

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Football Tailgate Policy Administration and Finance Business Policy

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SCOPE & DEFINITIONS

Entrance to parking lots will be allowed three (3) hours prior to the game start time. Parking lots may be opened four (4) hours prior to game time for Homecoming activities. Such activity will not start before 5:00 p.m. on a weekday.

Tailgating (with and without alcohol) is permitted three (3) hours prior to the game and at half-time only. Tailgating is permitted four (4) prior to the game for Homecoming. Game attendees are expected to behave in a responsible and civil manner at all times.

Tailgating (with alcohol) is permitted in the following parking lots only: Lots 5D, 5E, 5F and 5G (lots immediately west of the stadium).

Glass containers and kegs are prohibited.

Consumption of alcohol is prohibited when use or possession creates a danger to self or others.

Drinking games and devices that promote binge drinking are prohibited. All such items will be confiscated and destroyed.

Underage drinking is not permitted; all local and state laws must be obeyed.

Ferris State University (FSU) policy, as well as Federal law, including the Drug Free Schools Act, prohibits the possession or use of marijuana or marijuana (THC) derivatives on all property owned, leased, or controlled by Ferris State University. FSU students found possessing or using marijuana on Ferris State University property, including during tailgating, who are under 21 years of age will be subject to a civil infraction for being a minor in possession of marijuana and will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. FSU students 21 years of age or older who are found possessing or using marijuana will be required to remove any marijuana or marijuana products from campus, and will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Any person who is under 21 years old and not a student at FSU, who is found possessing or using marijuana on campus, including during tailgating, will be subject to a civil infraction for being a minor in possession of marijuana, and will be required to leave the tailgating event. Any person 21 years of age or older who is not a student at FSU, who is found possessing or using marijuana will be required to leave the tailgating event.

Parking Lots 4B, 5B, 5D, 6A, 5D, 5G, 5F, and 5E will be utilized for game parking; a fee for parking will be charged. Lot 4E is reserved for individuals utilizing the Student Recreation Center.

Parking spaces will not be allowed to be reserved; vehicles will be parked as they arrive on a first-come, first-serve basis. Vehicles may not be parked in a fashion that obstructs the free flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The Athletic Director is authorized to reserve portions of parking lots at home football games for special events and groups.

A vehicle must occupy a parking space; grills, tables, furniture and other items are permitted as long as they are of size to occupy the same space.

Oversized vehicles that require more than one space will be charged accordingly.

Only tents authorized by the Athletic Director will be allowed.

Any deviation from the policy must be approved by the Vice President of Administration & Finance.

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. A 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 may be legally and civilly liable to guests and others for injuries resulting from serving alcohol, especially to a minor.

CONTACTS

For more information, please contact the following departments:
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