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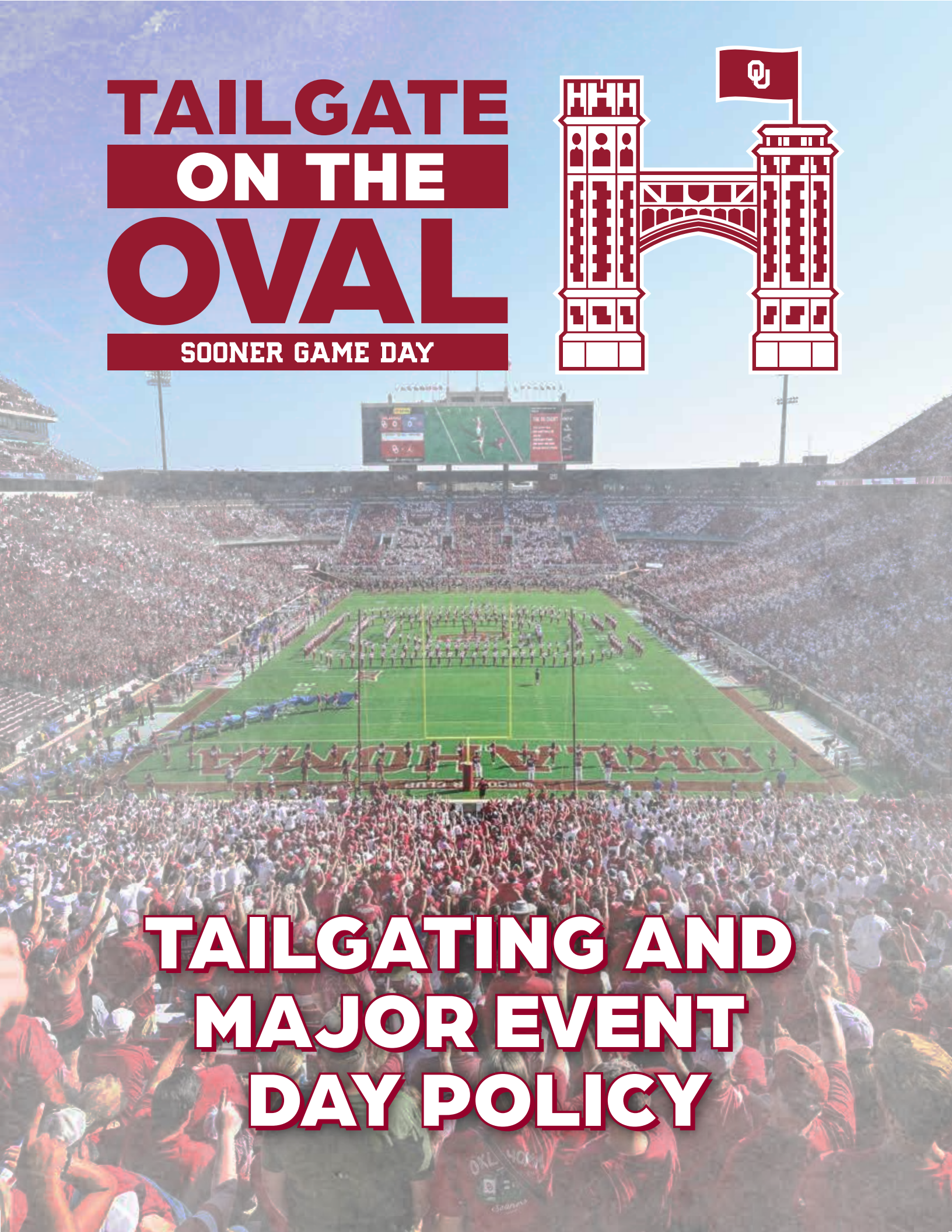

TAILGATING AND MAJOR EVENT DAY POLICY

Tailgating on a football game day is a long-standing tradition at The University of Oklahoma. The University is proud to welcome visitors on home football game days and other major event days, such as commencement. This Tailgating and Major Event Day Policy is designed to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of fans and guests, and the safety, security, and well-being of all people associated with game day or major event day activities and the safeguarding and preservation of all public property under the University's care.

GENERAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

- Individuals, groups, and organizations holding or participating in tailgating are responsible for their own conduct and are expected to respect the rights of others, including members of the University community, and visiting fans and teams. Noncompliance with these policies may result in a written trespass warning citation that requires immediate eviction from campus and a six-month trespass order from campus.
- Pets are not allowed to be unattended in tailgating sites or on campus and must be on a leash at all times. Service animals must be under the handler's control at all times, which will normally mean a harness, leash, or other tether. Furthermore, animals shall not be secured to University property. Clean up after your pet.
- Dispose of all trash in trash receptacles or pack it out. Tailgating sites should be kept clean throughout the day. Trash belongs in a bag or can, not on the ground. The disposal of grease, hot coals, or hazardous materials onto the grounds or into storm drains is prohibited.
- Any person damaging University property will be responsible for the cost of repairs, including grass and sprinkler damage.
- The University is not responsible or liable for accidents, damage, loss, or theft of materials, items, or personal property.
- Amplified noise, bands, or loud music is not permitted.
- Hay and straw are not authorized on campus at any time. This material can contain destructive insects and bacteria that are harmful to the soil and grass.
- Selling of reserved spaces is strictly prohibited and will result in the loss of tailgating privileges.
- Overnight camping is prohibited.

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TAILGATING TENTS AND EQUIPMENT

The setting up of tents, awnings, and similar equipment may commence at 5:30 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a home football game, most typically on Friday for a Saturday game. **Space may be occupied between noon and 5:30 p.m. (areas outside of the North Oval and Lindsey St), but stakes may NOT go into the ground until 5:30 p.m.** All items must be taken down and removed by noon on the day immediately following the game, typically Sunday.

The erecting of tents, awnings and similar equipment by the public is only permitted for tailgating purposes on home football game days. Individuals and third parties that wish to host events on campus outside of home football games should contact Campus Scheduling: **ou.edu/scheduling.**

Any such items that are set up outside of this timeframe or that collapse or are blown off their sites will be removed by the University and disposed of.

Tents, awnings, and similar equipment must be securely anchored. **Stakes may not be longer than 12 inches** to avoid interfering with underground utilities.

- **Tents must be set up no closer than three feet from either side of sidewalks.**
- Tents, awnings, generators, similar items, and tailgating activities of any kind are not allowed **within three feet of either side of sidewalks. Any items obstructing sidewalks must be moved or will be removed by the University.**
- **Tents must be set up at least 10 feet from any University building. Tents larger than 400 square feet require a permit issued by the campus fire marshal's office,** contact **Fire@ou.edu**.

Tents, awnings, similar items, and tailgating activities of any kind are not allowed at several locations. See prohibited areas on the map.

Tailgating activity that takes up vacant parking spaces or otherwise interferes with vehicle movement within a parking lot is prohibited.

The University will provide and locate portable toilets at convenient locations around the grounds. Individuals, groups, and businesses are prohibited from moving portable toilets or bringing or arranging the delivery of their own toilets.

Recreational generators may be used in designated tailgating areas, so long as they do not damage University property; if a generator is placed on a grassy area, it must rest on a board or other hard material to protect the grass and soil beneath. Generators cannot be placed within three feet of either side of a sidewalk, or within 10 feet of a building and must be located within the immediate tailgate site.

Hooking into, connecting to, or similar use of University utilities (electric, water, communication cable, etc.) and building receptacles is prohibited.

SITE-SPECIFIC RULES: THE NORTH OVAL

The University of Oklahoma offers free, public tailgating on the historic North Oval, also known as the Parrington Oval. Fans have the opportunity to set up their tailgates on one of the most recognizable places on campus, creating an electric atmosphere just steps away from Gaylord Family–Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

- Tailgating on the Oval is **FREE**

- Spaces are available on a **first–come, first–served basis**
  - 15′ x 15′ spaces will be pre–marked to maximize usage
  - Fans may claim multiple 15′ x 15′ spaces for their set–up, up to two (2), if desired
  - The University asks that fans be **reasonable and respectful** when claiming multiple spaces
  - Fans are encouraged to show their Sooner Spirit with Crimson or Cream tent tops

- Public tailgating is **bring–your–own–setup**; fans should plan to provide their own supplies (tents, chairs, tables, food, power, etc.)

