

# The University of Texas at San Antonio

## Student Organization Football Tailgating

### Rules & Structure

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Student Organizations will have the opportunity to purchase Tailgating spaces in the Alamodome Parking Lot after having their representative(s) attend the Annual State Mandated Risk Management Training **and** participate in a Tailgating Workshop. UTSA Athletics will ask any student purchasing a tailgate spot if it is for a student organization. Students purchasing a spot and then using it for an organization will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards for furnishing false information and the organization may be referred through the student organization process as well. Organizations receiving Tailgating space will be allotted up to two (2) spaces per organization. Fees (Currently \$40 for both spaces) will be assessed by UTSA Athletics and are not part of Student Activities or Student Organizations.

All guests wishing to tailgate at the Alamodome parking lots must observe the following guidelines. These guidelines have been developed to provide a fair, reasonable and safe tailgating experience for guests. Tailgating is permitted on football event days only. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the loss of tailgating privileges and ejection from the parking lot. All vehicles entering the Alamodome parking lots are subject to a security/safety inspection before being allowed to park.

**Student organizations and individual students may also be referred to the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards for alleged violations.** The Athletics Department may also revoke the privilege of tailgating if rules are not followed.

Alamodome Parking Lots open 4\* hours prior to the beginning of the applicable game. The Student Organization section will close 30 minutes prior to kick-off. Each space occupied for tailgating must have a permit.

The following is a list of regulations set by Alamodome officials and/or UTSA:

### Tailgating-Guidelines\*\*

1. Tailgating is defined as the placement of any item on the ground (chairs, canopies, coolers, grills, games, etc.)
2. All guests must follow the directions and instructions provided by Alamodome personnel (parking staff, security, police, etc.) and UTSA staff.
3. Tailgating is permitted in Lots B and C only.
4. Pets, with the exception of service animals, are not permitted.
5. Student Organizations will have a specific area in the lot to tailgate and there will be a check-in to the space. If an organization fails to check-in within 30 minutes of the lot opening, it will be assumed that they have used their permit in another space and not followed these guidelines. If there is something preventing a group from attending, it must be communicated to [getinvolved@utsa.edu](mailto:getinvolved@utsa.edu) before the lots open. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Saving or reserving spots is not allowed. If you would like to tailgate near friends, please arrive together. Guests wishing to tailgate contiguously should arrive early. Individuals entering the student organization space will have their ID checked by the student organizations and then receive a wristband (UTSA will provide wristbands) if they are 21. This will be

how organizations will know which of their guests may legally consume any alcoholic beverages that the individual brings to the area. No one without a wristband should be consuming alcohol.

6. Tailgating is restricted to the space in front or behind your vehicle, as designated by the parking space lines.

7. Traffic aisles and other parking spaces must be kept free of tailgating equipment to allow for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

8. RV's, buses, and oversized vehicles will be required to purchase a parking permit for each occupied space.

9. For safety, patrons may not stand, sit, or congregate on the tops of vehicles, busses, RV's or other structures.

10. Generators that create excessive noise or harmful fumes are prohibited. (As determined by Alamodome staff.)

11. Tailgaters must ensure that tents and canopies are anchored appropriately by utilizing sandbags, water barrels, or weights. (Unanchored tents/canopies can easily be blown over and present a safety hazard and/or may cause damage to property). Do NOT anchor by placing stakes.

12. Alcoholic beverages are only permitted for persons age 21 and older.

13. Kegs, Beer/Party Balls, bulk quantities and/or common sources of alcohol are not permitted in any vehicle, or in any of the parking lots surrounding the stadium.

14. Drinking games (Pong, Quarters, etc.) and other activities encouraging the fast consumption of alcohol (i.e. Bongs, Funnels, Shot-Gunning, etc.) are prohibited.

15. Glass containers are not permitted.

16. Grills with charcoal, wood and propane are permitted. Fires built on the ground or in open fire pits are prohibited.

17. All cooking equipment shall be situated away from crowds, vehicles and combustible materials. A minimum clearance distance of 3 feet is required.

18. LP-gas cooking appliances shall be UL listed and approved for use. LP-gas cylinders shall be secured in an upright position to keep from falling and positioned to prevent impact from vehicle traffic.

Portable generators are not to be filled while running and fuel must be in a UL listed safety can (2 gal. max). Portable generators and fuel must be stored away from cooking appliances.

19. Coals must be disposed of in the designated coal containers located throughout the lots. Do not dump coals or store stoves on the grass, parking areas, under or around vehicles.

20. A fire extinguisher must accompany each group using a cooking appliance and a person knowledgeable in it's operation must constantly monitor cooking appliances when hot.

21. Food or beverages are not allowed to be taken into the Alamodome.

22. Children must be supervised at all times and may not play in the traffic areas.

23. In order to ensure the safety of our patrons, golf carts, Segways, motorized coolers, all other types of motorized recreational vehicles, skateboards, bicycles, or large balloons will not be allowed for use by patrons in the parking lots.

