



Game Day & Tailgating Policy

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

At the University of Central Oklahoma tailgating is an important part of our Game Day Experience. Whether you are a member of Broncho Nation or a visitor to our beautiful campus, we trust you'll enjoy your experience and leave with wonderful memories of your Game Day at UCO! For the safety and enjoyment of all fans, please keep the following guidelines in mind when tailgating at the UCO athletic events. Please note, tailgating setups are subject to removal for violation of tailgating policies.

Approved Locations

Tailgating at football games is designated for the perimeter of Lot 53 (west of Chad Richison Stadium, between baseball/softball facilities) and also permitted in Lots 46, 47 and 51. Visiting team tailgating is designated for Lots 1 and 2 (east of the stadium). For other events in other sports, lots adjacent to the respective athletic venue are suitable for tailgating activities according to event timeframes. Tailgating spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Alcohol

Alcohol possession and consumption may take place in parking lots and designated tailgating areas. Consumption may begin once parking lots open but must cease when the game begins (e.g., published start time for kickoff). State law requires all persons consuming alcohol be at least 21 years of age in possession of valid ID. Intoxication or other signs of alcohol or substance impairment that results in irresponsible behavior is not allowed. Bulk containers such as kegs are not allowed. Devices, such as bongos, intended to increase the rate of consumption, are not allowed. Alcohol, spirits, beer and wine as those terms are defined in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (37A O.S. §1-101 et seq.) and also includes every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, beer or wine and capable of being consumed as a beverage by humans. The full campus policy can be found [here](#).

Game Day Timeline

Football

7:00 a.m.- Parking Lot Gates Open (Lots 53, 1, 2 for tailgating)

90 minutes before kickoff- Ticket Offices Open; VIP Parking Lot 44 Opens

90 minutes before kickoff- Chad Richison Stadium Gates Open

90 minutes after end of game- Lots and grounds must be cleared

All other athletic events

60 minutes before start time - Ticket Office Opens & Gates Open

60 minutes after start time - Lots and grounds must be cleared & facility(s) locked

Glass Containers

Glass containers are not allowed for use during tailgating activities.

Grills

Propane grill use is permitted in campus parking areas prior to football games. Grills must be placed on a level, paved surface. Grills must be turned off at the supply tank, the lid closed and all refuse cleaned before departing the area. Grills must be placed no less than 20 feet away from temporary structures such as portable canopies. Charcoal is prohibited.

Music

Music should be confined to your tailgate area and speakers should be directed into your tailgate party. Live bands, PA systems and/or DJs are not permitted. Tailgaters are encouraged to contact UCO police at 405-974-2345 if music from another tailgate party becomes a nuisance. This policy is intended to protect the enjoyment of other fans. Musical tastes and tolerance levels vary greatly from tailgate to tailgate.

Parking

General parking for games and athletic events is designated for Lots 1, 2, 3, 44, 46, 47, 51 and 53. The full map can be found [here](#). For football games, Lot 44 is reserved for VIP and MVP level Stampede Club members, and portions of Lot 53 will be designated for tailgating. For basketball games, Lot 41 is reserved for VIP and MVP level Stampede Club members. If you are interested to become a Stampede Club member, find more information [here](#).

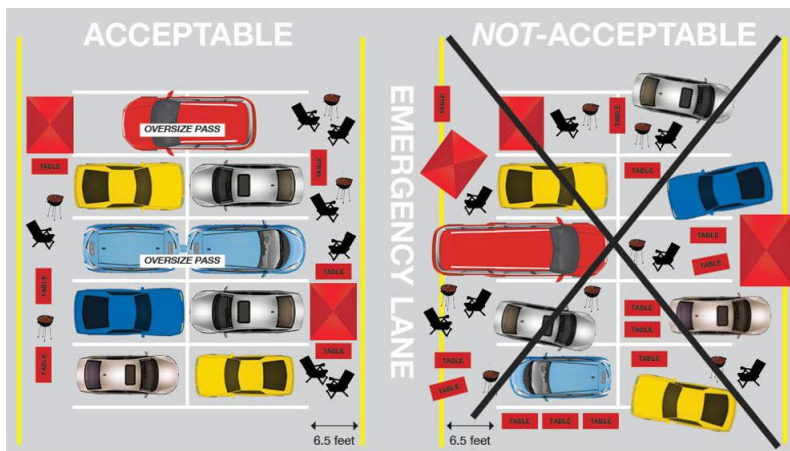
Disability Parking

There are handicap parking spots in each lot. For football games, lots 53, 44 and 1 have the best proximity to stadium entrances. For events in Hamilton Field House, use lots 44, 41 and 1. A state-issued Disability Parking Placard must be visible in the vehicle.

Parking/Tailgating Policies

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of our fans, the following regulations are in effect on game days:

- Motor vehicles may occupy one parking space
- Motor homes and RV's may occupy two parking spaces only. Motor homes and RV's are allowed only in Lot 47 (or Lot 2 for football visiting team fans).
- Trailers, furniture intended for interior household use (couches, recliners, etc.) are prohibited in parking lots or tailgate areas.
- Parking spaces may not be served or saved for others. Individuals who want to tailgate adjacent to one another must arrive and enter parking lots and/or tailgate areas at the same time.
- Parking lot traffic-ways may not be blocked for any reason (vehicles, pedestrians, tents, tables, equipment, etc.) and must remain open to vehicle traffic and emergency egress at all times.
- Lots and grounds must be cleared within 90 minutes of end of game.