Set–up times and tailgate supplies drop–off

- Fans can claim spaces beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday by utilizing the below drop–off process

- **A managed drop–off process will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday**
  - Friday | 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Saturday | 7 a.m. – based on kickoff
    - 11 a.m. kickoff | concludes at 8 a.m.
    - 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. kickoff | concludes at 10 a.m.
    - 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. kickoff | concludes at 12 p.m.

  - Fans will enter drop–off at the West Boyd St/South University Blvd intersection

  - Upon entry, fans will have 15 minutes to drop–off their supplies and must remove their vehicle at the conclusion of the 15–minute period

- No public parking is available on the Parrington Oval Loop
  - **Violators of the drop–off & no parking policy are subject to towing at owner's expense**

- The Parrington Oval Loop will open for tailgate supplies pick–up 45 minutes postgame

SITE-SPECIFIC RULES: LINDSEY STREET

Out of respect for our students that live on campus, the tailgating area on the south side of Lindsey Street between Jenkins and Asp Avenues has the following site-specific rules:

- Tailgating may only take place on the grassy area between the Lindsey Street curb and the north side of the sidewalk.

- **The setting up of tents, awnings, and similar equipment may commence at 7 a.m. on the morning of a home football game,** most typically a Saturday morning. Space may be occupied beginning at 6 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a home football game, most typically on Friday for a Saturday game, but stakes may NOT go into the ground until 7 a.m. the following morning. All items must be taken down and removed by noon on the day immediately following the game, typically Sunday.

- Dropping off supplies at Lindsey Street tailgating sites is permitted **up until five and a half hours prior to kickoff**. At that time, streets around campus will close and tailgating sites will become inaccessible by vehicle. Vehicles dropping of supplies must be clear of the area following the below examples:
  - 11 a.m. game, drop off ends at 5:30 a.m.
  - 2:30 p.m. game, drop off ends at 8 a.m.
  - 6 p.m. game, drop off ends at 12:30 p.m.

- Tailgating supplies must be hand-carried to the site. All supplies must be maintained within the claimed spaces.

- Tailgating sites should be kept clean throughout the day. Trash belongs in a bag or can, not on the ground. The disposal of grease, hot coals, or hazardous materials onto the grounds or into storm drains is prohibited.

- Only students and university officials with Sooner Card access may enter the residence halls. Following or "piggybacking," authorized individuals into the residence halls and associated outdoor spaces or asking residents for access is prohibited and may result in a written trespass warning that requires immediate eviction from campus, loss of tailgating privileges and a six-month trespass order from campus.

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OPEN FLAMES

Open flames are prohibited; gas and charcoal grills with covers are permitted and should be attended at all times. Gas and charcoal grills are prohibited in ALL University parking garages. All grills must be located at least 50 feet from any campus building and may not be placed under tents, awnings, or similar covering.

It is the responsibility of the individual to provide a fireproof container for the disposal of coals and remove said container from University premises.

VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND PEDICABS

Small, non-University vehicles such as golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and the like are prohibited on campus, and are subject to impound. Bicycles must be parked at bike racks.

Pedicabs (typically, a three-wheeled public conveyance, having a cab for passengers mounted behind the driver) must abide by all traffic laws, including observance of one-way traffic. They should extend courtesy and yield to pedestrians. Pedicabs may not drive on University lawns/grassy areas, beyond traffic barricades or vehicle barriers. Pedicab operators who violate University policies may receive a written trespass warning that requires immediate eviction from campus and a six-month trespass order from campus. See the road closures map for more information. The City of Norman prohibits pedicabs from operating on streets closed and controlled by the city.

Trailers and vehicles are prohibited from parking on the grass. Parking lot use is limited to vehicles and small trailers that can be parked in a regular parking space. Trailers and vehicles must not interfere with traffic or vehicle movement.

