



Cornell College Athletic Department Tailgating Policy

Purpose

The Cornell College Athletic Department encourages fans, alumni, students, families, and visitors to demonstrate school pride and good sportsmanship at all athletic events. This Tailgating Policy, together with the [Cornell College Drug and Alcohol Policy](#), establishes expectations for a safe, respectful, and family-friendly game day environment.

All individuals participating in tailgating activities are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that respects others and promotes community safety. Tailgating areas will be monitored by Campus Safety and law enforcement. Individuals who engage in disruptive, inappropriate, or unlawful behavior may be required to leave the premises and may be subject to disciplinary action or arrest.

1. Designated Tailgating Areas

1. Tailgating is permitted only in College-designated areas (see appendix A).
2. The primary tailgating location is the Athletic and Wellness Center parking lot adjacent to Van Metre Field at Ash Park.
3. Tailgating is only permitted in conjunction with Cornell College home athletic events.

2. Tailgating Hours and Parking

1. Tailgating may begin no earlier than three (3) hours prior to the scheduled start of an event.
 - Example: Tailgating may begin at 10:00 a.m. for a 1:00 p.m. kickoff.
 - Example: Tailgating may begin at 4:00 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. kickoff.
2. Tailgating hours will be strictly enforced.
3. One parking space must be used per vehicle.
4. Parking aisles, fire lanes, sidewalks, and access routes must remain clear at all times to ensure emergency vehicle access.
5. Alcoholic beverages may not be taken outside of the designated tailgating area.
6. Tailgating availability is on a first come first serve basis, and spaces will not be reserved for groups unless approved by the Director of Athletics.



3. Tents, Canopies, and Equipment

1. Pop-up tents and canopies must be properly secured.
 2. Tents, tables, chairs, grills, games, and other equipment may not obstruct parking aisles, sidewalks, walkways, fire lanes, or travel lanes.
 3. Stakes, tent poles, or any other objects may not be driven into the ground.
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4. Grilling and Fire Safety

1. Charcoal grills, smokers, fire pits, and deep fryers are prohibited.
 2. Portable gas or propane grills are permitted.
 3. Propane cylinders may not exceed twenty (20) pounds in capacity.
 4. All grilling equipment must be attended while in use and operated in a safe manner.
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5. Cleanliness and Waste Disposal

1. Individuals and groups are responsible for maintaining their tailgating area in a clean and orderly condition.
 2. Trash, recyclables, and other waste must be placed in designated collection containers.
 3. Before departing, participants must remove all personal property and restore their assigned area to its original condition.
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6. Alcohol and Responsible Conduct

To ensure the safety and well-being of the Cornell College community, all participants must adhere to the following standards:

Legal Drinking Age

Only individuals twenty-one (21) years of age or older may purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages, in accordance with Iowa law and applicable local ordinances.

Personal Responsibility



1. Individuals choosing to consume alcohol are expected to do so responsibly and in moderation.
2. Intoxication, disorderly conduct, harassment, or behavior that creates a disturbance or safety concern will not be tolerated.
3. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited and may result in criminal penalties under Iowa law.

Compliance with College Policy

All participants must comply with the [Cornell College Drug and Alcohol Policy](#) and all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

7. Compliance and Enforcement

1. Any individual found to be in violation of this policy, the [Cornell College Drug and Alcohol Policy](#), local ordinances, or state law may be subject to:
 - Immediate removal from the tailgating area or event venue;
 - Referral to Campus Safety;
 - Referral to local law enforcement; and/or
 - Appropriate College disciplinary action, up to and including employee termination or student expulsion, where applicable.
 2. Participants are encouraged to look out for one another and to always prioritize community safety.
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8. Smoking and Tobacco Use

Smoking, vaping, and the use of tobacco products are prohibited on Cornell College property in accordance with college policy and applicable law.

9. Visiting Institutions and Organized Tailgates

1. Visiting institutions wishing to host a tailgating event in conjunction with a contest at Cornell College must obtain prior approval from the Director of Athletics.
2. An official representative of the visiting institution must contact the Director of Athletics to coordinate the request.



3. Upon notification, the Director of Athletics will coordinate with the Dean of Students and the Director of Campus Safety to ensure appropriate administrative oversight, safety planning, and risk management measures are in place.

Questions

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Cornell College Athletic Department (319) 895-4230 or the Office of Campus Safety (319) 895-4299.

Thank you for helping create a safe, respectful, and enjoyable game day experience for all members of the Cornell College community.



Appendix A

Designated tailgating locations include:

“A Lot”



End of List.