



POLICY STATEMENT

Athletic Tailgating and RV Guidelines Policy

SU Policy Number: 301-005.0

ORIGINATING OFFICE

Vice President for Student Affairs

PURPOSE

This policy establishes guidelines to manage athletic tailgating and RV parking.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Shippensburg University community and all visitors. Tailgating at home athletic games is exempt from seeking permission as listed in SU Policy 101-004 Alcohol Permission- Responsible Use.

OBJECTIVE

This policy provides definitions, expectations, and administrative guidance for managing tailgating and RV parking & associated with home athletic games.

DEFINITIONS

1. Tailgating within the context of this policy incorporates the consumption of food with or without the use of alcohol.
2. RVs are defined as self-contained mobile living units.

POLICY

Shippensburg University recognizes that athletic events are an important component of the University experience. Athletic game day activities contribute to this end by encouraging social interaction and enhancing school spirit. The following guidelines are designed to clarify individual responsibilities so that everyone may enjoy being on campus.

General Guidelines for Tailgating:

1. Tailgating is only approved for: (a) the grass area between Seth Grove Stadium and the practice football fields; (b) the grass area along the access road leading to the stadium; (c) the commuter parking lot (C-6) next to the baseball field; and the Luhrs Performing Arts Center parking lot (FS-13). These areas are designated for tailgating only when there is a home football and baseball games. FS-13 may not be available on days when a performance is scheduled in the LPAC. Tailgating is only approved on the West side of Campus for: (a) grass near the Robb Sports Complex and in the C-3 and R-2 lot only when there is a home game scheduled.

2. Non-alcoholic beverages must be provided at the event for those who do not wish to consume alcohol. It is further assumed that alcohol will be used in responsible and lawful ways.
3. Tailgating is permitted to begin two and one-half (2 ½) hours before start of game and must conclude two (2) hours after the game ends.
4. Alcohol consumption is prohibited during the game with the exception of halftime. People may participate in non-alcoholic activities during the course of the game, although attendance at the game is encouraged.
5. All state and local laws and University policies are in effect during tailgating activities. Those violating any laws or policies are subject to removal from the tailgating areas and/or possible criminal and university conduct sanctions.
6. Only those individuals who are 21 years of age or older may possess, consume, transport, or store alcoholic beverages. No person or group shall provide alcoholic beverages to anyone less than 21 years of age.
7. The following items are prohibited: liquor and spirits, beer kegs, party balls, multi-quart containers of beer, etc. Drinking games and all associated drinking paraphernalia are prohibited.
8. All alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages must be in cans, plastic bottles, or containers made of Styrofoam, plastic, or a-like substances. Glass beverage containers are prohibited.
9. The University reserves the right to restrict vehicle parking, to designate parking spaces, and to restrict access to designated tailgating locations.
10. Platforms and stages are not permitted unless approved by the SU Chief of Police at least one calendar week in advance.
11. Soliciting and sales are not permitted by anyone other than approved university affiliates with advance written permission.
12. Participants are expected to keep the campus clean and dispose of trash properly so as not to litter. The use of charcoal grills and any manner of open flames is not permitted with the exception of small gas grills.
13. People are expected to respect the rights of others. Everyone is expected to be courteous and refrain from the use of loud and/or abusive language, raucous behavior, and amplified sound.

General Guidelines for RVs:

1. Daytime only RV parking spots are available on campus in the C-6 lot. These spots can be used for home sporting events only. The C-6 lot will open three (3) hours before kickoff and must be cleaned and the RV moved from the area within two hours following the completion of the game. Overflow RV parking and overnight RV parking is located in the E-1 lot.
2. Arrangements to park an RV on campus must be made by contacting Shippensburg University Conference Services office by emailing SUcamps@ship.edu. Arrangements must be completed at least one calendar week prior to the game. Permission will be based on parking availability. RVs must be no more than 45 feet in length to park on campus. RVs that arrive without prior arrangements with Shippensburg University Conference Services will be directed to the E-1 lot if there is available space.
3. The RV must be confined to one designated space. Amenities such as awnings, grills, and furniture must be utilized within the allotted space.
4. Overnight RV Parking is at your own risk and *only* available through contacting the Shippensburg University Conference Services office by emailing sucamps@ship.edu. Limited space is available in the E-1 lot for overnight parking and must be reserved in advance. Arrival is no earlier than 5pm on

the Friday prior to the university approved event and all RV's must vacate the lot no later than noon on the Sunday after the university approved event. No utility hookups are available.

5. All the aforementioned guidelines related to tailgating apply to those parking RVs on campus.
6. The Shippensburg University Police reserve the right to revoke RV privileges to anyone at any time for demonstrating unlawful or inappropriate behavior.

These guidelines are subject to modification for Homecoming as communicated by the President's Office, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and/or the Shippensburg University Police.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Primary Enforcement
 - a. SU Police
 - b. Student Affairs Staff
 - c. Athletic Department Staff Members
 - d. Alumni Relations Staff

RECISSION

APPROVALS

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