

Policies of Colorado State University

University Policy



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PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

Colorado State University strives to provide a safe and secure environment for the campus community at all athletic events, and to assure that all those participating in, attending, and working at the football stadium enjoy their game day experience. In furtherance of these goals, this policy creates rules for the possession and use of alcoholic beverages inside the stadium and at tailgating events for the game, as well as other requirements and restrictions relating to tailgating.

APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

This policy applies to all members of the University community who are subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the University with respect to matters of behavior and conduct. This includes, without limitation, students, employees, visitors, ticket holders,

volunteers and anyone else present on university property in connection with an athletic event.

POLICY STATEMENT

Possession and use of alcoholic beverages is allowed at football games and may be allowed at other events held in the football stadium, within certain limitations. The University expects that those who wish to include alcohol as part of these activities will do so responsibly and lawfully. Responsible drinking includes making sound judgments about whether, when, and how much to drink, understanding the health issues related to the consumption of alcohol, and avoiding excessive or “binge” drinking or any other abuse of alcohol. In addition, safe and responsible tailgating requires observance of certain rules to promote safety before, during and after the game.

POLICY PROVISIONS

Alcohol within the Stadium

The infiltration of alcohol is prohibited in the stadium and will be strictly enforced. Security staff screen for alcohol and other prohibited items at entrances to the stadium.

Visibly intoxicated fans will not be admitted.

Spectra Food Services provides training to their staff in selling alcohol to patrons. TEAM (Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management) is a national program Spectra is using to train their employees.

Alcohol service in the Stadium will be controlled by Spectra Food Services through the following:

- ID check-in stands will be set up with hand stamps or wristbands.
- No sales to visibly intoxicated persons.
- A limit of 2 (two) beers per customer at one time.
- All beer sales on concourse will close at the start of the second half.
- Alcohol policies are posted at the point of sale.

Additional Alcohol Policies for All Areas

- Underage drinking is strictly prohibited.
- No one is allowed to provide alcohol to minors.
- Law enforcement will be in charge of handling underage drinking violations.
- Intoxicated individuals will be evaluated by medical personnel.

- Roving patrols will be assigned to provide highly visible presence in parking lots.
- All beverages in possession must be in aluminum cans, paper/plastic cups or plastic containers.
- All Colorado alcohol laws will be enforced.
- CSU's [Policy on Alcohol and Drugs](#) applies on all CSU property, including in and around athletics venues, and will be enforced. Regarding the financial rules on expenditures of university funds for alcohol, see also, [CSU Financial Rule 2.18](#) and [Financial Procedure Instruction \(FPI\) 2-1](#).

Marijuana and Other Drugs

Pursuant to CSU's [Policy on Alcohol and Drugs](#), marijuana is not permitted in any form on university property. See also, [CSU Guidelines Regarding Amendment 64 and Marijuana](#).

Tailgating Rules

- Tailgating with alcohol (beer or wine only, no hard liquor) will be allowed during home football games in designated parking lots and programmed areas within the border of Shields Street, Laurel Street, Mason Street, Lake Street and Parking Lot #440. Alcohol-free tailgating parking lots will be provided.
- All tailgating begins four hours prior to kick-off. All tailgating will conclude no later than 30 minutes prior to kick-off. Vehicles need to be removed from parking lots no later than four hours after the conclusion of the game or midnight, whichever is earlier.
- Student vehicle tailgating will take place in the TILT Lot #315.
- Alcohol must be kept in designated parking lots and approved programmed tailgating events. Open containers will not be allowed outside of these areas.
- Lory Student Center (LSC) will handle alcohol sales to fans at the LSC and Beer Garden tailgate area.
- ID check-stands will be located at various locations to issue stamps or wristbands for alcohol consumption.

Student Tailgating Area

Student vehicle tailgating will be located in the TILT Lot #315. Coolers, propane grills (no charcoal), beer or wine and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. All items must be safely stowed in a vehicle before leaving the tailgate area.

