



# University Policy

<b>University Policy No.:</b> UP-11-01		<b>BOT Policy Name:</b> Tailgating and Football Game Day Policy
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<b>Responsible Unit:</b> Department of Athletics		<b>Responsible Executive:</b> Athletics Director
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<b>Applicability</b>	Students, Staff, Visitors	

## I. Policy Statement and Purpose

This Policy is intended to help foster a safe, enjoyable environment that will enhance and promote civility, ethical conduct, good sportsmanship, and an exciting game day atmosphere amongst alumni, fans, students, staff and visitors on the University campus. The provisions herein are intended to work in conjunction with, not to contradict, the policies and procedures of the University and applicable federal or State laws and regulations.

## II. Procedures, Approvals, Responsibilities

### A. Tailgating Areas and Operations

#### 1. Locations and Hours

- a. Allowable areas: Tailgating is allowed in the designated tailgate areas as assigned within parking spaces that have been purchased on campus. Other areas may be designated for tailgating as necessary, see additional information on the [Department of Athletics](#) website. Tailgaters are required to keep sidewalks and roadways clear of obstructions and follow the directives of law enforcement, parking attendants and special events staff. Fans are encouraged to be courteous to fellow fans and to discard trash appropriately in the designated trash cans. The University will provide trash cans and portable toilets for the convenience of fans. All staff supporting the event will comply with this Policy and wear Department of Athletics apparel and badges to facilitate the tailgating events.
- b. Tailgating is permitted at *Bragg Memorial Stadium*; however, it is confined to the designated parking spaces that have been purchased. No tailgating is allowed in any parking garage or campus roadway and shall not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow or parking spaces for other vehicles. The cooperation of fans in adhering to these designated rules will greatly aid the University in providing a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.
- c. A limited number of additional tailgate spaces are available. Tailgaters must secure football season tickets that includes parking through the box office, or a clutch parking lot or in an available public parking space.
- d. Hours of Operation: Streets are closed limiting access to tailgate areas beginning four (4) hours prior to kickoff. Fans may set up tailgate items from 5:00pm until 8:00 p.m. the day before the game and from 8:00 a.m. on game day. All tailgating items must be removed by noon the day after the game. Homecoming hours of operation may vary.
- e. Fans that have purchased RV permits for Polkinghorne Village and Ardelia Court may begin set up 9:00 am on the Friday before game day. All RVs must vacate the area by noon the day after the game. Homecoming hours of operation may vary.

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f. Homecoming specific information may be found on the [Department of Athletics](#) website.

2. **Tents**

- a. Tents that are no more than 20'x20' are permitted in designated tailgating spaces.
- b. Tents that obstruct a clear passage for rescue and service vehicles or personnel will be moved.
- c. Tents or canopies exceeding an 8' x 8' footprint and vehicles measuring more than 18' in length and/or 8' in width are not permitted to park in a lined parking space in *Bragg Memorial Stadium*.

3. **Utilities.** Individuals are prohibited from using University electrical outlets and water supplies. Extension cords and waterlines may not be connected to any campus building or structure.

4. **Fees.** Tailgating Permits may be purchased on the [Department of Athletics](#) website.

5. **Fire Safety**

- a. Except for grilling, fire is prohibited. This includes open fire pits, fires built on the ground, and candles.
- b. If a fire emergency should occur, call 911.
- c. For those fans who tailgate, it is recommended that a minimum class 2A-10B:C fire extinguisher be available for use at your tailgate space.
- d. Tampering with any University equipment and installation is strictly prohibited.

6. **Food Safety**

- a. Propane grills are permitted and must always be attended, while charcoal grills are prohibited. Propane grills should not be within 10 feet of a vehicle's gas cap and must be at least two (2) feet above the parking surface so heat does not cause damage to the asphalt. Please do not leave hot grills unattended.
- b. If tailgating on a grassy area, the grill must rest on a board to protect the grass and soil from damage.
- c. It is recommended that tailgaters remain hydrated and observe appropriate food safety guidelines, see [foodsafety.gov](#) for more information.

7. **Tailgating Restrooms.** Portable restrooms are provided in the designated tailgate areas. Personal portable restrooms are prohibited.

