



THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Tailgating Policy

The plans stated in this document provide a safe and proactive plan for the implementation of fraternity tailgates at Texas A&M University for the remainder of the 2017 year, and beyond. These policies apply to all chapter tailgates. The plan is divided into four sections: pre tailgate, in tailgate, post tailgate, and tailgate location. These regulations will be enforced and warrant disciplinary action if not followed. Our goal is to ensure longevity in the tradition of tailgating in a safe and appropriate manner.

Pre Tailgate

- I. The transportation of tailgate materials should be efficient and orderly. Chapters must drop off all heavy materials (i.e. tents, smokers, tables, chairs, etc.) by midnight on the Friday before a home game. Chapters will receive one drop-off pass to drop off provisions the following day (i.e. food and drink). All materials must be dropped off 4 hours before kick-off. Stopping in undesignated zones to drop off materials and pedestrians is strictly prohibited. *See the designated zone on the included map.* Being dropped off (by other guests, Uber, etc.) in undesignated areas is also strictly prohibited.
 - a. The drop-off pass is provided each game by Transportation Services, and its distribution is managed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
 - b. Chapters must sign out their pass in OFSL (Koldus 224) by 5:00 PM the day before the game.
 - c. This pass may not be duplicated and is limited to one vehicle at a time.
- II. Hosting a chapter tailgate is considered a chapter event. This means the chapters are subject to follow all IFC and University risk management policies and rules. To ensure the chapters are following all regulations, IFC requires each chapter to submit a pre-event planning form to the OFSL five business days prior to the first tailgate. One form may be completed for the entire season. During the pre-event planning meetings, topics discussed include but are not limited to: risk management, crowd control, alcohol policies, and crisis management. In the case that a chapter is hosting a special tailgate (i.e. parent's weekend, mom's weekend, etc.), a separate pre-event planning form must be completed. OFSL will respond within five business days with approval, or requested or required changes. ***No Chapter will be allowed to tailgate anywhere – IFC tailgate, open tailgating area,***

off-campus area – without an approved event planning form. If an incident occurs, then the approval status will be revisited by OFSL.

- III. IFC will provide wristbands for chapters to use at each tailgate for members and guests when chapters pick-up their drop-off pass. These wristbands will help the chapters identify and regulate who is allowed at their event. For each active member in a chapter, four bands will be supplied. These bands will also keep chapters accountable for the behavior of their own members as well as guests. Chapters can choose how they distribute the bands, but the use of this wristband system is required. Disregarding the use of these wristbands will result, at minimum, in immediate loss of tailgate privileges for the next home game.
- If a chapter elects to use a tailgating space outside of the fraternity tailgate zone, they will still need to use this wristband system. These wristbands can be signed out in OFSL (Koldus 224) by 5:00 PM the day before the game.
 - These wristbands are color coded and labeled with the name of each fraternity.

In Tailgate

- All chapters must follow IFC and University alcohol policies as outlined in Article XII, Section 2 of the [IFC Judicial Code](#).
 - Any event involving alcoholic beverages must comply with either B.Y.O.B. or third-party vendor guidelines.
 - No alcoholic beverages may be purchased through the fraternity's funds, nor may the purchase of alcohol for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by a member on behalf of any fraternity.
 - The use of bulk quantities, or common sources, of alcohol, such as kegs, is prohibited.
 - No fraternity shall distribute alcohol, including alcohol brought to events by guests as B.Y.O.B., to persons under 21 or to persons other than those who brought the alcohol to the event. ***No fraternity shall allow alcohol consumption by persons under 21.***
 - No glass containers are allowed in the tailgate area.
- IFC will secure TABC certified bartenders to check state issued ID's and distribute additional wristbands to identify individuals who are 21 or older (e.g. if an individual is 21 or older they will have two bands – one as a tailgater, and one allowing them to consume alcohol). These bands are provided by IFC.
- Barricades, rope, and signs will be provided to direct the flow of pedestrian traffic to ensure the safety of tailgate participants. The flow of pedestrians will be directed toward a safe walking path that will not impede game day traffic. All chapters will be instructed thoroughly on where these pathways are located.
- Designated drop off zones will be highlighted for chapters to use. These areas are designed to minimize drop-off related traffic congestion, and improve pedestrian and vehicle safety. These areas will also be communicated to ride sharing services such as Uber and pedicabs. IFC members and guests will be expected to follow the drop off procedures.
- Based on the scheduled game, extra security or law enforcement may be contracted through IFC to oversee the designated grounds (e.g. non-conference games may not need additional security or law enforcement). Numbers of additional contracted law enforcement needed will be calculated through

consultation of the UPD. This extra security will discourage any disruptive behavior, and make immediate assistance available in the fraternity tailgate area. University security officials will also help to maintain the flow of foot traffic to and from the event.

- VI. The IFC board members will maintain a check-in system with security on a rotational basis. If security is not at the event, the board member will make a judgement based on the current tailgate situation. This will enable us to handle issues with music, trash, management of alcohol and overall behavior. If an issue arises, the board member will attempt to resolve the issue on-site. These issues may be resolved with a warning, but may involve the assistance of law enforcement who are present who will help terminate a chapter's tailgate. ***All violations will be assessed and may warrant a disciplinary hearing through the [IFC Judicial Board](#) with immediate suspension for one game at minimum. Additional sanctions (i.e. fines, etc.) will be determined through the IFC conduct process.***
 - a. Chapters will be responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- VII. There will be a zero tolerance policy for trash. All trash must be picked up before leaving the tailgate area. As such, a chapter's area must be clean before all guests and members head to the game. This will be strictly enforced and conditions of the field will be heavily monitored. Consequences of not following this rule will warrant a suspension from future tailgates in all locations, and a meeting with the IFC executive board.

Post Tailgate

- I. All Tailgate materials must be removed from the field by 7am Sunday morning. All materials left at that point will be thrown away by the university grounds staff. Materials cannot be picked up until 1 1/2 hours after the end of the game.
- II. IFC will meet as a board the following Tuesday to review any issues presented during game day and make a determination of disciplinary action.
- III. Chuck Klafka, our tailgate liaison, will be provided with the names of which chapters have been placed on tailgate restrictions – loss of privileges, etc. – by 9:00 AM the Wednesday following the previous tailgate.

Tailgate Location

The official IFC tailgates are to be located on the lawn of Lot 40b-c on the corner of Bizzell Street and George Bush Drive.



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