

TROY UNIVERSITY TAILGATING GUIDELINES

Welcome to Trojan Tailgating!

Game Days at Troy University are about more than the game—they're about bringing together students, alumni, families, friends, and fans to celebrate Trojan traditions.

Tailgating is one of the best parts of the game day experience, and we encourage everyone to help create an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful, and enjoyable for all.

Being a Good Neighbor means respecting fellow fans, surrounding tailgates, University property, and our campus community. By following these guidelines, every Trojan can help make our athletic venues some of the premier game day destinations in college athletics.

These guidelines are intended to provide a safe, enjoyable, and family-friendly environment while allowing fans the opportunity to celebrate and cheer on the Trojans together.

Be a Good Neighbor

Every Trojan fan contributes to the game day experience. We ask that all tailgaters:

- Welcome fellow Trojans and visiting fans alike
- Respect neighboring tailgates and shared spaces
- Keep sidewalks, roadways, and emergency access points clear
- Maintain music and activities at a reasonable level for families and nearby guests
- Help keep campus clean throughout the day. Please leave your Tailgating area clean and presentable when you depart campus
- Follow instructions from University staff when needed to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment

If any issues arise, please notify campus staff and we will communicate and work together to resolve any issues in a timely fashion.

Tailgating Times

Tailgating may begin at 7:00 a.m. on the day of each home athletic event unless otherwise announced.

Fans are encouraged to make their way into the athletic venue in time for the start of the game to help create one of the best home-field/court environments in the Sun Belt Conference.

Tailgating activities may continue during the game; however, all tailgating equipment, tents, and personal belongings should be removed within one hour following the conclusion of the game unless otherwise approved by Troy Athletics or University Events.

Registered Student Organizations and Campus Groups

Registered student organizations and recognized campus groups planning organized tailgates are asked to designate one primary student group leader as well as a secondary faculty advisor contact in the event the primary student group leader cannot be reached.

The designated student group leader will serve as the primary point of contact with Troy Athletics and the Division of Student Affairs regarding game day logistics, planned activities, and any requests that fall outside these guidelines.

This communication helps ensure each organization has a successful game day experience while allowing University staff to coordinate campus operations effectively. To begin a conversation with the Division of Student Affairs, please contact Herb Reeves at hreeves@troy.edu. To begin a conversation with Troy University Athletics, please contact Dan Heck at heckd@troy.edu.

Registered Student Organizations and Campus Groups will be asked to fill out documents with Dean Herb Reeves and his office. A guidelines acknowledgement form will be included for signature by the primary group leader.

Tailgate Tents

Troy University allows personal tailgating tents to be setup in designated tailgate locations. Except for approved University-sponsored tents, all spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tents must not exceed a size of 12' by 20' unless advanced written permission has been granted by the aforementioned University staff. Please note that inflatables and enclosed spaces are not permitted without prior written approval.

Corporate/Commercial Tailgates/Signage

For corporate and commercial tailgating, planning and purchase can be established through Troy Athletics/Troy Sports Properties.

Solicitation

Business solicitation and/or fundraising of any kind within any Troy University facility or on the University campus is prohibited unless specifically approved by Troy Athletics or Student Services. Distributing flyers or pamphlets on parked vehicles is prohibited. Troy University does not allow the sale or distribution of goods and services on the University campus, except as permitted by applicable University policies and governing law.

Drop-offs

If you are in need of dropping off tailgating supplies, please communicate with Troy University Staff members in order to keep our campus spaces beautiful. For Tailgate

Terrace, please contact Dan Heck at heckd@troy.edu. For all other locations, please contact Herb Reeves at hreeves@troy.edu.

Recreational Vehicles

Troy University allows recreational vehicles/campers to arrive on campus and park in designated recreational vehicle parking lots at 5 p.m. on the day before a home football game. For parking at the Arena, arrangements need to be made through athletics. Alternate RV parking is located at the lower Wallace parking lot on a first come first served basis. To reserve an RV space through Troy University Athletics, please contact Chris Weil at cweil@troy.edu.