8. See alcohol-related requirements below.

**B. Game Day Operations**

1. **Clear Bag Policy.** Please note a clear bag policy is in effect for all FAMU Athletics venues, including *Bragg Memorial Stadium*, during all football games. All bags larger than 4.5" x 6.5", including purses and diaper bags, must be clear plastic and no larger than 12" x 6" x 12." All bags are subject to search. Prohibited items must be returned to your vehicle or discarded. See [Department of Athletics](#) website for more information.

2. **Prohibited Items.** No outside food or drinks are permitted in the stadium. Also, glass containers, beer kegs, alcohol and drinking paraphernalia (e.g., funnels, beer bong, ice luges, etc.), coolers/ice chests, sticks, poles, signs, umbrellas, laser pointers, strollers, drones, model aircrafts, kites, and any other remote controlled or tethered flying objects are prohibited and may be confiscated. See [Department](#)

[of Athletics](#) website for additional prohibited items. Event staff and law enforcement officials may prohibit additional items as necessary based on heightened threat conditions.

3. **Cameras.** Professional cameras, including cameras with detachable lenses, video cameras or recorders are not permitted inside the stadium. Cell phone cameras are allowed, but selfie sticks are prohibited.

#### 4. **Gates of Entry**

- a. **Game Day Stadium Entry:** All fans are permitted to enter through the following gates: 2-7, 11-14, 16. Students may enter through Gates 12-14, 16 and 17. Fans with disabilities are encouraged to enter through Gates 8 & 11 for assistance. Valid game tickets and credentials are required, and bag checks are mandatory.
  - b. All gates to the stadium open two (2) hours before kickoff or three (3) hours for FAMU Homecoming games. Fans are not permitted to re-enter the stadium once they leave. Only vehicular traffic will be allowed access from Perry Street into the *Bragg Memorial Stadium* parking lot. Pedestrians will not be allowed re-entry from Perry Street into the *Bragg Memorial Stadium* parking lot. All pedestrians will be redirected to enter from Althea Gibson Way. In the event of a weather delay, ticket stubs will be accepted for re-entry into the stadium.
5. **Game Day Programs.** You may find the digital Gameday program by downloading the Rattlers+ app or visiting the football schedule page on [Department of Athletics](#) website.
  6. **Concession.** Concession stands are located on the East and West concourse of the stadium. Fans may not bring outside food or beverages, including alcoholic beverages, inside of the stadium. Water fountains are located outside the restrooms on the East and West concourse.
  7. **North End Zone.** Only fans with (or who purchased Investing in Champions packages that include) North End Zone passes will be permitted in the North End Zone through Gate 8. Security will be present at both entrances to grant access to fans with authorized credentials.
  8. **Field Access.** Only those authorized persons with valid credentials are allowed access to the playing field and sidelines at any time (including pre- and post-game). Violators are subject to arrest and ejection from the stadium.
  9. **Restrooms.** *Bragg Memorial Stadium* restrooms are located in the East and West concourse.
  10. **Vending.** All approved vendors will be set up throughout Althea Gibson Way. Food vendors will only be allowed to set up in front of Gaither Gym. Only vendors who are approved by the Department of Athletics will be permitted on the campus on football game days. All vendors must be licensed and insured and must be verified prior to setup on FAMU campus. The University will conduct inspections to ensure adherence to this policy. Contact the [Department of Athletics](#) at (850) 599-3868 for vendor applications and procedures.

### C. **General Rules**

#### 1. **Conduct**

- a. **Acceptable Conduct.** FAMU Athletics is committed to maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for all fans, staff, visitors, players, and coaches. To help us provide this first-class environment, we ask that all fans and attendees follow these guidelines: contribute to making the environment of FAMU Athletics the very best by upholding the Rattler spirit of collegiate

athletics; ensure all fans are treated in a consistent, professional, and polite way by all staff and team personnel; support our teams in a positive manner while treating visiting fans, teams and officials with dignity and respect; promote an environment that minimizes disruption, creates a safe atmosphere for all, prevents interference with the game and ensures the enjoyment of the game for everyone; refrain from using foul or abusive language or inappropriate gestures or attire, fighting, throwing objects; and be responsible when consuming alcoholic beverages. Impairment, intoxication, underage consumption and unruly behavior are prohibited and will be addressed immediately. Sit only in the seat designated on your ticket and be prepared to present your ticket, if requested.

