

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TAILGATING POLICY

-Valid for the Homecoming football game on October 17, 2009-

I. Definition

Tailgating is defined as parking in a designated location/area and consuming food and beverages, including alcohol for those INDIVIDUALS OF LEGAL AGE for the premises outlined below as specifically approved for public consumption of alcohol therein, prior to an intercollegiate athletic event.

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY DOES NOT SANCTION THE CONSUMPTION OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY UNDERAGE PERSONS; NOR DOES IT SANCTION THE VIOLATION OF FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW.

II. Overview

Campus Tailgating is an opportunity for Christopher Newport University Alumni, donors, departments and students to gather and prepare for the Captain's Homecoming football game in a fun, festive, and safe environment.

In accordance with Operating Policy, Lots L, M, and N adjacent to POMOCO Stadium have been designated as the University Sanctioned Campus Tailgating Area. Tailgating activities in this designated area may include the consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons who are 21 years of age. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on Christopher Newport University property is subject to Virginia statute and University policies and regulations. All members of the CNU community and visitors to campus are expected to obey these laws and regulations. CNU strives to provide an environment for underage students where alcohol is *not* made available; and alcohol education and counseling programs are promoted.

These tailgating policies are designed to promote a family atmosphere and are intended to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants. Those with reserved tailgating spaces are expected to ensure that all policies are followed. To ensure the appropriate environment is maintained, the University reserves the right to revoke the tailgating privileges of any individual(s) for reason of safety and/or disruption of the peace. Students may also be charged with an Honor Code violation.

For additional information, please email cnuevents@cnu.edu.

III. Regulations

a. TAILGATING LOCATIONS/TIMES

- University sanctioned tailgating activities are only permitted for the Homecoming football game on October 17, 2009 and may begin no sooner than 8 a.m. on game day.
- Because the object of tailgating is to engender support for the CNU athletic teams, persons should plan to leave the tailgating zone to attend the game no later than 15 minutes prior to the actual start time of the event.
- The university sanctioned designated tailgating areas include Lots L, M, and N adjacent to POMOCO Stadium.
- Please arrange for vehicles who would like adjacent spaces for tailgating to enter the parking lot at the same time. Contiguous spaces cannot be guaranteed.
- Only pedestrian visitors will be allowed. Guests of the reserved tailgating spaces must park in designated general parking.
- Emergency access lanes must be maintained at all times. Do not block these areas.
- Parking is prohibited in grassy areas, on parking lot islands, medians, and shoulders of streets.

b. TAILGATING PASSES

- Tailgating passes are available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis and are non-transferrable.
- One parking pass will be issued per parking space. The parking pass must hang from the rearview mirror at all times. CNU does enforce towing.
- Blocking access to other parking spots will result in immediate towing.
- We cannot guarantee contiguous spaces.
- Due to space restrictions, RV's (and other similar large vehicles) are not allowed in the tailgating lot.

c. RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT

- Prohibition against inappropriate behavior (i.e., public intoxication) will be enforced.
- Persons acting in a disruptive, disrespectful or disorderly manner may be asked to leave the premises or subject to citation.
- All music and audio must be kept at a level that is respectful to tailgating neighbors. Live bands and D.J.s are prohibited.

d. FOOD/GRILLING

- Fires are allowed only in above ground, enclosed containers.
- Extinguish all flames and coals prior to leaving your area to attend the game.
- Do not throw coals or ashes in dumpsters or garbage cans; you must take coals and ashes with you when leaving.
- Open flame fires, including fire pits, are prohibited.
- No food may be sold without proper University permit (Auxiliary Services).
- Glass containers are not allowed except to hold alcohol in its original bottled package in coolers or closed containers.
- All coolers are subject to inspection.

e. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited.
- Individuals consuming alcohol may be asked to provide legal identification and proof of age to University staff/law enforcement. Individuals without proper identification or who are underage are in violation of the tailgate policy and are subject to penalty.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages on any other part of the campus or on public streets that run through or are adjacent to the campus is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcohol outside designated areas and/or time periods constitutes a violation of the Christopher Newport University tailgating policy.
- Drinking games and the use of devices intended to accelerate the consumption of alcohol (including but not limited to funnels or beer bong) are prohibited.
- Alcohol must be transported in and out of Tailgate area in a vehicle displaying a valid parking pass.
- Common source alcoholic beverage containers (i.e. kegs, party balls, etc.) are prohibited. These items will be confiscated and disposed of.
- Driving under the influence is illegal. Commonwealth drinking and driving laws will be enforced in and around all parking lots.

f. SALES AND SOLICITATION

- No sales activities or solicitation are allowed on the University campus, including any/all tailgating areas, without permission from the appropriate University office, i.e. Auxiliary Services.

g. CLEAN-UP

- Garbage cans will be limited; you must bring your own garbage bags to contain garbage in your individual area.
- Properly dispose of garbage in area dumpsters, or if possible, take with you.
- Tailgating spaces not completely cleaned prior to the start of an event could result in the group's loss of future tailgate privileges.

h. RISK MANAGEMENT

- Do not transport individuals in the back of trucks. Nor should persons be allowed to stand in or on the vehicles.
- Have food available to avoid the effects of drinking alcohol beverages on an empty stomach.
- Provide plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. If alcoholic beverages are present, designate at least one member of the group as the "designated tailgater" to monitor those who may over indulge.
- It is risky to serve alcoholic beverages to anyone other than yourself and your immediate party. Virginia law requires a license before a person can sell, trade, or give away alcoholic beverages, and violation of this law is a felony. A social host does not need a license to serve his/her invited guests who fall within the usual understanding of friends and personal visitors. A social host, however, may be liable to guests and others for injuries resulting from serving alcohol, especially to a minor.

- For the safety of all concerned, the use of recreational items such as bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates and motorized vehicles such as scooters, ATVs, go-carts and golf carts are prohibited within the paved parking lot area. Please do not toss footballs, frisbees or any other type of ball in the paved parking lot area.
- Only service animals will be allowed on property.
- The safety and security of personal property is the sole responsibility of its owner, do not leave personal property unattended.
- Educate ALL group members and guests about the tailgate policies.
- Contact University Police (757-594-7777) for all emergencies.

IMPORTANT NOTE: VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF VIRGINIA LAW AND EJECTION FROM CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY PROPERTY.

***CNU Police will maintain an active presence
and patrol during all tailgating activities and respond accordingly to any violations.***

Fans may call CNUPD anonymously to report violations at (757) 594-7777.