Student Programming Area

Student programming will be located in the LSC West Lawn. The rules for the student programming area are:

- Colorado State University expects your cooperation in accepting responsibility for proper conduct in an atmosphere of sportsmanship that is the essence of collegiate athletics. Enthusiastic student and alumni support in the stadium and at pregame tailgate parties is encouraged, but moderation and an attitude of civility is expected. A zero tolerance policy for public drunkenness, rowdy behavior, fights, thefts, and destruction of both university and personal property will be enforced by law enforcement and security personnel. Participating in such activity will be reason for immediate arrest or ejection from the area.
- The responsible and controlled use of alcoholic beverages will be permitted in this area.
- Each student who is at least 21 years old may bring six - 12oz cans of beer (no glass or plastic). No other alcohol will be permitted and no cans larger than 12oz.
- All students who are drinking alcohol will be responsible to stop at ID station to verify age and get a wristband. Anyone drinking without a wristband will be asked to leave and may be cited.
- Area will open 4 hours prior to kickoff.
- Food that is precooked or does not need cooking will be allowed. Food will be sold as well.
- The following items will not be allowed: fireworks or artificial noisemakers, and any container other than soft-sided purses, camera bags, fanny/back packs, and diaper bags less than 12" by 12" by 12". No coolers or grills will be permitted in this area. No bonfires, campfires or open flame are allowed. No storage will be provided at this area during the game.
- The area will close 30 minutes prior to kickoff.
- Trained service animals are permitted. No other animals will be allowed.
- All bags are subject to search upon entry.
- When walking between this area and other tailgate areas prior to the game no open containers will be allowed.

Bike Tailgating

All tailgate areas should be considered dismount zones unless otherwise marked. Bicyclists will be directed to programmed tailgate areas. Valet bike parking will be provided in designated areas. Campus-wide bike racks will be available for bike parking outside of the traffic/security barriers. Drink responsibly; biking while impaired is illegal under Colorado's DUI law!

Due to security concerns, no bicycles will be allowed past the vehicle barricades. Bikes inside the barricaded areas will be removed and impounded (even if in bike racks).

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited at all tailgating events:

- Bonfires, campfires, open flames, charcoal grills
- Glass bottles and drink containers
- Kegs
- Hard liquor
- Drinking games & paraphernalia
- Outside alcohol is not permitted inside the Stadium
- Marijuana in any form is prohibited on CSU property; marijuana as well as all illegal drugs are not allowed at CSU
- Corporate or business signage is not allowed, except as agreed between CSU Athletics and an official corporate sponsor.

Parking Lots

Use of university parking facilities is subject to the following requirements:

- Only 1 (one) car per parking space with permit
- RVs will need to purchase additional permits to cover parking spaces used
- Saving parking stalls is prohibited; to park together, guests must arrive together
- Tailgating may only take place within the footprint of the parking space with the following considerations:
 - No objects (tables, chairs, grills, etc.) may be placed or encroach in Emergency Access lanes, parking lot driving lanes or other parking spaces
 - Tents, awnings and canopies larger than 10x10 (ten-by-ten) are prohibited in campus parking lots
 - Tents, awnings and canopies cannot encroach in Emergency Access lanes, parking lot driving lanes or other parking spaces
 - Individuals are responsible for properly securing their tents, awnings and canopies
 - Individuals may purchase additional parking permits, if available, to increase space for tailgating

- Individual(s) purchasing the tailgating parking spot are responsible for the conduct of their guests
- Overnight parking is restricted to reserved RV parking in the Moby Arena Lot with purchased overnight pass; this will only be allowed on specific games with restrictions
- Individuals may not erect or move barricades, barrels, fencing or any other traffic control devices; all signs and instructions must be obeyed
- Propane gas grills are permitted; open fires and charcoal grills are prohibited on campus
- Individuals are responsible for properly securing overhead objects (flags, kites, balloons)
- It is the responsibility of each tailgate party to secure tailgating items prior to entering the Stadium
- Use of portable generators is limited to quiet units
- All motor homes require exhaust extensions that reach the top of the motor home if running the motor continuously for power
- Animals must be kept on a leash of 6 (six) foot or shorter in all tailgating areas; owners must remain in control of their animals at all times; all buildings on campus including the Stadium do not allow animals with the exception of service dogs for individuals with disabilities (and approved emotional support animals in the residence halls and apartments only). Animals cannot be left unattended in vehicles.
- Music must be confined to individual tailgating areas and speakers must be directed into the individual tailgate areas
- Use of ATVs, golf carts, gators, scooters, mopeds and other motorized recreational vehicles are prohibited with the exception of emergency and authorized university personnel
- All trash from tailgate areas needs to be disposed in designated containers

COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY

Compliance with this policy will be enforced. Persons violating policy provisions may be excluded from university property, and disciplinary processes for students and employees may be enforced in accordance with university policies and procedures.

Violations of the law may also be enforced by law enforcement personnel and violators are subject to prosecution.

REFERENCES

[CSU's Policy on Alcohol and Drugs](#)

[Colorado alcohol laws](#)

[CSU Residence Halls Drugs and Alcohol Policy](#)

[Lory Student Center Alcoholic Beverages Policy](#)

[Greek Life-Information About Alcohol Concerns](#)

[CSU Student Conduct Code](#)