

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENT TAILGATE NATION 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 at noon for the USD vs. Southeastern Louisiana University football game. 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. Student Organizations and students may reserve tailgate spots at no charge. These spots will be reserved on a first come, first reserve basis. For Dakota Days, preferential treatment will be given to student organizations and students who have reserved and utilized spots at previous Coyote Football games. If a student organization or student reserves a spot and does not utilize the spot, that student organization and/or student will forfeit their right to reserve a Student Tailgate Nation parking spot at the next Coyote Football game.
3. Student Organizations and/or student reserving a Student Tailgate Nation parking spot may pick up their parking pass on the Friday prior to the game in the Student Services Office (MUC 218). At that time, the student organization and/or student will be able to select their parking spot that will be assigned at the game. These will be selected on a first come, first reserve basis.
4. 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 given to the USD staff at the Student Tailgate Nation entrance.
5. **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 If excessive trash is left in the lot after such time, the lots tailgating privileges will be rescinded for the remainder of the season and subsequent privileges will be reviewed after the season.**
6. All furniture must be removed from the tailgate lot one hour after the end of the game.
7. Open pit fires are not allowed. All fires must be contained to grills.
8. 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. There may be no drinking games played during the Student Tailgate. Examples of prohibited drinking games are beer pong, flip cup, etc.
  - b. The State of South Dakota 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. Students over the age of 21 may receive a wrist band from the Department of Public Safety. These wrist bands will be distributed at the entrance to the Student Tailgate Nation.

- c. The State of South Dakota 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.
  - d. South Dakota law makes it illegal to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Anyone operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08 will be arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
  - e. South Dakota 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.
9. The tailgate area will be patrolled by The University of South Dakota Department of Public Safety and the Vermillion Police Department.
  10. Alcohol beverages must be in a can, plastic bottle or a CLEAR plastic cup. Bulk containers (kegs) are strictly prohibited.
  11. **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.
  12. 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.
  13. 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 Student Tailgater

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Date

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The University of South Dakota Athletics Dept.

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