

Title/Subject: **TAILGATING POLICY**

Applies to: faculty staff students student employees visitors contractors

Effective Date of This Revision: September 18, 2004

Contact for More Information: CMU Police

Board Policy Administrative Policy Procedure Guideline

BACKGROUND:

One of the most serious health and safety issues on the CMU campus is the use and abuse of alcohol. The policy attempts to prevent excessive drinking, stop nuisance behavior and enhance crowd control.

PURPOSE:

Encourage responsible socializing and provide a safe environment for students, alumni and fans who attend CMU football games.

DEFINITIONS:

Tailgating is defined as the participation in a social event in a designated area. This policy refers specifically to tailgating at CMU home football games.

POLICY:

1. Tailgating is permitted from three hours prior to kick-off to the start of the game.
2. Tailgating is not permitted during the game, at half time or after the game.
3. Michigan laws pertaining to the possession, consumption and distribution of alcohol and controlled substances will be enforced.
4. Tailgating may not include kegs or mass quantities of alcohol.
5. Glass containers are not permitted in the tailgating area.
6. Large trucks (U-Haul-type, over 2-1/2 tons) without Athletic Department approval are not permitted pre-game in the tailgating area.
7. Large grills pulled by vehicles (on their own wheels) without Athletic Department approval are not permitted in the tailgating area.
8. Buses are not permitted in the tailgating area.
9. Drinking game apparatus are not permitted in the tailgating area.
10. The CMU Police Department determines the tailgating area. Alcohol is not permitted outside this area.
11. All stand-alone tents must be approved in advance by the Athletics Department.
12. People participating in tailgate activities are expected to clean up their trash. Dumpsters and trash receptacles are provided throughout the tailgating area.
13. Any violation of the tailgating policy may result in immediate termination of tailgating privileges, criminal prosecution (i.e., misdemeanor ticketing), and/or disciplinary action through the CMU Office of Student Life if the violator is a CMU student.

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REMINDER: It is risky to serve alcoholic beverages to anyone other than yourself and your immediate party. Michigan law requires a license before a person can sell, trade or give away alcoholic beverages, and violation of this law is a felony. A social host does not need a license to serve his/her invited guests who fall within the usual understanding of friends and personal visitors. A social host, however, may be liable to guests and others for injuries resulting from serving alcohol, especially to a minor.

PROCEDURE:

These guidelines will be enforced by the CMU Police football games supervisor. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the CMU Police football game supervisor. Any questions regarding this policy should be presented to the CMU Police Department Special Events Coordinator (774-7394).