



Athletic Event Tailgating Policy

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Bucknell University promotes responsible fan conduct and family-friendly tailgating at sporting events. Tailgating before and after the game is a great gameday tradition – a time for gathering with family, friends and alumni - and the University is happy to permit these gatherings under the following policies and expectations.

General Tailgating Regulations

- Tailgating may begin no earlier than three (3) hours before game time and must end at the start of the game. Tailgating activities are not permitted during the game - from start time to last play. Parking areas must be cleared within two (2) hours after the game.
- Vehicle parking spaces are first-come, first-served and may not be saved.
- Vehicle and ALL tailgate activities must fit within the 10' x 18' painted parking space provided. Tailgating is permitted only where it does not obstruct traffic and must comply with all University regulations. Tailgate set-ups may not extend into adjacent parking spaces or sidewalks.
- Only small, weighted tents over the tailgate of a vehicle are permitted (10'x10'). Tents may not be used to save parking spaces. Tents may not block travel lanes or pedestrian walkways.
- Grilling is permitted on paved surfaces. All grills must be elevated. Fire pits are not permitted. If interested in using Bucknell Dining Services for catering, contact *Crafted 1846 Catering Services* at catering@bucknell.edu.
- Waste food items and trash, including charcoal, must be disposed of in appropriate containers, which are provided throughout the grounds.
- A limited number of reserved larger-group tailgate areas are available (Appendix A). Reservations may be made through the Events Management Office at (570-577-1741). Larger staked tents require University approval at least five (5) business days prior to the event and must be installed under the supervision of Bucknell Facilities staff.
- Pets are generally permitted on campus roads, walks and grounds, as they are in the local community. The animal must be under the direct control of the responsible person and restrained by a leash that does not exceed 6 feet in length or is in an appropriate animal carrier. It is the owners responsibility to clean up after the animal. Pets are not allowed in campus buildings or any portion of buildings where campus business or athletic events are being conducted.
- Service animals are allowed in all University facilities, including academic buildings, residential halls, dining halls, and athletic venues, when assisting individuals with disabilities. The animal must be specifically trained to perform a task directly associated with the individual's disability to ensure full access to campus life and events.

Motorhomes, RVs and Trailers

- Motorhomes, RVs and trailers are only permitted to park on-campus during athletic events and must be registered in advance through Athletic Operations at (570) 577-1979.
- Motorhomes, RVs and trailers may enter campus five (5) hours prior to a scheduled event. Spaces must be vacated two (2) hours after the conclusion of the event. Tailgating is not permitted during the game.
- Motorhome, RV and trailer space is not guaranteed in reserved lots and be handled on a case by case basis.
- There is no overnight Motorhome, RV or trailer parking on-campus.

Alcohol at Private Tailgates

Private tailgates hosted by fans, faculty, staff, and parents must comply with University policy and applicable laws. Individuals/hosts over 21 years of age must provide their own alcoholic beverages. Kegs, party balls, pooling, and mass purchases of alcohol are prohibited. **Alcohol may not be served to or consumed by anyone under 21 years of age.** Hosts who provide alcohol to minors may face criminal liability, University disciplinary action, and civil liability for resulting injuries or damages.

University-Sponsored Groups Closed-Invitation Tailgates

These are campus-sponsored events which are restricted to “invited guests only” such as Alumni Office sponsored tailgates and Department sponsored tailgates. Alcohol may be made available in accordance with University policy and applicable laws. The event must be approved by the appropriate department and scheduled with the Events Management Office. Signage about the legal age for consumption must be posted and alcohol must be dispensed by a trained, RAMP-certified professional bartender – not an undergraduate – and alcoholic beverages must not be served to anyone intoxicated or under 21 years of age.

Enforcement

Any violation of tailgating regulations may result in immediate termination of tailgating privileges and criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action through the Bucknell Office of Public Safety, the Dean of Students Office, or local law enforcement agencies.



Football-Specific Tailgating Information at CMMS

ADA-Accessible Parking is available in Lot #72, with additional spaces in Lots #71 and #65 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking in Lots #72, 71 and 67 is **reserved for [Gridiron Club](#) members** at a certain giving level. Parking passes are required and each pass is entitled to one parking space. All General Tailgating Policies apply to these parking lots. Motorhomes, RVs and trailers must be registered in advance through Athletic Operations at (570) 577-1979 and are not guaranteed space in these reserved lots.

General public tailgating and game day parking is available in the parking lots adjacent and to the south of Christy-Mathewson Memorial Stadium. (Appendix B)



Large-Group Tailgate Locations by Reservation

Call the Events Management Office at 570-577-3095 for more information.





-  **RESERVED**
-  **GENERAL PUBLIC**
-  **ADA-ACCESSIBLE**

