

Humboldt State University

Tailgating Rules

Humboldt State University (HSU) permits responsible “tailgating” prior to certain designated football HSU home games. Tailgating is part of the pageantry and culture of intercollegiate athletics. In order to provide a safe and responsible experience, if you “tailgate,” we ask you to observe these campus rules:

Definition:

“Tailgating” is defined as an on-campus social gathering of people in a designated area, for a specified, limited time period, when and where food and alcoholic beverages may be consumed prior to an intercollegiate game.

Designated Area:

- 1) Tailgating for HSU Athletic events are allowed in the following areas: staff parking lot north of SBS Building, beginning on the east end and expanding as necessary.
- 2) No one is permitted to carry alcohol out of the designated tailgate area.
- 3) Tailgating is permitted to begin two hours prior to the start of the game and must end at game time.
- 4) Tailgating may not begin until the designated area has an on-campus presence from either the Forever Humboldt Association or the Athletic department.
- 5) Tailgating is not allowed while the game is being played. Only “caretaker” individuals, who are not consuming alcohol, may remain in the tailgate area while the game is played. Tailgating is **NOT** permitted at halftime, or between periods or innings.
- 6) Tailgating is **NOT** permitted after the game. Tailgating areas should be clean and cleared within two (2) hours following the end of the game.

Restrictions:

- 1) Alcohol may **NOT** be sold, shared, or served to others. Attendees 21 and older can bring and consume their own personal cans or plastics bottles of beer or cups of wine. **NO HARD ALCOHOL is permitted.**
- 2) Alcohol may not be carried out of the tailgate area to the game or anywhere else on campus.
- 3) All beverages should be in aluminum cans, plastic bottles, or paper or plastic cups.
- 4) The following are **NOT** allowed: beer kegs, blenders, drinking games and contests (e.g., beer pong), unusual methods of alcohol consumption (e.g., ice slides), and non-portable furniture (e.g., couches). The University reserves the right to determine appropriateness of any item or activity.
- 5) Small gas grills are permitted for cooking. **NO** charcoal grills are permitted. **NO** open fires are permitted. All participants will be responsible for complete clean-up of their area. Recycling bins, waste receptacles, and trash bags are available at the lot.
- 6) The sale of food, drink, merchandise, or service is strictly prohibited, unless it is an authorized University vendor.
- 7) Smoking is prohibited on campus.
- 8) The University reserves the right to restrict vehicles due to safety reasons. Space will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until all spaces are filled. Tailgating activity will not be authorized beyond the designated area simply because of demand.
- 9) Each vehicle is allowed only one stall, parked between the lines, and not extending into parking aisles. Any canopy tent or awning must stay within parking stall boundaries and the tent may not exceed a 10’ x 10’ size. Platforms, stages, and live amplified music are not allowed in the tailgate area.
- 10) All participants must respect the rights of others. Abusive language, disruptive conduct, and/or loud music are not allowed. Persons who drink to excess and/or who cannot care for the safety of themselves or others are subject to arrest.

University Authority and Liability Waiver:

Entry onto and use of these premises for “tailgating” activities is subject to the University’s policies and procedures, and is at the risk of the individual. Individuals in the designated “tailgating” area assume the associated risks and agree to hold the University harmless for illness, injury, death, property loss, property damage, and or other consequences resulting from entry or participation in “tailgating” activities on these premises. The Humboldt State Athletic Department and the Forever Humboldt Association would like to thank you for your attendance, support, and cooperation. These rules were established for the safety and enjoyment of all fans. They are intended to provide an opportunity for everyone to come out early and have small, social gatherings. Enjoy the game and please be respectful of other fans. Persons found to be violating these policies may be asked to leave campus, may be cited, arrested, and/ or may jeopardize their future authorizations to tailgate. This policy may be enforced by HSU staff and administration including representatives of HSU Athletics, the Forever Humboldt Association, or University Police. University Police also carry full California Peace Officer authority including the power to investigate crimes, issue citations, and make arrests. If you have any questions or concerns about these rules, please contact the Forever Humboldt Association (707-826-3132), the Humboldt State Athletic department (707-826-3666), or the University Police Department (707-826-5555).