Central Michigan University Police Department
FOOTBALL TAILGATE EXTERNAL SOUND SYSTEM
PROCEDURES

External Music Sound System Rules – South Lots / During Football Tailgating

In collaboration with CMU Athletics; the CMU Police Department have established procedures for the oversight, permits, use, and management of football game day external music sound systems within specific tailgate parking lot areas.

CMU welcomes thousands of football fans to Mt. Pleasant and Kelly-Shorts Stadium every football game day. CMU understands that tailgating is an important component of game day activities and wants to insure that you have a safe and enjoyable experience. If your plans include bringing in an external music sound system to one of the designated parking areas on the CMU campus, please adhere to the following rules:

- A limited amount of sound system permits are provided to CMU Police, and will be provided free of charge on a first-come first-serve basis during the week prior to each football game.
- Individuals and/or groups interested in obtaining a sound system permit are required to stop at the CMU Police Department (Mon.-Fri. 9a-4p) 1 week prior to game time to obtain their permit, complete a point of contact form, and obtain a copy of the sound system and tailgate rules. No sound system permits will be available on game day. Interested individuals/groups should contact CMU Police (989-774-3081) to determine the exact date that permits will be available (For Saturday games – permits will be available on Friday, 8 days prior to game day).
- External sound system permits will be issued on a per game basis; not for the season. See contact information below to obtain a sound system permit.
- Two (2) sound system permits may be issued for “each” designated south lot. Designated lots include: Lots 63 West, 63 East, and 73, (Online Tailgate Map & Tailgate Rules at www.police.cmich.edu). CMU Police reserve the right to further limit these permits.
- Vehicles with sound system permits can enter the permit designated south lot when tailgating begins: four (4) hours prior to game time and concludes at kick-off time. All sound systems in the south lots must be turned off at kick-off time.
- Sound systems shall be operated at a reasonable sound level and in consideration for others in the immediate area.
- CMU Police at their discretion may request the sound system to be turned down or off at an earlier time for safety reasons, or non-compliance with rules.
- No external sound systems will be allowed without a sound system permit. This includes excessive volume of internal vehicle sound systems.

The CMU Police Department performs regular patrols of designated parking areas to respond to emergencies and enforce state statutes and university ordinances. See Something – Say Something…. Take Care of each other, and have a great game day.

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