The University expects our community to hold themselves to a higher standard, be courteous and respectful to enjoy the game day experience. Failure to comply with this guidance may result in criminal sanctions and/or losing access to future tailgating opportunities. See University Regulations [1.019](#), [2.012](#), and [10.111](#) for more information.

- b. **Weapons.** No weapons of any kind or explosives are permitted in *Bragg Memorial Stadium*, in Galimore-Powell Fieldhouse, Lawson Center, or in any designated FAMU venue. Any individual carrying a weapon on campus must secure their weapon in their vehicle or other property, in accordance with Florida law, prior to entering the building or other campus facility. This policy does not include weapons used by off-duty law enforcement officers.
- c. **Box Office.** The Box Office is located at the Al Lawson Center, 1800 Althea Gibson Way. The FAMU Box Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m. and on Friday from 8:30a.m.-6p.m. during game week. During game day, the Box Office will be open at least four (4) hours before kickoff and closes at halftime. Children ages 3 and under are admitted at no cost. Everyone entering *Bragg Memorial Stadium* must present a valid game ticket for entry. FAMU is not responsible for, and cannot guarantee, the authenticity of any tickets purchased from someone other than the FAMU Box Office and Ticketmaster. FAMU Football Player Guest and Visiting Team ticket distribution is at the ticket window on the West of the stadium, next to Gate 4. Investing in Champions and season ticket holders can access their digital tickets through their Ticketmaster Accounts or have their tickets printed at the FAMU Box Office.
- d. **Solicitation.** The University does not permit unauthorized soliciting or collecting of contributions, vending, commercial sales or cash exchanges, distribution of flyers, or other promotional/advertising materials on FAMU property. If your business organization is interested, contact the Office of Business and Auxiliary Services at (850) 599-3090. No food, souvenir or clothing vendors are allowed in the designated tailgating areas.
- e. **Alcoholic Beverages.** All use of alcoholic beverages must be consistent with state law and University Regulation [3.021](#). Alcoholic beverages are only permitted within the North End Zone of *Bragg Memorial Stadium*. Violators will be removed from the stadium. FAMU does not endorse any behavior involving excessive alcohol consumption that impairs, disrupts, or jeopardizes the safety or enjoyment of event attendees, including those consuming alcohol.
- f. **Smoking.** The University is a smoke free campus pursuant to University Regulation [5.006](#).
- g. **Drones.** The unauthorized use of any unmanned aircraft systems, radio-controlled model aircraft, and other devices that can be operated in airspace (i.e., drones) on University property, including the stadium and surrounding parking lots, is expressly prohibited pursuant to University policy [UP-05-01](#) and [federal law](#).
- h. **Lost and Found.** Please note that FAMU is not responsible for the loss or damage of items left in the tailgate space. Lost items recovered during the game will be delivered to the Police Substation located at Gate 4.

#### D. Disability Accommodations

1. **Gate Entry:** Fans with disabilities are encouraged to enter through Gates 8 & 11 for assistance.



2. **Ticketing:** A limited number of seats are reserved for fans with disabilities. To request special accommodations, please contact the [FAMU Box Office](#) or (850) 599-3141.
3. **Parking.** Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking will be at the FAMU Welcome Center (north of the Villages). The overflow for ADA parking will be at the SBI (School of Business and Industry) West parking lot, and paved lot off Ardelia Court. Shuttles operate from two (2) hours prior to kick off until kick off and return to lots beginning in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The shuttle service will operate up to two (2) hours after the game. Shuttles will transport fans from the ADA lots to and from the stadium at 15-20-minute intervals.
4. **Animals.** Animals, except for service animals, are prohibited in all buildings and tailgate areas. Fans who bring animals on campus must keep them on a leash at all times and clean their waste. Animals shall not be left unattended or secured to University property. Emotional support animals are not permitted.
5. For additional information regarding ADA accommodations, please contact the [Office of Equal Opportunity](#) at (850) 599-3076.

**E. Safety.** Comply with emergency messages, emergency procedures and requests from staff concerning the facility and gameday operations.

