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Tailgating Policy

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Related Policies:

- [N.C. General Statute § 18B-1002 – Special one-time permits](#)
- [N.C. General Statute § 18B-1006 – Miscellaneous provisions on permits](#)
- [UNCP POL 04.25.01 – Drug and Alcohol Policy](#)

Additional References:

- [UNCP Parking Map](#)

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1. GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

1.1 It is illegal and a violation of university policy for any person less than 21 years of age to consume, purchase, or possess an alcoholic beverage. All policies and procedures for possession, consumption, and handling of alcoholic beverages must comply with N.C.G.S, Chapter 18B, and university policy. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with appropriate university rules and regulations, in addition to penalties under state law. All students should be familiar with the alcohol beverage laws of North Carolina. Student possession and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverage are prohibited at all locations except as indicated in The University of North Carolina at Pembroke [Drug and Alcohol Policy](#). Current exceptions to the UNCP alcohol policy include:

1.1.a. students aged 21 years and older are permitted to possess and consume alcohol in residence halls;

1.1.b. students aged 21 years and older are permitted to possess and consume alcohol at the UNCP homecoming semi-formal dance; and,

1.1.c. students aged 21 years and older are permitted to possess and consume alcohol while tailgating in designated areas or parking lots prior to UNCP football games.

1.2 Specific procedures must exist to check and identify underage persons any time alcoholic beverage consumption by such persons may occur.

1.3 Under no circumstance may any department, office, person, organization, or business sell alcoholic beverages on the university's campus. "Sale" means any transfer, trade, exchange, or barter, in any manner or by any means, for consideration. [N.C.G.S. section [18B-1002](#) and [18B-1006](#)]

2. AUTHORIZED AREAS ON CAMPUS

2.1 Unless prohibited by administrative action, alcoholic beverages on campus may be possessed or consumed by persons aged 21 years or older in the following university designated locations only:

2.1.a. the campus residences of legal age students and guests. For the purposes of this policy, the residence of a student living in a residence hall is defined as only the assigned campus room in the residence hall and does not include any public or common area of the residence hall;

2.1.b. select bring your own beverage events sanctioned and administered by University; and,

2.1.c. university approved tailgating at select pre-approved events. The only alcoholic beverages that may be consumed at university approved tailgating events are malt beverages and unfortified wine. Tailgating may only occur in designated areas as dictated by campus safety officials at approval of event. See information below for rules and procedures concerning tailgating.

3. TAILGATING

3.1 Tailgating - Defined as parking or gathering on the UNCP campus and consuming food and/or beverages, tailgating at home UNCP football games is only permitted in Lot 24 Belk Complex and Lot 14 Jones Center. Tailgating will be permitted to begin four-and-a-half (4.5) hours before kick-off. No tailgating is permitted at UNCP during or after home athletic games. Persons who wish to drink alcohol MUST have an age identification bracelet. Age identification bracelets will be issued in Lot 14 and 24 to persons presenting legal proof of age. Public display of alcoholic beverage brand label packaging is prohibited. No games of entertainment that use alcohol or implements, which encourage excessive alcohol consumption, will be permitted.

3.2 Alcohol - The only alcoholic beverages that may be consumed at university approved tailgating events are malt beverages and unfortified wine.

3.3 Keg - Kegs are prohibited on the UNCP campus for any event. A keg is any container that holds, or is capable of holding, more than one (1) gallon at a single time of a malt beverage or unfortified wine.

3.4 Grilling - Grilling is allowed in designated areas within Lots 24 and 14. Grills using propane gas are allowed and are preferred. The maximum propane gas cylinder size allowed is twenty (20) lbs. Grills using charcoal are permitted, but users must dispose of coals in marked containers located in Lots 24 and 14. Tailgaters should not dispose of charcoal in any non-marked container or in grass, woods, parking lots, or trash cans.

3.5 Frying with hot oil and grease - Due to the inherent danger of cooking with hot oil and grease, the likelihood of serious injury from an incident involving the hot oil or grease, and the environmental issues associated with proper disposal of used cooking oil and grease, deep frying is not allowed.

