

**Student Tailgating Policy and Procedures  
Fall 2024**

**SDSU Mission Valley Jurisdiction**

Snapdragon Stadium, including the temporary parking lots, is considered to be an on-campus venue and respective university policies and procedures apply. The San Diego State University Police Department's jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to, SDSU Mission Valley. The Student Code of Conduct for individual students, and the Recognized Student Organization Handbook and Student Organization Code of Conduct for Recognized Student Organizations, apply. Specific tailgating rules have been established by SDSU Athletics for Snapdragon Stadium. Campus-wide policies, including the Buildings & Grounds, Time, Place and Manner, and Smoke-free Campus policies, apply.

*It is the responsibility of individual students and collective organizations to be familiar with all applicable policies.*

**Recognized Student Organization Tailgating Policy**

The SDSU Student Tailgating policy and procedures were collaboratively developed and are administered by the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity, Associated Students, and SDSU Athletics. Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) must properly register their Snapdragon Stadium tailgate event(s). RSOs that register their tailgates will be issued one parking pass to be used at Snapdragon Stadium.

As part of tailgating privileges at Snapdragon Stadium, RSOs must:

- Maintain a "recognized" or "conditionally recognized" status by the university;
- Register their tailgate at least three (3) days in advance of gameday;
- Designate a point person to serve as an on-site student leader for the tailgate;
- Participate in required training provided by the Office of the Dean of Students staff; and
- Uphold all local, state, and federal laws, as well as university policies, during the tailgate, including the SDSU Tailgate Policy, the Student Code of Conduct, and the Student Organization Code of Conduct.

**Gameday Tailgating Timeline**

As is consistent with all guests at Snapdragon Stadium, RSOs may begin to tailgate five (5) hours in advance of kick-off. The tailgate must conclude *and the space must be cleaned and vacated* by the beginning of the football game (kick-off).

**Eligibility**

Student Organizations must be recognized or conditionally recognized by the university in order to host a tailgate. All tailgating RSOs must have sufficient liability insurance. The insurance coverage may be provided through the Club Liability Insurance Program (CLIP), the social fraternity/sorority's insurance coverage, or through the organization's purchase of special event insurance.

**On-site Student Leader**

All RSOs hosting a tailgate must identify an on-site student leader as part of the registration process. The on-site student leader will coordinate the tailgate registration process for the RSO. Further, the on-site student leader will serve as the official representative of the RSO at the tailgating site, liaise with on-site staff, ensure that all rules and regulations are upheld, remain sober throughout the tailgate, and ensure the space is cleaned

following the tailgate. Each on-site student leader must participate in training provided by the Office of the Dean of Students each season and before the organization's first tailgate.

### ***Laws and Policies***

Individual students and RSOs must uphold all local, state, and federal laws, as well as university policies, during the tailgate.

### **Tailgating Registration Process**

Once opened, the tailgate registration form will be available for the entire season. Recognized Student Organizations must register their tailgate at least three (3) days in advance of gameday, unless otherwise noted by the Office of the Dean of Students staff. The on-site student leader must attend training at least once per season and before the RSO hosts a tailgate. Once training completion has been confirmed, the on-site student leader will be issued a parking permit in advance of the game.

### **RSO Tailgating Policy Enforcement**

The San Diego State University Police Department has jurisdiction to respond to concerns at SDSU Mission Valley, and may respond to and document alleged violations of law and policy. Further, referrals made by the SDSU Police Department or another reporting party may be reviewed and investigated by the Center for Student Rights & Responsibilities (individual students) and the Office of the Dean of Students (Recognized Student Organizations). RSOs found responsible for violations of the Tailgating policies, based on the Student Organization Code of Conduct Process, may not be able to register for future tailgates during the remainder of the season.

### **Amnesty and Good Samaritan Policies**

SDSU's [Amnesty Policy](#) (for individual students) and [Good Samaritan Policy](#) (for organizations) seek to reduce barriers for students to call emergency personnel. When students call for help, generally the reporting party, the person in need of assistance, and when applicable, the organization, will not receive a sanction for violations of the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Organization Code of Conduct related to the incident.

**Addendum A: Current Organizational Policies for Events On-Campus with Alcohol**  
(as published in the *Recognized Student Organization Handbook*)

**Policy for On-Campus Events with Alcoholic Beverages.** Subject to this policy, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages is limited to brewed/fermented alcoholic beverages. Distilled liquor is not permitted at any time. In sponsoring a function where brewed/fermented alcoholic beverages is present, the organization and its officers accept the following responsibilities and conditions:

