



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
EASTERN SHORE

Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

UMES Tailgating Policy

Tailgating, especially at athletic events is a long standing collegiate tradition. In fact, nothing is better than gathering with other Hawks, current classmates, friends, or family before a campus event over grill hot dogs and burgers. The following policy and guidelines are designed to clarify individual responsibilities to ensure a safe tailgating and event experience for everyone.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) will identify and provide areas where students, alumni, faculty/staff and visitors attending university events may tailgate according to the procedures established in this policy. Individuals participating in tailgating on UMES property are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of others and consistent with UMES policies regarding alcohol and other controlled substances, fire safety, and behavior. Alcoholic beverages for those individuals of legal drinking age may be permitted as outlined in this policy. Persons found to be in violation of any provision of the “*Tailgating Policy*” will be held responsible for their actions and the actions of their guests. Persons violating local and/or state ordinances are also subject to arrest or citation, and may be asked to leave the premises. Violations of any policy may result in forfeiture of future access to tailgating. Persons interested in tailgating must contact the UMES Office of Campus Life at least 48 hours prior to the event by phone: (410) 651-6434 or online at www.umes.edu.

Definition

Tailgating is defined as parking in a designated or non-designated location/area and/or setting up non-permanent facilities, such as tents and/or tables (tents must be freestanding and cannot be staked into the ground) to consume food and/or beverages (including alcoholic beverages) prior to a university event.

Tailgating Areas/Fees/Times

Tailgating is permitted only in areas approved by the Offices of Campus Life and Public Safety. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Consumption of alcohol outside designated areas and/or time periods constitutes a violation of the tailgating policy. Tailgating is limited to assigned areas, adjacent to parked vehicles or tents/tables. Roadways cannot be blocked for any reason and no more than two parking spots can be used. The Office of Campus Life will issue a “Tailgating Permit,” to those who have completed the process and paid the fee. Permits must be prominently displayed on the front windshield of vehicles and/or on the tents/tables. There will be a minimum of one (1) event manager assigned to the tailgating area.

There will be a tailgating fee charged per area/space: \$25.00 for cars; \$50.00 for larger size vehicles (vans, SUVs, pickup trucks), and \$75.00 for larger vehicles (RVs, campers) and

anything with a trailer. A minimum of two parking spaces (equivalent space for tents/tables) designated as an area/space for smaller vehicles. Groups over fifteen (15) individuals will be required to reserve an additional area/space. Registered UMES student organizations are subject to all Campus Life policies, governing student organizations (including the alcohol policy) and are exempt from this fee.

Tailgating is permitted up to four (4) hours before the start of any event and must end no later than one-and-a-half (1½) hours after the event has ended. Restrooms will be accessible when the doors to the event venue opens, however all persons entering the venue must have an admissions ticket and will be governed by the entrance policy (reentrance maybe limited).

Conduct

Individuals attending events at UMES 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 arrest and/or citation. Students may also be charged with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. All state and local laws and university policies are in effect during tailgating.

Individuals and members of the public are strictly prohibited from entering an event and/or venue while carrying or bearing any type of container, open or closed, which contains any type of alcoholic beverage. Event managers and university police reserve the right to deny access to or remove from events, individuals who exhibit behaviors consistent with alcohol intoxication, or who behave in any manner inconsistent with this policy or any other university regulation or policy. Event managers and university police further reserve the right to confiscate any alcohol or alcohol containers being held, sold or served in violation of this policy or any state and local law.

Consumption of Alcohol

Full, half and quarter kegs and other large containers are not allowed at any time. For safety reasons, all beverages shall be consumed from containers 24 ounces or smaller (plastic or paper cups, or cans) glass containers are not allowed. 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 bongs) are prohibited. Any person consuming alcoholic beverages at such events must be able to produce a valid driver's license or other photo ID, immediately upon request that reflects the person's age. Persons and/or groups holding tailgating permits are responsible for making sure only those who are 21 years of age or older consume alcohol. *The possession or consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited.*

Consumption and Preparation of Food

Food may only be sold with proper approval. Open flame fires, including fire pits are prohibited. Propane and charcoal grills are the only permissible sources of heat for cooking, to be used on paved surfaces only. Burned charcoal and/or residue from cooking may not be permitted to make contact with the paved surfaces, or any grassy areas. Hot coals/charcoal must be completely extinguished with water and disposed of properly prior to leaving the tailgating area. **Charcoal disposal containers will be designated in each approved tailgating area.**

Trash

Tailgaters are responsible for making sure that the tailgating area and grounds are maintained in a clean and orderly fashion. All persons participating in tailgating are responsible for proper disposal of their trash and other debris such as charcoal. No trash or recyclable items are to be discarded anywhere except in trash and/or recycling containers located in tailgating areas.

Solicitation

Sales activities are allowed in the tailgating areas, with permission from the Office of Campus Life. UMES student organizations, departments and alumni association chapters or their designated representatives will be given the first opportunity to sell merchandise.

The following additional guidelines are in place throughout the tailgating process:

- Active sports (e.g. Frisbee, soccer, or football throwing, etc.) are allowed as long as the activity does not endanger anyone in the tailgating area. Event staff and public safety may determine when active sports are dangerous to those around or is inhibiting an event.
- UMES is not responsible for any loss due to fire, theft, damage, or other acts while tailgating or attending an event.
- Vehicle and tent owners are responsible for any damage to the environment/grounds or other property as a result of hazardous material leaking from their vehicle, from setup of their tent, or from fires.
- Tents may not be staked in the ground.
- The use of sound amplification equipment will be regulated by events staff and public safety. Any amplified sound that interferes with the event will not be permitted. All amplified sound must be terminated by 10:00 pm.
- Should a vehicle need to be towed, the owner is responsible for all towing and/or storage charges and fees.
- All parking regulations must be observed.
- UMES reserves the right to amend these policies without prior public notice.

Please direct all questions and comments to the Office of Campus Life located in the Student Services Center (SSC) in Suite 2104. Campus Life can be reached by phone: (410) 651-6434.

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