**Policy Title:** Tailgating and **Game Day Policies Alcohol in the Stadium**  
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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 consumption of alcoholic beverages are 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

1. **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. Guests found with alcohol brought in from outside will be ejected and subject to citation.

2. **Intoxicated individuals** will be denied entrance to the stadium. Intoxicated individuals inside the stadium will be evaluated by medical personnel and will be required to safely leave the stadium and the campus. 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.

3. **Alcohol service in the stadium** will be controlled by Spectra Food Services and Code4 through the following:

   • **ID check-in stands** will be set up at various locations to issue stamps or wristbands for alcohol consumption.

   • 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 conclusion of the third quarter, start of the second half.

• Alcohol policies are posted at the point of sale.

Additional Alcohol Policies for All Areas

4. Underage drinking is strictly prohibited and proof of legal age will be required. Acceptable forms of identification include:
   • Current, valid driver’s license with photo
   • Current, valid state identification card with photo
   • Current, valid military ID with photo
   • Current, valid passport

5. CSU reserves the right to eject any individuals under the age of 21 who illegally purchase, possess or consume alcohol or are visibly intoxicated, and any individual, regardless of age, who provides alcohol to a minor. These individuals are also subject to citation or arrest by law enforcement:
   • No one is allowed to provide alcohol to minors.
   • Law enforcement will be in charge of overseeing the handling of underage drinking violations.
   • Intoxicated individuals will be evaluated by medical personnel.

6. Intoxicated individuals will be denied entrance to the stadium.

7. Roving patrols will be assigned to provide highly visible presence in parking lots.

8. All beverages in possession must be in aluminum cans, paper/plastic cups or plastic containers.

9. 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, Tobacco and Other Drugs (Recommend also including CSU’s new tobacco free policy reference in this section.)

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.

Tobacco Use and Vaping
CSU’s policy on Smoking, Vaping and Tobacco Use applies inside and outside of the stadium, and on all areas of the CSU campuses. Smoking, and vaping nor and tobacco use are not permitted.

Tailgating Rules

1. Tailgating with alcohol (beer or wine only, no hard liquor) will be allowed during home football games in designated parking lots and programmed areas designated by the University as tailgating areas within the border of Shields Street, Laurel Street, Mason Street, Lake Street and Parking Lot #440. Alcohol-free tailgating parking lots will also be provided.

2. Distilled spirits and all alcoholic beverages containing greater than 15% alcohol by volume (ABV) are not permitted in tailgating areas.

3. ID check stands will be located in tailgating areas to issue wristbands to those with proper ID. Possession of alcohol without a wristband is prohibited.

4. 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.

5. All tailgating begins four hours prior to kick-off and will be limited and restricted beginning 30-minutes prior to kickoff. 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.

6. Student vehicle tailgating will take place in the RAM Lot – South end of Lot #19STILT Lot #315.

7. Alcohol must be kept in designated parking lots and approved programmed tailgating events. Open containers will not be allowed outside of these areas.

8. 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.

9. University-approved special events that include the service of alcohol taking place outside of the designated tailgating areas are not considered “tailgates” under this policy and are subject to CSU’s Policy on Alcohol and Drugs, which contains provisions relating to such events. 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.
Student Tailgating Area

Student vehicle tailgating will be located in the TILT Lot #315a designated lot or lots. These lots are indicated on the map provided...[where?]

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 Areas

Subject to the approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the University may establish areas for programmed activities such as concerts. Rules for these areas will be developed by the appropriate entities and approved by the Vice President. These may include limits for the area such as opening and closing times, the amounts and types of alcohol (if any) allowed in the area, limitations on items such as backpacks, coolers, grills, food items, noisemakers, tents and canopies, etc. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted to be taken from these areas (open containers are not permitted outside the stadium and designated tailgate areas). All bags are subject to search.

Bike Tailgating

All tailgate areas should be considered dismount zones. 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. (Also include statement here about no smoking, vaping or tobacco use are not permitted anywhere on CSU property.)
• 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 and or the Library 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](#)

[Add link to CSU Tobacco Free Policy here](#)

[Colorado alcohol laws](#)

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

[Lory Student Center Alcoholic Beverages Policy](#)

[Fraternity & Sorority Life—Community Policies](#)

[CSU Student Conduct Code](#)
APPROVALS

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