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# Student Tailgating Policy

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## I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

Tailgating has long been a tradition with sporting events, especially on the collegiate level. The University of South Dakota (USD) encourages responsible and safe tailgating. This policy is intended to provide all who participate in tailgating at USD a safe and enjoyable experience and environment.

## II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Student Tailgating policy, written and monitored by Student Services and the University Police, serves as the rules and regulations for tailgating. Student Services and the University Police reserve the right to modify these rules and regulations at any time to secure the safety and effective administration of the event.

## III. DEFINITIONS

**Tailgating** – A social gathering in a specified area prior to USD Coyote Football games.

## IV. PROCEDURES

1. The tailgate area will open four hours prior to kick-off and will close 30 minutes prior to kickoff. **TAILGATING DURING THE GAME AND/OR AT HALF-TIME IS PROHIBITED.**
2. Tailgate spots will be available on a first come, first reserve basis.
3. **All individuals and/or groups are responsible for making sure their tailgating area is cleaned prior to departing for the game. Failure to comply with this rule may result in privileges rescinded for the remainder of the season and subsequent privileges will be reviewed after the season.**
4. All furniture must be loaded into vehicles or removed from the tailgate lot one hour after the end of the game.
5. Open pit fires are not allowed. Charcoal and gas grills are permitted.
6. Any activity or device used to increase the consumption of beverages is prohibited. Examples of prohibited activities or devices include: beer pong, flip cup, funnels, etc.
7. The State of South Dakota codified laws and USD policies will be jointly enforced by University Police Department and USD Student Services.
  - a. The State of South Dakota has set the minimum drinking age at 21 years of age. Underage alcohol possession or consumption is prohibited.
  - b. The State of South Dakota has made it unlawful to provide alcohol to minors. Furnishing alcohol to minors is prohibited.
  - c. South Dakota law makes it illegal to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
  - d. South Dakota law does not permit unsealed alcohol containers in motor vehicles.
8. Alcohol beverages must be in a can, plastic bottle or a plastic cup. Glass is strictly prohibited.
9. **The selling of goods (food, beverages, clothing, etc...) is prohibited.** This policy will be strictly enforced. Only authorized groups and/or individuals will be allowed to sell in this area.
10. Violations of this policy may result in forfeiting all privileges associated with tailgating at subsequent games and a ban from the tailgating area.

## V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

[Coyote National Tailgate Map](#)