UNCW ATHLETICS TAILGATING POLICY

Purpose: This athletics policy governs tailgating activities on campus during athletic events which includes locations, times, prohibited items and other important details

Policy Statement & Purpose: Tailgating has become a part of college athletics all across the country and at UNCW; we want our Seahawk fans to enjoy this tradition in the best and safest way possible. UNCW encourages its fans to come to campus early and take part in this tradition. UNCW also encourages its fans to tailgate in a responsible manner, respectful of the campus and of other fans. It is the responsibility of every person or group Tailgating on the UNCW campus to be familiar with and abide by this Policy as well as all other applicable laws, policies, rules, and regulations. Please follow these guidelines to help keep this college athletics tradition, the campus and community a safe, clean, and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Definitions/Key Terms:

- **Alcoholic Beverage:** Any beverage containing at least one half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume.
- **Campus:** All property owned or leased by UNCW located on the main campus.
- **Patrons:** All University students, employees, and visitors who are on Campus for the purpose of attending and/or celebrating intercollegiate athletic events.
- **Tailgating:** A gathering of Patrons outdoors that typically occurs around a vehicle or in a parking lot or parking deck, which may include consuming food and beverages, including Alcoholic Beverages, at an approved, designated area during approved times before or after official UNCW intercollegiate athletic events.

Locations: Tailgating is permitted in officially designated areas only. The Department of Athletics designates approved areas operated by Athletics for athletic event Tailgating. The Department of Athletics will coordinate with Parking and Transportation Services for use of parking lots/facilities for athletic event Tailgating. Such areas will be identified with signage and communicated via the Fan Zone page on uncwsports.com

- **Brooks Field (Baseball):** Gravel Lot (Located between the Harold Greene Track Lot & Boseman Field) & Right Field Lot (Located at the end of the Gravel Lot)
- **Trask Coliseum/David B. Allen Natatorium & Hanover Hall (Basketball, Volleyball & Swimming/Diving):** Trask Lot, Hamilton Lot & Gravel Lot (Located between the Harold Greene Track Lot & Boseman Field)
- **Boseman Field (Softball):** Gravel Lot (Located between the Harold Greene Track Lot & Boseman Field)
- **UNCW Soccer Stadium (Soccer):** Gravel Lot (Located between the Harold Greene Track Lot & Boseman Field)
- **Harold Greene Track (Track & Field):** Gravel Lot (Located between the Harold Greene Track Lot & Boseman Field)
- **UNCW Tennis Courts (Tennis):** Trask Lot & Gravel Lot (Located between the Harold Greene Track Lot & Boseman Field)

Note some areas of tailgating locations are subject to change due to availability or influx of events occurring on the campus of UNCW

Open & Closing: Open and closing of parking lots differ among the type of facility. Please see below of all event areas and their respective open/close time.

- **Brooks Field (Baseball):** Opens 3 hours prior to the start of the event and closes 15 min prior to the start of the event.
- **Trask Coliseum/David B. Allen Natatorium & Hanover Hall (Basketball, Volleyball & Swimming/Diving):** Opens 2 hours prior to the start of the event and closes 15 min prior to the start of the event.
- **Boseman Field (Softball):** Opens 3 hours prior to the start of the event and closes 15 min prior to the start of the event.
- **UNCW Soccer Stadium (Soccer):** Opens 3 hours prior to the start of the event and closes 15 min prior to the start of the event.
- **Harold Greene Track (Track & Field):** Opens 3 hours prior to the start of the event and closes 15 min prior to the start of the event.
- **UNCW Tennis Courts (Tennis):** Opens 3 hours prior to the start of the event and closes 15 min prior to the start of the event.

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Restrooms: Some areas of tailgating may provide portable restrooms or open permanent restroom structures for the convenience of fans. Guests are not permitted to bring their own portable restroom without consent from university officials.

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Music/Noise: Tailgating is an important component of the festive, enjoyable atmosphere that draws thousands of people to UNCW intercollegiate athletic events. Patrons are encouraged to pay attention to the content and volume of video and audio they play during Tailgating to be considerate of others and to ensure a safe, enjoyable environment for all Patrons.

Vehicular Traffic: Tailgating areas may not impede vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic. Riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, hoverboards, e-scooters, etc. is prohibited within designated Tailgating areas.