24. Dispose of trash in the designated receptacles.

25. Portable toilets are located in Lots B and C.

26. All tents, chairs, etc. must be put away before entering the Alamodome.

27. Parking lots will be patrolled. All violations are subject to ticketing and removal from the premises.

**28. CapriSun, KoolAid, Other individual serving pouch drinks are a redflag and should not be present.**

29. Student organizations are responsible for the behavior of any and all guests in their Tailgating area.

The following items/activities are prohibited:

1. Deep fryers or any oil-based cooking or frying

2. Open flame fires of any kind.

3. Disorderly conduct, including public intoxication.
4. Picketing, political campaigning or soliciting/distribution of any kind.
5. Saving of parking or tailgating spaces.
6. Weapons and fireworks.
7. The solicitation, selling or marketing of any foods, beverages, sports paraphernalia or other merchandise is prohibited.
8. Amplified sound systems or the use of radios/audio devices at loud levels.
- 9. Canopy, tent tarps that prevent anyone from observing the activity in the space (“Walls”). A suggested material to use is mesh fencing if you want to create a barrier. A sample option is Plastic Temporary Fencing, Mesh Snow Fence, Safety Garden Netting that can be purchased at most lumber stores.**

*\*Alamodome Administration may adjust hours.*

*\*\*Subject to Change*

Lots are patrolled by UTSA staff, SAPD, Alamodome Staff, TABC, and other law enforcement officials. All out of compliance violations are subject to be ticketed and removed from lot **without refund**.

## Respectful Environment

Tailgating is a vibrant and family friendly environment. Please be respectful of those surrounding you, being mindful of your choice of language and volume of music. Stereo speakers must be at a volume that will not disrupt other guests. We want the tailgating experience to be enjoyed by all. Groups are personally responsible for making sure their guests act appropriately.

## Opening/Closing

Student groups may enter the parking area beginning 4 hours before kick-off. **All events and activities must end 30 minutes prior to kick-off.**

## Clean-Up

All groups are responsible for making sure their assigned tailgating area is cleaned prior to departing for the game. **Immediately at the conclusion** of tailgating (30 minutes prior to the start of the game):

- All trash/recyclable items must be picked up and sorted into proper receptacles. This includes trash around your assigned area. Trash should be closed in bags or trash containers. Please provide your own trash bags.
- Please keep in mind your environmental impact while planning for Tailgating activities to help with our city's and university's sustainability efforts.
- All leftover food/beverages must be placed in proper containers and stored.
- All clean up procedures must be completed before entering the Alamodome.

**Tailgating spaces not completely cleaned prior to kick-off could result in the group's loss of future tailgating privileges without refund.**

## Tailgating Coordinator

Each student organization wishing to participate in tailgating will designate a “Tailgating Coordinator” to attend each event (being on site at all times), represent their group throughout the season, and be responsible for working with his or her group to uphold university policies. All Tailgate Coordinators will

meet with Student Activities prior to the first game of each season for training and/or a review of expectations.

Tailgating Coordinators **must** refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages during the Tailgating period. **Tailgating Coordinators must wear the neon vest identifying them and a NameTag with their name and their Organization name on it.**

Failure to comply with tailgating policies may result in loss of tailgating privileges **without refund.**

## Risk Management

Groups who tailgate must follow these risk management policies:

- Obey UTSA policies and city and state laws.
- Remember that you are there for football! Alcohol should not be the center of your tailgate.
- Tailgating Coordinator should be present at all times.
- Educate ALL group members and guests about the tailgate policies.
- Do not transport individuals in the back of pickup trucks. (Nor should they be allowed to stand in or on the vehicles.)
- Be sure at least one member (Tailgating Coordinator) of the group does not consume alcohol.
- Tailgating is a BYOB event. Alcoholic beverages should not be provided to anyone inside or outside your organization.
- Purchase of alcohol with organizational funds is strongly discouraged.
- No group or individual is permitted to participate in "drinking games" (i.e. beer pong, flip cup, beer bongs, funneling, "shot-gunning," etc...).
- If you are over 21, and choose to drink alcoholic beverages, keep your consumption moderate.
- Have sober, designated drivers.
- Glass bottles and containers **are not** be allowed.
- Clean up assigned area.

## Tailgate Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game Time**</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Tailgate Open**</u>
9/11/2021	5:00 PM	Lamar	1:00 PM
9/18/2021	5:00 PM	Middle Tennessee	1:00 PM
10/2/2021	5:00 PM	UNLV (Family Weekend)	1:00 PM
10/16/2021	5:00 PM	Rice (Homecoming)	1:00 PM
11/13/2021	2:30 PM	Southern Mississippi	10:30 AM
11/20/2011	2:30 PM	UAB	10:30 AM

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