

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS  
TAILGATING AND PARKING POLICIES**

South Carolina State University (SC State) has established the following tailgating and parking policies to enhance the game-day experience of our football fans. Those fans wanting to tailgate and/or park in the Game Zone must purchase credentials/ parking passes prior to arriving on campus for the game. These items can be purchased at the SC State Ticket Office at [ticketoffice@scsu.edu](mailto:ticketoffice@scsu.edu) or at 803-563-8579. Go to [www.scsuathletics.com](http://www.scsuathletics.com) and under **INSIDE ATHLETICS** click on **THE FOOTBALL GAME DAY EXPERIENCE** to learn more about the Game Zone and the Football Game Day Experience.

**General Tailgating Guidelines**

- Tailgating (cooking) is allowed on Mason Field, Wilkinson Field, on the hard top area around the Smith-Hammond-Middleton (SHM) Memorial Center, Staley Field, and specifically designated areas of Mitchell and Felton Fields. Tailgate spots on Mason Field are assigned by the SC State Ticket Office and those wanting Mason Field to tailgate must call the number above to secure a spot. All other tailgating areas are managed by the STATE Club. For information about those parking/tailgate areas contact the STATE Club at 803-387-0227.
- Fans requesting specific tailgating spots may do so on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Only one vehicle per tailgating spot in all areas.
- **All persons** in the tailgating party must have a game ticket.
- To ensure a safe environment for all fans, use of motorized recreational vehicles, including four-wheelers, golf carts, mules, gators, scooters, motorized skateboard, or hover board, on Mason and Felton fields is prohibited.
- Pets are not allowed on the SC State campus at any time. However, service animals are permitted.
- Banners and signage recognizing businesses are not allowed. However, signage promoting student organizations may be permitted with prior approval from Game Management.
- Fans in the tailgating areas must adhere to all University policies and procedures. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from University property and permanent loss of all parking and tailgating privileges during football games.
- In case of emergency, contact University Police at 803-536-7188.
- Individuals are responsible for compliance with all local and state laws governing alcohol consumption.
- Use and consumption of tobacco products is prohibited on the SC State campus.
- Privately owned golf carts **will not be allowed**. Only University operated carts and people movers are allowed.

## **Tailgate Site- Specific Guidelines**

- Because of limited space, fans are encouraged to reserve their tailgating spot as far in advance of the game as possible. Tailgating spots **CANNOT** be reserved on game day.
- Overnight occupancy is not allowed in tailgating areas except in areas designated for RV parking. RV's may park in their designated tailgating spot as early as twelve noon the Friday before the game and they must be gone by twelve noon the Sunday after the game. This policy may be adjusted for games played on days other than Saturday.
- Tailgating fans must supply their own equipment such as tables, chairs, tents, etc.
- Only **ONE** vehicle in a tailgating spot. Therefore, all tailgating equipment/ paraphernalia, i.e., tables, chairs, grill, tent, and food, must be transported into the tailgating area in that **ONE** vehicle. Other vehicles will **NOT** be allowed and may be towed.
- The selling of foods, beverages and other goods is strictly prohibited in the tailgating areas.
- Tents must be securely anchored in the ground and may not obstruct driving lanes and pedestrian walkways. Tailgating amenities, including furniture, grills, satellite dishes, may not obstruct driving lanes or walkways. Digging holes, erecting temporary fencing, etc. is strictly prohibited.
- Where grills are allowed, they must be always attended to for your safety of others.
- Where generators are allowed, they must be equipped with a noise reducing device (manufacturer- approved cover or muffler). Special care and consideration should be taken when managing fuel and extension cords affiliated with generators.
- Any person (s) damaging University property will be responsible for the cost of repairs, including damage to grass from cooking grease and improper disposal of coals and other cooking materials.
- Dispose of all trash in receptacles located in tailgating areas or the University dumpster located in the area. You must provide your own trash bags.
- LP- gas cylinders cannot be disposed of on University grounds.
- **The disposal of grease, hot coals or hazardous materials onto the ground or into storm drains is prohibited.**
- As a courtesy to other fans, music should be confined to your tailgate area. While music is permitted at your site, **No Profane or Offensive Music will be permitted.** In addition, **No Tailgate Sites will be permitted to have DJ systems or setups.**

## **Parking Guidelines**

- General parking is available in any available parking space on the campus outside the Game Zone. Fans may purchase a parking pass from the ticket agents at Gate 2 and Gate 3 at Russell Street/ Pinckney Street and at Magnolia/ Geathers (M. Macco Nance Blvd). and RV's not allowed in campus parking spaces. Parking will be available to the general public on game day for \$20.00.

- Season Ticket holders may purchase **SEASON PARKING** in the Pecan Grove for \$80.00 the purchase of a Season Ticket from the SC State Ticket Office. The **Season Parking** pass (Hang Tag) must be purchased when purchasing season tickets. The Season Parking pass must be displayed on the rearview mirror. All occupants in the vehicle must possess a game ticket for entry into the **GAME ZONE** for the event.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING** will be available to the general public in the parking lot at the library. Must pay \$20.00 game day parking. To access the parking lot at the library, the vehicle must have displayed on its rearview mirror a state (of residence) issued **HANDICAPPED PARKING** permit. To the extent possible, shuttle service to and from the stadium may be provided from these parking lots. However, all passengers utilizing the shuttle service must have a game ticket to enter the Game Zone.
- Handicapped fans parking in the Pecan Gove may utilize the shuttle service provided. Those ridding on shuttles must have game ticket to enter the Game Zone.
- Additional reserved premium parking spaces are available through the STATE Club on Felton Field. Fans may contact the STATE Club representative at 803-387-0227 for additional information.
- Motor coaches and RVs are allowed in designed areas within the Game Zone. Those parking spaces are managed by the STATE Club. Contact the STATE Club representative for additional information.
- **For catered tailgating events, caterers must have proper parking credentials for admission to the Game Zone.** These parking passes may be secured from Game Management at least a week prior to the game. Only one catering representative will be admitted on the pass. All others must purchase a game ticket for admission to the Game Zone.
- Faculty/Staff or students, who display a **CURRENT VALID UNIVERSITY PARKING DECAL**, may park in any available parking space outside the Game Zone without charge. Faculty, staff and students should check with the University Police Department to purchase the annual **PARKING DECAL**.