



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Department:	Athletics
Subject:	Tailgating Policy
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I. Policy

This policy sets forth the guidelines for use of designated areas on the College campus for tailgating.

II. Purpose

The Tailgating Policy reflects Luther College's commitment to provide safe experiences, and ensure an environment free from alcohol abuse and illegal substance use. Luther College takes great pride and responsibility in hosting events that are welcoming and safe to all involved.

III. Scope

This policy applies to all college faculty, staff, students and visitors.

IV. Procedures and Guidelines

- Tailgating may begin three hours prior to the scheduled start of the contest. Tailgating should conclude at the start of the contest, and alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in the tailgating area during the contest. Tailgating areas must be cleared within one hour following the completion of the contest.
- Designated tailgating events and locations will be determined by Athletics Administration and communicated in advance of the event.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages during tailgating is permitted only for athletic events for which a designated tailgate area has been established. Alcohol should be stored in vehicles during the event.
- Alcohol is prohibited inside the Gerdin Fieldhouse and other athletic facilities unless specifically authorized by the College for an approved event.
- Alcoholic beverages must remain within designated tailgating areas. Individuals are responsible for complying with posted boundaries and College policies. Individuals who fail to comply may be asked to discontinue the activity or leave College property.
- Alcoholic beverages must be in aluminum or non-glass containers. Glass containers are prohibited.
- Individuals under the age of 21 may not possess or consume alcohol. The College reserves the right to request identification and contact appropriate authorities when underage drinking or other violations of law are observed or reported.

- Individuals are expected to comply with all applicable state and local laws regarding alcohol possession, consumption, and impaired driving.
- Beer kegs, party balls, glass bottles, drinking games, and devices intended to accelerate the consumption of alcohol are prohibited.
- Outside retail sales or unauthorized distribution of alcohol are prohibited. Individuals whose behavior becomes disruptive, unsafe, threatening, or interferes with the enjoyment or safety of others may be asked to modify their behavior or leave the event or College property.
- Individuals are responsible for keeping their tailgating area clean and disposing of trash and recyclable materials in the appropriate containers.
- Gas, propane, and charcoal grills are permitted. Open flames, fireworks, and fire pit grills are prohibited.
- Luther College reserves the right to address violations of this policy and other College policies as circumstances warrant. Athletics staff and Campus Safety may intervene when conduct creates a safety concern, disrupts the event, violates College policy, or may violate applicable law.