

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA TAILGATING POLICY**

The University of South Dakota tailgating policy is intended to provide all who participate in tailgating at USD a safe and enjoyable experience and environment. This policy is designated for **USD Coyote football games only**. The University of South Dakota, USD Athletics Department, along with the USD Department of Public Safety asks that you enjoy yourself, while respecting the rights of others. These rules and regulations are intended to be general in nature. The University of South Dakota reserves the right to modify these rules and regulations at any time to secure the safety and effective administration of the event.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TAILGATING FOR USD COYOTE FOOTBALL GAMES**

1. The tailgate area will open four (4) hours prior to each games designated time for kickoff. Each space must be cleaned and vacated one (1) hour after the end of each game. **TAILGATING DURING THE GAME AND/OR AT HALF-TIME IS PROHIBITED.**
2. Fans from opposing teams will be assigned a tailgate lot on a per game basis based on availability.
3. Each tailgate lot is **required** to have a designated person and/or persons who will be the “lot” liaison and will be on-site throughout the time the lot is occupied. These name/names should be posted at all times on the “lot sign”.
4. **Each tailgate lot is expected to be clean at the end of each game and to vacate the lot no later than one (1) hour after each game. If excessive trash is left in the lot after such time, the lots tailgating privileges will be rescinded for the remainder of the season and subsequent privileges will be reviewed after the season.**
5. All furniture must be removed from the tailgate lot one hour after the end of the game.
6. Open pit fires are not allowed. All fires must be contained to grills.
7. The State of South Dakota law including but not limited to statutes concerning alcohol will be enforced by the University of South Dakota Department of Public Safety.
  - a. The State of South Dakota (SDCL) has set the minimum drinking age at 21 years of age. Anyone found consuming alcohol younger than this minimum age will be arrested and charged with underage consumption.
  - b. The State of South Dakota (SDCL) has made it unlawful to provide alcohol to minors. Anyone furnishing alcohol to minors will be arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
  - c. South Dakota (SDCL) law makes it illegal to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Anyone operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 will be arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
  - d. South Dakota (SDCL) law does not permit unsealed alcohol containers in motor vehicles. Anyone who has an unsealed container in a vehicle will be arrested and charged with an open container violation.
8. The tailgate area will be patrolled by the University of South Dakota Department of Public Safety and the Vermillion Police Department.

9. Alcohol beverages must be in a can, plastic bottle or a plastic cup. Glass bottles and bulk containers (kegs) are strictly prohibited.
10. **The selling of goods (food, beverages, clothing, etc...) is prohibited!** This policy will be strictly enforced. Only USD Athletics and/or their designated representatives will be allowed to sell in this area.
11. All persons reserving a tailgate lot must sign an assumption of risk form which must be on the lot premises while it is occupied. This indicates that they have read and understand South Dakota law and USD tailgating policies.
12. Violations of any of these policies will result in forfeiting all privileges associated with these tailgating lots subsequent games and a ban from the tailgating area.

**The University of South Dakota Assumption of Risk Signatures**

My signature below indicates I have read, understand and agree to abide by all South Dakota laws and the University of South Dakota policies as described above.

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Coyote Tailgater

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Date

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The University of South Dakota Athletics Dept.

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