Tailgating and Alcohol Use
Florida Tech Panther Stadium

Purpose
To provide specific requirements for food grilling and the possession, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages at University sponsored athletic events at Florida Tech Panther Stadium located at Palm Bay Magnet High School.

Scope
This policy applies to campus and off-campus athletic venues sponsored by Florida Tech.

POLICY STATEMENT

Grilling (Open Fires)
Open fire grills in two designated areas, the Tailgate Village located in the outer perimeter (southwest of the playing field/north of the baseball field) and the cement parking lot on the north side of the school. Canisters currently utilized on the campus for charcoal disposal will be transported to the designated grilling areas prior to the game and removed following them. Fire extinguishers will be on-hand at the venue.

Service of Alcoholic Beverages
Florida Tech Campus Dining is the sole liquor permit-holder on University campuses and is solely responsible for ensuring the proper service of alcohol at Florida Tech Panther Stadium.

Alcoholic beverages may be possessed, served, and consumed on the property leased by Florida Tech for pre-game and game time activities for University Sponsored Athletic Events.

Conditions for Service:
- Florida Tech Campus Dining Service personnel or those third party vendor(s) approved by Florida Tech Campus Dining who possess the required liquor and catering permitting.
- Florida Tech Campus Dining Service personnel utilized for University Sponsored Athletic Events are TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) certified.
- Alcoholic beverages are served as a complement to a planned University Sponsored Athletic Event with a legitimate University Athletic Department purpose.
- Alcoholic beverage service is accompanied by food service and non-alcoholic beverage alternatives in amounts sufficient for all attendees.

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Tailgating and alcohol service and/or consumption on the property known as Palm Bay Magnet High School is prohibited in academic buildings and is limited to the parking areas and facilities leased by and under the direct responsibility of Florida Tech for their athletic event(s).

For the purposes of this policy, the venue known as Florida Tech Panther Stadium will be defined in two parts, an outer perimeter and an inner perimeter (See Exhibit B). No alcoholic beverages may be served to any person under the age of twenty-one years.
The outer perimeter will consist of all locations at the Palm Bay Magnet High School, leased to the university by the School Board of Brevard County for athletic events, not defined in the policy as Inner Perimeter.

- These areas include but are not limited to parking areas and the adjacent field area located on the southwest side of the fenced playing area, north of the baseball complex (see Student Tailgate Village on diagram).

Persons twenty-one years of age or older may possess and responsibly consume alcohol in the Outer Perimeter.

**Outer Perimeter**

Referred to as "Tailgate Areas" afford fans the opportunity to conduct those activities commonly known and accepted as "tailgating" activities and include transporting to the venue and lawfully and responsibly consuming their own food and beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. All persons are subject to applicable city ordinances and state laws. Signs will be posted at visible entry points to the Outer Perimeter informing people that the consumption of alcohol by a person under twenty-one years of age is strictly prohibited and will include the additional disclaimer that university retains the right to prohibit any person from entry.

The outer perimeter will open three hours prior to the time of kick-off and close one hour following the end of the game.

The inner perimeter is defined as any location where a ticket or field pass is required for entry (i.e. field, track, stadium seating, President’s Tent, VIP Tent).

**Inner Perimeter**

Within the Inner Perimeter, no alcohol is permitted except that professionally served by Florida Tech Campus Dining or approved third-party vendors. Signs will be visibly placed at stadium entry points prohibiting entry with alcoholic beverages.

In coordination with Florida Tech Campus Dining, alcohol may be served beginning three hours before the start of the game and will conclude no later than the end of the third quarter.

**Venue Security for Football Games**

**Melbourne Police Department**

Pre-game - A preferred minimum number of seven (7) Police Officers will provide police protection beginning one hour before the start of the game and ending one hour after the game. 1-hour before the start of the game to game time, Melbourne Police Officers will provide traffic control. A minimum of two officers will be assigned to patrol the northeast parking area (tailgating area) and two officers will patrol the southwest parking area (baseball field). As available, officers will roam the entire outer perimeter.

Game time to end of game, all seven police officers will provide police protection within the inner perimeter.
End of game to 1-hour post game – Three (3) officers provide traffic control, two (2) officers patrol northeast parking area, two (2) officers patrol southwest parking area (baseball field).

**Campus Security**

Pre-game - Ten (10) Security Officers will provide security, beginning three hour before game time and ending one hour following the game. Three (3) hours prior to kick off, eight security officers will be assigned to the outer perimeter (2 officers at bag check, 2 officers in the Student Tailgate Village, 2 officers in the northeast parking lot. For the inner perimeter, one officer will be assigned at the northeast pass gate and one officer at the visiting team’s gate entrance. Two (2) officers will be assigned to the President’s Bungalow.

The two security officers assigned to the bag check area will provide overall supervision of game day workers inspecting patrons’ bags as they enter the stadium.

Game time to end of game – One security officer will be assigned to the southeast emergency gate. Two security officers will be assigned to the east side stands, two officers at the President’s Bungalow/north end of stadium, one officer assigned to the south end of the stadium, two officers to the Student Tailgate Village and two officers monitoring the west stands.

End of game to one hour following – Two officers in the Inner Perimeter (field/track), two officers in the Student Tailgate Village, two officers in the southwest parking lot (baseball field), two officers in the northeast parking lot and two officers roaming the outer perimeter.

Any University entity (i.e. Athletics, Student Activities Association, Office of Development/Athletic Partnerships, President’s Office) organizing students, fans and/or supporters, are responsible for communicating to Campus Security, any concerns or issues related to alcohol or security matters observed in their area of operation.

**Custodial Services**

The same custodial services utilized for the cleaning of the stadium will be utilized for the clearing of debris in the parking areas.

**Enforcement**

This policy is intended to complement all existing University policy regarding alcohol, including but not limited to, the General Rules of Conduct, Student Code, and the University Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Violations of these policies may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, and the University’s Student Code. Depending on the nature and severity of the violations, additional sanctions may be enacted.
Parking at Palm Bay Magnet High School for Florida Tech Football Games

**Description**
Parking at Palm Bay Magnet High School will be available three hours before kickoff in the following lots:

**Handicap Parking**
Lots 4 and 8

**General Parking**
Lots 2, 10, 11, 12