Golf Cart Guidelines

- Golf cart operators must follow all State of Alabama laws regarding operating a motor vehicle.
- Golf carts shall only be driven on streets and roadways. Driving on sidewalks is prohibited.
- Golf cart operators must be licensed drivers.
- The number of passengers on a golf cart must not exceed the number of seats.
- Golf cart parking is in the space adjacent to the NPHC Plaza. No carts can be parked in front of stadium towers.

Game Day Parking

Please visit Troy University Athletics Website to view a parking map with designated areas for reserved lots, handicap lots, open/non-designated lots and golf cart lots.

All vehicles must have a valid game day parking permit to enter any designated reserved game day parking lot. Drop-offs are not permitted on game day in any designated game day parking lot.

Regular University parking rules will be followed during regular class and business hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Please do not park in emergency lanes or block handicap parking spaces.

Sidewalks

Sidewalks must remain clear of any obstruction for pedestrians. Golf carts shall not be driven on sidewalks.

Food, Beverage, and Grills

Food and beverages shall be for personal consumption only. Small, portable, single-unit propane gas and charcoal grills are permitted; however, the operator of any grill is

responsible for its safe operation and proper clean-up of any ashes. Hot coals may not be placed on the ground and ashes may not be left or dumped on campus property.

Alcohol

Many fans choose to enjoy alcoholic beverages while tailgating. Troy University encourages all guests who consume alcohol to do so responsibly and in accordance with Alabama law.

To help provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone:

- Individuals must be 21 years of age or older to consume alcoholic beverages.
- Please drink responsibly and know your limits.
- Alcohol should remain within designated tailgating areas and may not be brought into Veterans Memorial Stadium except as otherwise permitted.
- Glass containers are discouraged
- Tailgate hosts are encouraged to help ensure guests consume alcohol responsibly.

Enjoy responsibly, respect your neighbors, and help create a game day atmosphere that every Trojan family can enjoy. Troy University Police will be throughout campus at all times. If you or your group need any assistance, please call the Troy University Police Department at (334) 670-3215.

Prohibited Items

Troy University strives to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all students and visitors to campus. As such the Troy University Police Department, Troy University Athletics and University officials reserve the right to prohibit any item(s) or activity that presents a safety hazard, violates University policy or applicable law, or interferes with the safe and enjoyable game day experience for others.

Please note, starting with the 2026-2027 Athletic Calendar Year, a clear bag policy will be enforced for all Athletic Venues for ticketed events. Additionally, Troy University is a weapon-free, drug-free and smoke-free campus. Individuals found in possession of a prohibited firearm or weapon on University property may be subject to removal from campus, criminal prosecution, arrest, and/or other enforcement action by the Troy University Police Department, in accordance with Alabama law and University policy.

Signage outlining prohibited items will be seen within tailgating areas as well as entrances to athletic venues.

Leave It Better Than You Found It

One of the best ways to be a Good Neighbor is to help keep Troy's campus beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

Please dispose of all trash, recyclables, empty fuel containers, and other waste in the receptacles provided throughout campus. Charcoal and grill ashes should be completely extinguished and disposed of safely in designated containers. For the safety of others and to help protect our campus, please do not place hot charcoal or other flammable materials in trash receptacles, on the ground, under trees, or in parking areas.

Thank you for helping keep Troy's campus clean and welcoming for every fan.

Restrooms

Troy University provides portable toilets at convenient locations around campus. The Trojan Center will be open on football game days for public use and open restroom facilities.

Amplified Music and Entertainment

Music is an important part of the Trojan tailgating experience, and we encourage fans to help create an energetic, welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

Please be considerate of neighboring tailgates by keeping music at a reasonable volume and selecting content that is appropriate for a family-friendly game day environment. To help minimize disruptions, speakers should be directed toward the center of your tailgate area rather than facing neighboring tailgates or pedestrian walkways.

To ensure a consistent and enjoyable experience across campus, please note that live bands, DJs, and other amplified entertainment are not permitted unless provided directly by Troy Athletics or the Division of Student Services for the enjoyment of all patrons.

Troy Athletics, the Troy University Police Department, the Division of Student Affairs, and University Leadership thank our students, alumni, and fans for helping create a welcoming, respectful, and family-friendly game day environment.

These guidelines are intended to enhance the game day experience while supporting the safety and enjoyment of everyone on campus. We appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing you on Game Days throughout the season.

Go Trojans!