3.6 Lot 24 - Lot 24 is located at the Belk Complex, adjacent to the Caton Fieldhouse and stadium. Access to this lot is by special permit only on the day of UNCP home football games. The Vice Chancellor for Advancement will issue Lot 24 permits. Parking Lot 24 will be closed beginning at 9 p.m. the evening prior to a UNCP home football game. Any car remaining in Lot 24 will be towed at 7 a.m. on the day of UNCP's home football games. UNCP students, faculty, and staff with valid UNCP parking permits who normally park in Lot 24 may relocate their vehicles to any legal parking lot on campus except lots 14, 24, 24A, 24B, and 24C. Notification of the need to move vehicles will begin a week prior to any home game. Vehicles remaining will be towed at owner's expense.

3.7 Lot 14 - Parking Lot 14 will be closed beginning at 9:00 p.m. the evening prior to a UNCP home football game. Any car remaining in Lot 14 will be towed at 7:00 a.m. on the day of UNCP's home football games. UNCP students, faculty, and staff with valid UNCP parking permits who normally park in Lot 14 may relocate their vehicles to any legal parking lot on campus except lots 14, 24, 24A, 24B, and 24C. Notification of the need to move vehicles will begin a week prior to any home game. Vehicles remaining will be towed at owner's expense.

4. ALCOHOL EXCEPTION FOR TAILGATING AT UNCP FOOTBALL GAMES

4.1 Tailgating at which alcoholic beverages are consumed shall apply to all NCAA football games and scrimmages and may begin no more than four-and-a-half (4.5) hours before an event and must end promptly at game time. Tailgating is permitted prior to home football games in designated areas approved by UNCP and for select alumni engagement functions as approved by Advancement and Public Safety. Tailgating participants shall be required to leave the lots at game time through a coordinated effort under the leadership of the Chief of Campus Police. No tailgating will be permitted during or after games. People who leave the stadium during games will not be allowed to reenter the stadium. Motor homes and RVs are permitted to park in Lot 14 at the NW corner.

4.2 No kegs are permitted at tailgating activities. Public display of alcoholic beverage brand label packaging is prohibited. All beverages should be in a cup. The use of plastic containers is encouraged for the consumption of all beverages. Glass containers are prohibited in all tailgating areas. No games of entertainment that use alcohol or implements, which encourage excessive alcohol consumption, will be permitted.

4.3 The cabinet, in consultation with campus police, will designate approved tailgating areas for all events.

4.4 The Director of Athletics is responsible for posting signs that communicate the campus alcohol policy in designated tailgating parking lots.

4.5 All tailgaters are responsible for the proper disposal of their trash and other debris. UNCP Facilities Operations will provide trash containers in tailgating areas and will periodically pick-up trash during tailgating hours. Containers will be provided for the disposal of hot coals. For safety purposes, glass containers are NOT allowed in tailgating areas.

4.6 Campus police will provide mobile patrol through designated tailgating areas before, during, and after the games. Campus police will be stationed in or nearby designated tailgating areas to enforce state laws for violations that may occur.

4.7 At game time, staff members from the Athletic Department, Braves Club, and Office of Student Affairs will remind all individuals in tailgating areas of the restrictions on alcohol consumption after the game begins. They will assist campus police and will encourage all individuals to leave tailgating areas and move into the stadium at the start of the game.

4.8 Lot 24

4.8.1 Special permits, issued by the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Director of Athletics, are required to park in Lot 24 during home football games. The Office for Advancement, Braves Club, and the Athletic Department will provide personnel to control access to tailgating areas in Lot 24. The Vice Chancellor for Advancement will provide information on the university's alcohol policy and state laws governing alcohol consumption to individuals in Lot 24. Access to restroom facilities for persons participating in tailgating activities in Lot 24 is the responsibility of the Director of Athletics and Vice Chancellor for Advancement.

4.9 Lot 14

4.9.1 Parking Lot 14 is a paid parking lot. The Athletic Department will assist in directing cars in this lot and will carry police radios so they may be summoned to assist with problems that involve tailgating in Lot 14. The Department of Athletics will provide information on the university's alcohol policy and state laws governing alcohol consumption to individuals in Lot 14. Persons wishing to drink alcohol in Lot 14 must be issued an age identification bracelet. Access to restroom facilities is available in Lot 14. Beginning fifteen-to-thirty minutes before game time, campus police will patrol Lot 14 to enforce the alcohol policy and state laws as necessary.

4.10 UNCP reserves the right to amend this policy at any time and for any reason with appropriate notice, including closing any parking lots, and to place additional restrictions or conditions on persons entering areas where tailgating is allowed.