- Trailer parking at any 'paid' lot requires payment for the vehicle and an additional payment for the trailer.
- Trailer parking at any 'permit' lot requires a permit for the vehicle and an additional permit for the trailer.

VENDING AND SOLICITATION

No vending or solicitation is allowed in tailgating areas. Any and all events that are defined under "solicitation" must obtain permission in advance. Solicitation permits can be obtained through Campus Scheduling: **ou.edu/scheduling**. Unauthorized vendors or solicitors may receive a written trespass warning citation that requires immediate eviction from campus and a six-month trespass order from campus.

Companies are prohibited from issuing free or sample products without being properly licensed by the University. The University Campus Scheduling Office, (405) 325-2121 or scheduling@ou.edu, may be contacted for information.

Corporate or commercially sponsored tailgates are prohibited except in designated locations. Those who wish to organize and provide such sites should contact Sooner Sports Properties at (405) 325-2148.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Food and beverages shall be for personal consumption only. Sales are prohibited. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by adults over 21 in University-authorized tailgate areas on game days shall not, in itself, be deemed a violation of the University's Alcohol policies. All other state laws, municipal ordinances, and University policies pertaining to alcohol, including prohibiting public intoxication, providing alcohol to minors, etc. will be enforced.

Registered Student Organizations must follow normal University procedures and process for hosting open social events and events where alcohol is served.

USE OF DRONES

The operation of drones/unmanned aircraft systems on or above University property, including the Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, is strictly regulated and prohibited on home football game days and Major Event Days. Drone operators found in violation of University policy may receive a written trespass warning that requires immediate eviction from campus and a six-month trespass order from campus. Visit **ou.edu/campussafety/policy-and-procedures** to view drone policy.

SMOKE AND GUN FREE CAMPUS

In compliance with Oklahoma law, the University has designated its campuses, buildings, and grounds as tobacco-free. The use of any tobacco product is strictly prohibited on University property.

In compliance with Oklahoma law, firearms may be lawfully stored in a locked vehicle in designated parking areas. In all other respects, firearms are prohibited on campus except for police and other peace officers lawfully permitted to carry a firearm on state property.

CONDUCTING NON-UNIVERSITY EVENTS ON GAME DAYS OR MAJOR EVENT DAYS

This Policy is applicable to non-University events held on Game Days or Major Event Days (a "University event" being one led or sponsored by a University department or unit) and is designed to prevent disruption of the events and impeding the ingress and egress to University activities. Game days include all home football games, Spring Game, and any event taking place in the football stadium where large crowds are anticipated. Major Event Days include Commencement, Convocation, and other special events where large crowds are anticipated.

On Game Days and Major Event Days, University operations require substantial resources to accommodate University activities, ensure public safety, and safely manage pedestrian and vehicular traffic. As a result, the University's capacity to accommodate non-University events, whether the request is for indoor or outdoor space, is limited on those days. Requests for the use of University space by non-University individuals or organizations on Game Days or Major Event Days will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date the individual or organization completes all required documents, provides evidence of adequate insurance where required due to risk of damage to persons or property, and submits all required materials to **Campus Scheduling** (405.325.2121).

All approvals remain subject to the University's operational needs and space limitations at the time of the request, applied on the same terms to all requesting individuals and organizations regardless of the content or viewpoint of the proposed event.

To protect the safety of visitors and avoid damage to University property, the University prohibits signage, for whatever purposes, to be implanted in, posted on, or otherwise affixed to university property. This prohibition in no way interferes with the right of students, faculty, staff, and fans to otherwise engage in advocacy, expressive activity, or the political process.

The University must also refrain from creating an appearance of partisan activity endorsed by the University. Political campus organizations shall have access to University facilities on the same basis as all other campus organizations described herein, in keeping with the rights of all members of the campus community to express political views on game days/major event days. Non-campus political organizations shall likewise have access on the same terms as other non-University organizations described herein. Visit https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/homepage/resources/Election%20Season%20FAQ6.25.pdf for additional guidance.

No picketing, leafleting, large signage, displays, or peddling shall be permitted within 300 feet of the facility hosting the event (e.g., football stadium) on the day of the event.