be in opaque cups. "koozies" or insulated coolers holding cans or bottles of beverages are not permitted.

Prohibited Uses

- Kegs and other common containers are not allowed at any time.
- Glass containers are not allowed except to hold alcohol in its original bottled package in your cooler or closed container.
- Drinking games (included 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 bong) are prohibited.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages on any other part of the campus not designated as a Tailgating Area or on public streets that run through or are adjacent to the campus is prohibited.

TOBACCO AND SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

In accordance with the Georgia Smoke Free Air Act of 2005, Title 31 Chapter 12A, this policy reinforces the USG commitment to provide a safe and amicable workplace for all employees. The goal of the policy is to preserve and improve the health, comfort and environment of students, employees and any persons occupying our campuses.

The use of all forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented, in the possession of, or in any way used by the USG or its affiliates is expressly prohibited. "Tobacco Products" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes.

Further, this policy prohibits any advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products on USG properties unless specifically stated for research purposes. This prohibition includes but is not limited to all areas indoors and outdoors, buildings and parking lots owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by the USG or its affiliates. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all vehicles - private or public vehicles - located on USG properties.

This policy applies to all persons who enter the areas described above, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors and subcontractors, spectators, and visitors. All events hosted by a USG entity shall be tobacco-free. All events hosted by outside groups on behalf of the USG shall also be tobacco-free.

Enforcement

The overall enforcement and authority of this policy lies with the President of the institution, but it is also a shared community responsibility, which means all students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility to help keep the campus tobacco-free. Signage to help inform our campus community and visitors have been placed throughout campus.

Violation of Policy

Violation of this policy may result in corrective action under the Student Code of Conduct or campus human resource policies. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

Outdoor Amplified Sound Policy

POLICY STATEMENT:

The UWG Outdoor Amplified Sound Policy regulates and provides guidance for outdoor sound, including, but not limited to, the use of electrical speakers, radios, DJ equipment, bullhorns, and musical instruments. Outdoor amplified sound may only occur during the operational hours in connection with activities or events on the UWG Athletic Complex property. Organizations or individuals that would like to include sound in their outdoor event must apply for an Outdoor Sound Permit through the UWG Athletic Department and adhere to all Rules and Regulations associated with the use of amplified sound and tents on the Athletic Complex property. Permits are required for all outdoor sound and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one permit will be provided per space, per day. Permits must be submitted 10 business days in advance of the date of any event. **All outdoor amplified sound must be terminated 15 minutes prior to the beginning of any official University of West Georgia event being conducted on the UWG Athletic Complex. Amplified sound presentations may resume after the conclusion of any official University of West Georgia event and operate until the advertised and enforced closing of the UWG Athletic Complex property. UWG Police shall administer this policy.**

POLICY PROCEDURES: For events with outdoor sound, permits are provided with restrictions on the decibel level of the sound, which shall be 80 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from speaker systems. The individual listed on the permit as the contact person must be present for the duration of the event. Permits will be granted with the stipulation that sound will be monitored by the permitted group's event coordinator and UWG Police. Any language or lyrics that is considered obscene must be terminated by the event coordinator or the permit will be revoked and terminated immediately.

GAME DAY PRESENTATIONS: Sound levels must be kept low enough so as to not disrupt University activities or tailgating activities of others in the area. Failure to keep amplified sound at a reasonable level may result in the termination of such sound by UWG Police and the denial of future permits. Musical instrument or sound amplification equipment of any kind, including but not limited to, stereo, speakers, stationary or mobile public address systems, is not allowed in the area of "The Hill" Student Pre-game experience.

APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of The University of West Georgia.

SANCTIONS: The University of West Georgia Office of Risk Management, UWG Athletic Department, UWG Division of Student Affairs, UWG Facilities Management, and the UWG Police Department have the authority to revoke and terminate a permit during the event, if event coordinators do not abide by prescribed guidelines. Event coordinators will receive ONE warning. Alleged violations of the Outdoor Amplified Sound Policy by registered students and/or student organizations will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

SALES AND SOLICITATION

- No sales activities or solicitation are allowed on the University campus, including any/all tailgating areas, without permission from the Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises and Business Services.

CLEAN-UP

- Please keep UWG beautiful by placing all trash and recycling in the proper bins located throughout the tailgate areas, RV lots, and facilities for your convenience. All groups are responsible for making sure their assigned tailgating area is cleaned prior to departing for the game.
 - All trash/recyclable items must be picked up and sorted into proper receptacles. This includes trash around your assigned area. Trash should be closed in bags or trash containers.
 - All leftover food/beverages must be placed in proper containers and stored.

Tailgating spaces not completely cleaned prior to departure from UWG property could result in the loss of future tailgate privileges.