- An organization sponsoring an event has an obligation to provide for the safety of any members or guests who exhibit intoxication. This might require taking the person home and ensuring that someone is present to monitor their condition until they are sober. If the person is unconscious, is breathing irregularly, has a weak pulse, or has discolored skin, **immediate medical attention must be sought.**
- Requests must be submitted to the university via the Event Application System form, completing a “Request for the use of Alcoholic Beverages” form, and a risk management plan.
- Observe all applicable federal, state, and local laws and university policies.
- Limit participation in an authorized event to members of the sponsoring organization and its invited guests. Members and the RSO are responsible for the behavior of guests they invite.
- Brewed/fermented alcoholic beverages must be clearly incidental and supplementary to the main purpose of the function. Food must be a meaningful part of the function, if alcohol is available.
- To refrain from advertising to the public the availability of alcoholic beverages or otherwise using alcoholic beverages as an event inducement. Events promoted to the public may not have alcohol present.
- Unless a sponsor is licensed, brewed/fermented alcoholic beverages may NOT be sold at student-sponsored events, nor may a specified amount or donation be collected.
- Provide non-alcoholic beverages, to be served in the same manner as alcoholic beverages.
- To assure that no minor or intoxicated person is accessing alcoholic beverages. It is the responsibility of the organization to ensure that only those of legal drinking age consume alcoholic beverages. Participants who demonstrate signs of intoxication must not be permitted to continue consuming alcohol.
- For events at San Diego State University-San Diego any alcohol must be managed and served by Aztec Shops Catering. Self-service is not permitted and a server must be at least 21 years old. Servers must be trained in accordance with the California Responsible Beverages Service Training Program Act.
- Events at San Diego State University require Aztec Shops personnel to verify the proof of age of those being served.
- All alcoholic beverages consumed at tailgates must be brought by the individual members and guests (21+) attending the function for their own personal consumption. Distribution of alcohol to anyone of any age, and use/possession of alcohol by those under age 21 remains prohibited at such events.
- For tailgates at SDSU Mission Valley, guests 21 years of age or older may bring no more than one fermented/brewed alcoholic beverage per hour of the event. A brewed/fermented alcoholic beverage is defined as a beverage that is, or has the same amount of alcohol as, 12 ounces with 5% ABV.
- The purchase and/or use of any bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages or providing a common source of alcohol (e.g., kegs, miniature kegs, alcoholic punch, open bars, etc.) is expressly prohibited at tailgates.
- Provision of meals must be available and substantially accompany alcohol sale or service where minors are permitted in accordance with California license requirements. Alcoholic beverages may be served only in areas where food is normally served.

- Alcoholic beverages may not be removed from the room or designated area within which alcohol access has been permitted. The organization must provide one or more individuals to be positioned by the exits for enforcement of this condition.
- For events at San Diego State University, the amount of alcoholic beverages present must be appropriate for the nature of the event, the estimated attendance, and the amount of food and non-alcoholic beverages present.
- To maintain decorum appropriate to the university setting.
- To pay for any/all damages incurred during the activity.
- To clean and restore the facility to its original condition.
- In accordance with State law unless licensed, alcohol may not be sold for fundraising or offered as a prize in a “free drawing.”
- Recognized Student Organizations, including fraternities and sororities, may not invite prospective new members to events with alcohol, including tailgates. Further, alcohol may not be present during recruitment, bid day, new member processes, big/little reveal nights, or before/during/following initiation.

**Addendum B: Student Code of Conduct**

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

41301, Title 5, California Code of Regulations

**(a) Campus Community Values**

The university is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy living and learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. Each member of the campus community should choose behaviors that contribute toward this end. Students are expected to be good citizens and to engage in responsible behaviors that reflect well upon their university, to be civil to one another and to others in the campus community, and contribute positively to student and university life.

**(b) Grounds for Student Discipline**

Student behavior that is not consistent with the Student Conduct Code is addressed through an educational process designed to promote safety and good citizenship and, when necessary, impose appropriate consequences.

1. Dishonesty, including:
  - A. (1) Cheating that is intended to gain unfair academic advantage.
  - A. (2) Plagiarism that is intended to gain unfair academic advantage.
  - A. (3) Other forms of academic dishonesty that are intended to gain unfair academic advantage.
  - B. Dishonesty, including: Furnishing false information to a University official, faculty member, or campus office.
  - C. Dishonesty, including: Forgery, alteration, or misuse of a University document, key, or identification instrument.
  - D. Dishonesty, including: Misrepresenting oneself to be an authorized agent of the University or one of its auxiliaries.
2. Unauthorized entry into, presence in, use of, or misuse of University property.
3. Willful, material and substantial disruption or obstruction of a University-related activity, or any on-campus activity.
4. Participating in an activity that substantially and materially disrupts the normal operations of the University, or infringes on the rights of members of the University community.
5. Willful, material and substantial obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or other traffic, on or leading to campus property or an off-campus University related activity.
6. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene behavior at a University related activity, or directed toward a member of the University community.
7. Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person within or related to the University community, including