**1. Inclement Weather**

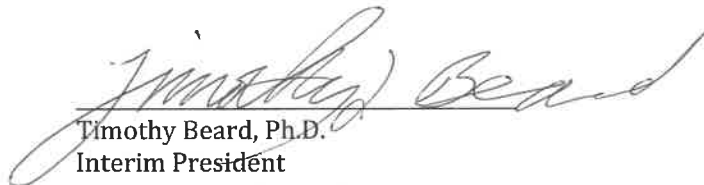
- a. For weather updates that may affect games, all fans are encouraged to download the [FAMUALERT](#) app to have the latest management information.
  - b. Lightning and strong winds may delay or postpone a game or event.
  - c. In case of lightning, all fans in the stands must evacuate to the *Al Lawson Center* until the "all clear" sign is given. Event activities will resume once:
    - (1) lightning is determined to be outside of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) lightning protocol radius of eight (8) miles and
    - (2) 30 minutes have passed since both the last sound of thunder and the last flash of lightning, restarting the wait time after each strike.
  - d. Lightning and strong winds may delay or postpone a game or event.
  - e. Umbrellas are prohibited inside of the stadium. If inclement weather is in the forecast, fans are encouraged to bring ponchos.
2. **First Aid.** In case of emergency, please call 911. The First Aid Stations are located near Gate 3 on the West side and Gate 11 on the east side. Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are located on the field and at Gates 11 and 17. Fans may contact a stadium usher or police officer for assistance.
  3. **Lost Children:** In the event that a child is separated from their party, fans should contact the nearest FAMU police officer or report to Gate 5.
  4. **FAMU Police.** In case of emergency, please call 911. You may also contact any usher, police officer or visit the FAMU Police Command Post at Gate 5.
  5. **Evacuation.** In the event of an evacuation, please direct your attention to the public address announcement and listen to the instructions of the Department of Athletics staff, event staff, and/or law enforcement.
  6. All exits are clearly marked throughout the stadium.

**F. Parking**


1. Fans must use their FAMU Football game day parking permits to access designated lots or park in available public parking off campus. Streets are closed four (4) hours prior to kick-off. Parking issues are addressed at Gate 12. Fans are encouraged to consult the [Department of Athletics website](#) for preferred travel routes to *Bragg Memorial Stadium* and for access to the game day lots.
2. **Lots:** All parking lots on campus are reserved to Athletics for Game Day parking at 5:30 p.m., the day before the game. Employees, please ensure you are not parked in any lots during these times. On Game Day, the following parking lots will require a digital parking permit—Banneker Building A, B, C, Old

FAMU DRS, Robert and Trudi Perkins Way lot, Recreation Field lot, and Recreation Center lot. Access [Clutch](#) App. Only Investing in Champions members are permitted to park in *Bragg Memorial Stadium* and the Althea Gibson Way Garage.

3. Students from Polkinghorne Village must move their vehicles by 9:00 a.m. the day before the game. Parking rules and fees are administered by FAMU [Office of Parking & Transportation](#) or call (850) 561-2657.
4. **Permits:** Parking permits will be required to access these parking lots: Welcome Center, SBI (East and West), FAMU Althea Gibson Way Garage, CASS (Center for Access and Student Success) Bldg., and *Bragg Memorial Stadium*. Please have parking permits available to access entry points. Please be considerate of your fellow fans. Tailgating should be limited to the lined parking space and the area directly behind or in front of each vehicle. On game day, any Investing in Champions member who experiences challenges with parking permits may contact the [FAMU Box Office](#).
  - a. Parking is permitted only in the assigned lots and not on the grass.
  - b. Towing: Fans who do not park in the assigned parking space will be ticketed and towed. Towing at *Bragg Memorial Stadium*, Althea Gibson Way Garage, Lua Bartley, and other reserved lots will begin midnight on game day. Parking placards should be placed on the dashboard to avoid towing. For more information about towing, please contact Department of Athletics at (850) 567-5919.
5. **Prohibited Vehicles:** Recreational vehicles (RVs), buses, trailers, box trucks and trucks are not allowed in the University tailgate areas. RV parking is designated in the Villages parking lot or Ardelia Court.
6. FAMU Athletics reserves the right to terminate parking privileges for misconduct toward fellow fans, parking personnel or misuse of the permit, or abuse while tailgating.

  
 Timothy Beard, Ph.D.  
 Interim President

8/30/2024  
 Date

  
 Michael Smith  
 Interim Vice President and Director of Athletics

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