

34.03.01.R0.02 Alcoholic Beverages at University-Sanctioned Tailgate Events

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Procedure Statement

The purchase, service, possession, and consumption of alcohol beverages in facilities under the control of Texas A&M University-Commerce shall in all respects comply with state law and the guidelines established under system policy *34.03 Alcoholic Beverages*.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure provides guidelines within the university to govern the service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages at a university-sanctioned tailgate event at a location approved by the university.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted except in special use buildings and facilities as may be designated by the chief executive officer (CEO), approved by the chancellor, and subsequently reported to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on an annual basis. The president or designee must approve each request to serve alcoholic beverages at university-sanctioned events.

2. TAILGATING ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Tailgating activities, including the service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, is only permitted on the day of a home football game. These activities may begin no more than three hours prior to kickoff and end when the game begins.

- 2.2 Tailgating permits are required for access to the tailgate area where alcohol is allowed.

Tailgating areas are designated as follows:

Lot T/U: Student Tailgate Lot*

East Circle Lawn: Alumni and Community Groups

Lot V (future): Visitors

Permits for alumni and the community may be obtained from the Office of Alumni Relations, and permits for students or student organizations may be requested through Student Activities and Leadership. Permits must be displayed at all times and returned to proper authorities when leaving the tailgate area.

- 2.3 The organization or individual who obtained a permit is responsible for cleaning up their area prior to the start of the game. Trash must be disposed properly in provided trash receptacles. Possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited during the game except in the President's Box at Memorial Stadium (invitation only).
- 2.4 The University Police Department will assign an adequate number of police officers to the designated tailgate area in order to provide a safe environment for all participants.

*Additional policies apply to the Student Tailgate Lot. A full list of policies can be obtained from Student Activities and Leadership.

3. RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1 Glass containers, kegs, party balls, multi-quart containers of alcohol, all drinking paraphernalia (funnels, bong, etc.), and all drinking games are prohibited. Any beverages must be in plastic cups only.
- 3.2 Individuals who arrive to tailgate area intoxicated will not be permitted.
- 3.3 Alcoholic beverages cannot be included in the price of admission to an event and cannot be advertised as part of an event that sells tickets.
- 3.4 No animals are permitted at tailgate except for registered service animals.
- 3.5 Texas A&M University-Commerce is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property of tailgate participants.
- 3.6 The university reserves the right to restrict vehicles and designate parking spaces for safety reasons.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy [34.03 Alcoholic Beverages](#)

University Procedure [34.03.01.R0.01 Alcoholic Beverages on University Property](#)

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