- A. physical abuse, threats, intimidation, or harassment.
  - B. sexual misconduct.
8. Hazing, or conspiracy to haze. Hazing is defined as any method of initiation or pre-initiation in to a student organization, or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in this state. (Penal Code 245.6) and in addition, any act likely to cause physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any former, current or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution. The term "hazing" does not include customary athletic events or school sanctioned events. Neither the express or implied consent of a victim of hazing, nor the lack of active participation in a particular hazing incident is a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act, and is also a violation of this section.
9. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug-related paraphernalia, (except as expressly permitted by law and University regulations) or the misuse of legal pharmaceutical drugs).
10. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly permitted by law and University regulations), or public intoxication while on campus or at a University related activity.
11. Theft of property or services from the University community, or misappropriation of University resources.
12. Unauthorized destruction, or damage to University property or other property in the University community.
13. Possession or misuse of firearms or guns, replicas, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, knives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals (without the prior authorization of the campus president) on campus or at a University related activity.
14. Unauthorized recording, dissemination, or publication of academic presentations (including handwritten notes) for a commercial purpose.
15. Misuse of computer facilities or resources, including:
- A. Unauthorized entry into a file, for any purpose.
  - B. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
  - C. Use of another's identification or password.
  - D. Use of computing facilities, campus network, or other resources to interfere with the work of another member of the University Community.
  - E. Use of computing facilities and resource to send obscene or intimidating and abusive messages.
  - F. Misuse of computer facilities or resources, including: Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with normal University operations.
  - G. Use of computing facilities and resources in violation of copyright laws.
  - H. Violation of a campus computer use policy.

16. Violation of any published University policy, rule, regulation or presidential order.
17. Failure to comply with directions of, or interference with, any University official or any public safety officer while acting in the performance of his/her duties.
18. Any act chargeable as a violation of a federal, state, or local law that poses a substantial threat to the safety or well-being of members of the University community, to property within the University community or poses a significant threat of disruption or interference with University operations.
19. Violation of the Student Conduct Procedures, including:
  - A. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information related to a student discipline matter.
  - B. Disruption or interference with the orderly progress of a student discipline proceeding.
  - C. Initiation of a student discipline proceeding in bad faith.
  - D. Attempting to discourage another from participating in the student discipline matter.
  - E. Attempting to influence the impartiality of any participant in a student discipline matter.
  - F. Verbal or physical harassment or intimidation of any participant in a student discipline matter.
  - G. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under a student discipline proceeding.
20. Encouraging, permitting, or assisting another to do any act that could subject him or her to discipline.

### **(c) Application of this Code**

Sanctions for the conduct listed above can be imposed on applicants, enrolled students, students between academic terms, graduates awaiting degrees, and students who withdraw from school while a disciplinary matter is pending. Conduct that threatens the safety or security of the campus community, or substantially disrupts the functions or operation of the University is within the jurisdiction of this Article regardless of whether it occurs on or off campus. Nothing in this Code may conflict with Education Code section 66301 that prohibits disciplinary action against students based on behavior protected by the First Amendment.

### **(d) Procedures for Enforcing this Code**

The Chancellor shall adopt procedures to ensure students are afforded appropriate notice and an opportunity to be heard before the University imposes any sanction for a violation of the Student Conduct Code.

**Addendum C: Snapdragon Stadium Tailgating Rules**

*Recognized Student Organizations that register for and are assigned to a tailgating space at Snapdragon Stadium must adhere to the following guidelines established by SDSU Athletics and Snapdragon Stadium, as outlined below.*

**TAILGATING:** SDSU recognizes that tailgating is an important aspect of the game day experience. The following tailgating rules and regulations have been established to create a safe and enjoyable tailgating experience for all.

**Tailgating Set-Up**

- All fire lanes, drive aisles, sidewalks and walkways must always remain clear and unobstructed.
- Only temporary pop-up tents are permitted. Nothing can be attached or affixed to the grounds or premises (light poles, etc).
- Only natural gas or propane grills are allowed. Charcoal grills, wood stoves, oil fryers, open pit fires, and/or other cooking stations will NOT be allowed.

**Alcohol Consumption**

- All alcohol consumption must cease 30 minutes following the scheduled start time of the event.
- No glass bottles or containers are allowed on the premises. All drinks shall be placed in plastic or other non-breakable cups or cans.
- Unauthorized sale of food or beverage items is prohibited. Fans are limited to bringing and preparing food for their family and friends only.
- No kegs are permitted.
- Patrons are prohibited from exiting the parking facility with any type of alcoholic beverage.

**Prohibited Parking Lot Activities**

- No amplified sound systems are permitted (small dock speakers are ok). Music being played must be suitable for a family friendly setting.
- No discharging, launching or throwing any aerial devices that could cause harm to patrons or vehicles.
- No fireworks.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited.
- Non-licensed motorized vehicles are prohibited within parking lots, including but not limited to golf carts, Segway's, skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and hoverboards.
- Radio-controlled model aircraft, unmanned aircraft systems, drones, and other similar devices are prohibited. Possession or operation of such devices may result in immediate ejection from the area and operators may be subject to arrest.
- Weapons or firearms are strictly prohibited.
- All trash must be disposed of in the provided receptacles, or hauled off-site.
- Portable restrooms will be available.