Vehicle Size: No vehicles larger than a full-size SUV (ex. Chevy Tahoe) or a full size truck (ex. Ford F250) will be allowed in the tailgating area. Recreational vehicles (RV), campers, or tows behind trailers are only allowed in these areas with permission from the UNCW Athletic Department. UNCW Athletics does permit overnight camper/RV parking during select multi consecutive day home game events. Fans are asked to clear all mobile homes/RVs from the tailgate lot by 10AM on the day following the final game of multi consecutive day home game stretch. All fans wishing to stay in the tailgate lot overnight must complete the linked form below no later than 5 business days prior to first day of tailgating session. With limited space for campers/RVs, declination of overnight stay permission can result if the lot is already

predicted at capacity for larger vehicle. Failure to abide by this policy will result in declination of overnight stay permission and/or tailgate lot usage. Please note the following items for overnight stay:

• No hookups/utilities are available

• Quite time is 11pm to 7am which includes generator noise

• Fees may & availability apply

• Athletics Department will facilitate area and enforce policies

• Overnight Form must be submitted according to timeline stated above: https://forms.gle/W5pkw9eHKQ8z9VyA8

Games: Lawn/tailgating games will be allowed only in the tailgate lot's designated area. No games that will cause damage to surrounding landscape or will endanger others will be allowed, for instance horse shoes and Frisbee.

Pets/Service Animals: All animals/pets are prohibited from all permitted tailgate areas. Service animals are welcome. An Emotional Support Animal is not a Service Animal under the Policy for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will not be allowed into any UNCW Athletic Facility.

Tents & Structures: To effectively accommodate the large number of Patrons wishing to Tailgate, the University asks individuals to be cognizant of the tents and other Tailgating items they use.

- No tent used as part of or in conjunction with Tailgating, other than tents provided by the University or its authorized vendors, should exceed ten feet by ten feet (10' x 10'). These Tents may be secured with tent weights, sandbags, buckets, concrete blocks, etc., but must be able to withstand weather conditions and not create a safety hazard. Tents may NOT be staked in the ground.
- Each tent used near a grilling area must be UL approved and have a fire resistance rating label. Such tents used near grilling areas must also be completely open on all sides
- Unstable structures can pose a safety threat and interfere with Patrons' enjoyment of game day. Therefore, all tents and similar structures used in conjunction with or as part of Tailgating must be adequately secured and anchored appropriately using, for example, sandbags or water barrels. Due to potential damage to underground utilities, the use of stakes is prohibited.
- To allow Patrons to easily move throughout Campus on game day, no tent, similar structure, furniture, grill, generator, or other item used in conjunction with or as part of Tailgating should be positioned to obstruct any sidewalks, driving lanes, traffic flow, pedestrian walkways, or disability access routes.

Grills, Fuel, Generators & Electricity: All grilling and associated activities are the sole responsibility of the requesting organization or department. Grilling is "At Your Own Risk". The operating party is responsible for any damage to property or incidents that occur while grilling. This includes anything that occurs out of negligence when disposing of the by products from the grill.

- **Grills:** Propane gas and charcoal grills are permitted at outdoor Tailgates on Campus, under the following conditions:
    - **Operation**

- Operators of grills are responsible for their safe operation at all times while on Campus. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and safety guidelines while operating grill (e.g., gas connection & storage, grill ignition, grill maintenance and storage, etc.)
- Grills must be attended at all times when in use.
- Grill operators shall have a 5lb ABC fire extinguisher readily available.
- Cookers or grills on trailers must not be larger than a 55-gallon drum and must not be left attached to a vehicle while in use. Such cookers or grills must not be used in non-open spaces (e.g., parking decks).
- Gas grills may not exceed a propane tank of 20 pounds.
- All grills must have metal covers or lids.
- All fires must be contained within the grill. Grills should be positioned so that flames are kept at a sufficient distance from buildings, trees, tents, HVAC intakes, fresh air intakes, vehicles, flammable or combustible liquids, and any other flammable or combustible items.
- Open pit fires are prohibited.

- **Location**
  - Grills must be located a minimum of 25 feet away from combustible structures and ten feet away from non-combustible structures.
  - Grills must be at least 15 ft away from buildings.
  - Smokers and other open flame and heat-producing devices are not allowed inside buildings or parking decks.
  - Grills are prohibited on brick pavers unless specifically approved by the University.
  - Grills must not be positioned so as to obstruct the ingress or egress from any building or to obstruct any sidewalks, driving lanes, traffic flow, pedestrian walkways, or disability access routes.
  - Neither propane grills nor charcoal grills are permitted inside parking decks. Only propane grills (other than cookers or grills on trailers) are permitted on rooftops of parking decks.
  - The area within ten feet of any grill must be kept clear of all debris. Each grill operator should ensure that grass is no less than six inches from the heating surface.
  - Grills may not be attached to, connected to, or positioned such that they have any contact with a vehicle while in use.
- **Shutting Down**
  - Fires in charcoal grills must be thoroughly extinguished with water before leaving the grill unattended. To properly extinguish charcoals, pour water on the coals until they are no longer hot.
  - Embers must be disposed of in appropriate containers provided in designated Tailgating surface lots and other specified Tailgating areas. See Section IV.I(6) below.
  - Tank valves must be shut off prior to disconnecting propane cylinders from grills. Propane cylinders must be removed from all grills prior to storage.