COLISEUM AND COLE FIELD

Tailgating for basketball and baseball is permitted in parking lots and green space in around these facilities. All general polices, procedures and guidelines are to be followed.

FOOTBALL

Restrooms

For football games, Stadium public bathrooms will not be accessible until the ticket gates open 90 minutes prior to kick-off. A limited number of portable toilets will be on site.

TENTS

Tents with stakes shorter than 12-inches may be set up at any time prior to kickoff.

FOOTBALL TAILGATING LOCATIONS –

Community Tailgating

The University of West Georgia invites and encourages our fans to enjoy a great community tailgate atmosphere prior to each Wolves' home intercollegiate football game. Community Tailgating for faculty, staff, alumni, and community members is permitted on days of home football games and is for the exclusive use of those fans attending the games. The University will permit tailgating activities in designated areas, intended to give football fans the opportunity to arrive early, park, and have their own food and beverages (including alcoholic beverages if they wish) prior to each game. Community Tailgating will typically open for individuals to enter the Athletic Complex five (5) hours prior to kick off on the day of the game. All tailgating **MUST** be concluded no later than two hours after the completion of the game. There are three primary locations for tailgating at UWG Football games: The Hill, Wolves Zone, and Tailgate Park.

“The Hill” Pre-Game Student Experience at Football Games -

The University of West Georgia's Center for Student Involvement is proud to offer a Student Tailgating Area called “The Hill”; see accompanying map. The “Hill” is specifically for organized pre-game UWG student tailgating. “The Hill” overlooks the SE corner of University Stadium and allows all students to come together as one to enjoy live entertainment, complimentary food and drink, giveaways, and activities designed to enhance the game day experience for UWG students in attendance at UWG football contests. “The Hill” is easily accessed from the UWG student shuttle disembark point at the bus landing at the northeast corner University Stadium and provides equally as easy access to the Student Zone seating sections at University Stadium. UWG students must present current student ID to enter the Big Tent on “The Hill” and to access complimentary food and drink, giveaways, and activities.

“The Hill” Student Tailgating Area will open immediately following the “Wolf Walk” after the football players proceed through Wolf Plaza. “The Hill” will close at kickoff as students enter the stadium for the start of the game. Individuals and student groups may leave their tailgating supplies (tents, coolers, etc.) on “The Hill” until they leave the complex but they must be removed no later than two hours after the end of the game. All vehicles are required to park in a designated parking space, but students are encouraged to park on campus and use the Shuttle Bus to get to the Student Tailgating Area.

The East Side of the stadium will open when “The Hill” Student Tailgating Area opens so students can access restroom facilities.

Glass bottles are prohibited in “The Hill” Student Tailgate Area. All students must abide by all policies as stated below as applicable to their specific situation.

All UWG Student groups and organizations which are officially registered with and recognized as satisfying all necessary requirements with the UWG Center for Student Involvement may set up individual tents, 12' X 12' or smaller, alongside the large **“The Hill Host Tent”** on the afternoon prior to game time. Times for tent installation will be published on uwgsports.com on Tuesday of each home football game week. Reservations for “The Hill” can be made by Students through OrgSync.

“The Wolves Zone” tailgate area located between “the Hill” and Wolves Plaza, see accompanying map, is designated primarily for Student Services Departments, and additional space for Student Organizations and Student Group tailgating. Reservations for “The Wolves Zone” can be made by Students through OrgSync.

TAILGATE PARK

The University of West Georgia has constructed the Wolves Pit area for the convenience of groups wishing to pull a grill on its own axle system behind a vehicle for tailgating enjoyment prior to a UWG Wolves football game; see location on accompanying map. Currently Tailgate Park has 12 grill pits sites, and 12 additional tailgate spaces. Each pit can be reserved for a reservation fee of \$100.00 per game, and each tailgate space can be reserved for \$100 as well. A season reservation may be secured by a group to reserve a specific pit or tailgate bay for each game of the football season. This reservation fee for the 2018 football season, with 6 home games on the schedule, is \$500. Game tickets are to be purchased separate from Tailgate fees. All tailgating **MUST** be concluded no later than two hours after the completion of the game.

Individuals or groups wishing to secure reservations for this area must make reservations through ReserveWest:

<https://www.westga.edu/administration/reserve-west/index.php>

The University of West Georgia and your UWG Wolves thank you for your attendance, support, and cooperation. These guidelines were established for the safety and enjoyment of all fans. They are intended to provide an opportunity for everyone to come out early and have small, social gatherings. Enjoy the game and please be respectful of all other fans. Thank you!



See Map below

University of West Georgia Athletic Complex Tailgating Areas