    - Grills and propane tank storage is not permitted around university buildings.
- **Propane:** No propane gas canister used in conjunction with or accompanying a Tailgate may exceed an approved LP gas 20-pound tank. Due the safety risks involved with significant amounts of propane, Tailgates should not have more than one spare 20-pound tank of propane. As additional safety precautions, spare canisters should be kept at least ten feet from all grilling activities and should be kept in an upright position so that the pressure relief valve is in direct communication with the vapor space of the canister. Propane cylinders shall have an over-fill prevention device. Patrons must take their propane canisters with them when they leave campus and dispose of them properly elsewhere.
- **Generators:** Portable generators are permitted, but each generator must be equipped with a noise-reducing device (for example, a manufacturer-approved cover or muffler). Special care and consideration should be taken when handling fuel and extension cords associated with generators. Generators must not be operated in enclosed areas, near building intake ventilation ducts, or in parking decks. Generators must not be refueled while in operation. Generators shall be grounded before use.
- **Electricity:** Use of electrical outlets and/or electrical service inside or outside parking decks or lots is prohibited unless prior written approval has been granted by Parking and Transportation Services. Extension cords shall not create trip hazards.

Alcoholic Beverages: All North Carolina State Laws dealing with alcohol consumption will be strictly followed and enforced. The responsible and controlled use of alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the designated tailgating areas. Alcohol should remain in these areas and will not be allowed in other areas. In addition to the provisions set forth by North Carolina statutes and regulations on alcohol consumption, which will be strictly enforced, the following rules also apply while Tailgating:

- No Alcoholic Beverages except Beer or Unfortified Wine are permitted while Tailgating.
- No Sale of Alcoholic Beverages may occur while Tailgating.
- 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.
- Anyone who consumes Alcoholic Beverages while Tailgating must be able to produce, upon request by a University or State official or agent, a valid driver's license or other valid photo ID that indicates the person's age is 21 or older.
- Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on game days outside of any officially designated Tailgating areas (or other approved areas) is prohibited.
- If a person becomes noticeably intoxicated while Tailgating, a University or State official or agent may require that person to leave the Tailgating area and/or Campus.

Food & Catering: Food, drink, and other items may neither be sold nor given to the general public. You are responsible to ensure the safety of cooked food. Caterers are not permitted unless permission is obtained for UNCW at least one week before hand.

Prohibited Items/Activities:

- Glass Containers
- No Illegal Substances or Weapons of any kind

- Furniture (not intended to be portable), sofas, recliners, structures (Except tents; see in Tents & Structures)
- Pegging or staking of tents
- Personal or portable restrooms (other than those provided by the University and its vendors)
- The use of golf carts, mopeds, scooters, e-scooters, ATVs, go-carts, and other similar motorized vehicles, unless such use is specifically approved in writing by the Department of Parking & Transportation or is by a University employee or agent who needs to use such vehicle for work-related purposes
- Solicitations, banners, and signage for advertising purposes, and product sampling endeavors, unless written approval is provided in advance by an authorized representative of the University
- Public urination is prohibited. Patrons are required to use open restrooms in University buildings or portable toilets provided by the University.

Clean Up & Trash/Recycling: Patrons are asked to help maintain and preserve Campus grounds by being responsible on game day and cleaning up after Tailgating.

- Each Tailgate is expected to properly dispose of all trash and other items. Any trash left in the parking area could result in loss of tailgating privileges or pass revocation.
- Waste food items, recycling, and trash must be disposed of in appropriate containers provided across Campus.
- Tailgating Patrons are encouraged to reduce waste by reusing equipment, coolers, cups, napkins, utensils, and other materials. Waste can also be reduced by eliminating or minimizing the use of disposable or single-use items, serving snacks and condiments in bulk, and bringing storage containers for leftover food.
- All grill content and other waste must be disposed of in an appropriate manner in the University-provided barrels marked “Hot Coals” or in similar metal containers with metal covers. Tailgating Patrons must not put grill content in any trash receptacle, grass, shrubs, parking lot, bin, dumpster, or storm drain. Proper disposal reduces the risk of fire, injury, vehicle damage, grounds damage, and the possibility of sediments causing a negative environmental impact by entering the water drainage system.
- The sponsoring unit will provide necessary trash receptacles for all forms of trash and coals from grills and will ensure that Tailgating locations are properly cleaned and returned to the same condition as prior to the event. All costs associated with this clean-up will be the responsibility of the sponsoring unit

Student Organizations/Large Groups:

Revocations & Liability: Any violation of this Policy may result in termination of Tailgating privileges, criminal prosecution, and/or disciplinary action through the Office of the Dean of Students if the violator is a UNCW student, through Human Resources if the violator is an employee, and through Police and Public Safety if the violator is a visitor. UNCW strives to maintain the beauty of Campus for everyone to enjoy. Therefore, any Patron determined by the University to have damaged University property will be responsible for all resulting costs of maintenance and repairs deemed necessary by the University in its sole discretion. Such resulting costs may include, but are not limited to, expenditures necessary to repair grass or landscaped areas that may be damaged.

References:

- Service Animals/Pets: UNCW Policy 05.360
- Alcohol: UNCW Policy 05.303