Safety and Security

It is the responsibility of each tailgate party to secure tailgate items prior to entering the stadium. Tailgaters should lock food, beverages and valuables out of sight in vehicles; extinguish all fires or flames; unplug electrical outlets; chairs and ice chests; and store beverages in locked containers. UCO is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Tents

UCO discourages the use of tents larger than 10' x 10'. Tents may not be staked into the ground. Tents must not block emergency travel lanes. Tents should be taken down before entering the game as unexpected winds can cause tents to scatter when unattended. Tents are subject to theft if left alone.

Tobacco Use

Tobacco use of any kind is prohibited within the University of Central Oklahoma facilities or on UCO's premises. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, hookah smoked products, pipes and oral tobacco.

Trash and Recyclable Items

Each individual is responsible for making sure the tailgating area and grounds are maintained in a clean and orderly fashion. No trash or recyclable items are to be discarded anywhere except trash and recycling containers located throughout the tailgating areas.

Venue Entry

Screening & Metal Detectors

Spectators are subject to a security screening process upon entry to venues within UCO's Chad Richison Sports Complex. For football games, this includes the use of metal detectors at all entries. Spectators should be mindful of what items to bring and/or not bring to games.

No Re-entry Policy

To enhance fan safety and align with best practices throughout intercollegiate athletics, fans who leave and want to return must use an unscanned ticket and will be subject to another security screening. Ticket booths will remain open until the end of each game.

Clear Bag Requirement

All venues within UCO's Chad Richison Sports Complex have a "clear bag" requirement to expedite attendee entry through the security screening process and to enhance safety and security. Specifically, the following are permitted and prohibited:

Approved for Entry:

- Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags no larger than 12" x 6" x 12"
- Clear one-gallon storage bags (Ziploc bag or similar)
- A non-transparent clutch purses no larger than 4.5" x 6.5"
- Bags necessary for approved medical equipment will be searched
- Diaper bags will be searched and must accompany an age-appropriate child
- Blankets (one per person) are permitted but are subject to security screening inspection and cannot be inside a container or bag

Prohibited Items:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Baby seats and strollers
- Backpacks, fanny packs, string backpacks and hard binocular cases
- Banners/signs larger than 24" x 36". No banner/sign may be supported by poles, etc. or affixed to any portion of the facility. Banners/signs must reflect good sportsmanship.
- Beach balls
- Cameras. Includes professional equipment, cameras with telephoto lenses and tripods. Exceptions are made by UCO Athletics for professional photographers upon request.
- Coolers, containers, ice chests
- Drones

Prohibited Items - continued:

- Firearms or other weapons prohibited by Oklahoma law
- Fireworks or other forms of explosive materials or objects
- Folding chairs or stools
- Food and beverage (except small amounts of prepared baby food or medically necessary food products)
- Laser pointers/pens/lights of any kind
- Noise makers (horns, whistles, cow bells, etc.)
- Pets (excludes trained service animals). Emotional support animals are NOT permitted.
- Personal heaters (regardless of fuel/power source)
- Stadium seats over 18" wide
- Umbrellas
- Wrapped gifts or packages

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When do parking lots open?

A. Unless otherwise specified, parking lots open at 7 a.m. the day of game.

Q. Is reserved parking available?

A. For football games, Lot 44 is reserved for MVP level Stampede Club members and VIP's. For basketball games, Lot 41 is reserved for MVP level Stampede Club members and VIP's. If you are interested to become a Stampede Club member, find more information [here](#). All other areas designated for Athletic Event Parking are open to the general public.

Q. Is handicapped parking available?

A. Yes. There are handicap parking spots in each lot. For football games, lots 53, 44 and 1 have the best proximity to stadium entrances. For events in Hamilton Field House, use lots 44, 41 and 1. A state-issued Disability Parking Placard must be visible in the vehicle.

Q. Is there a time limit on Game Day alcohol consumption?

A. Yes. Alcohol consumption in parking lots and designated tailgating areas is encouraged to stop at kick-off. State laws require all persons consuming alcohol be at least 21 years of age.

Q. Can an individual or organization sell food during a tailgate?

A. You may not sell food at UCO tailgates, unless you have special permission from the University. The sale of food in any tailgating areas is otherwise prohibited except by a pre-approved UCO Athletics vendor. Individuals and organizations may provide or prepare food for personal consumption, or for the purpose of making food available to groups at no cost, but will do so at their own risk.

Q. What type of alcohol can I bring to my tailgate?

A. Alcohol is restricted to beer, wine or similar beverages. No glass containers are permitted. Bulk containers such as kegs of any size and other similar containers are not allowed.

Q. Do I need a special cooler or container to transport beverages into my tailgate?

A. No. Although we do encourage fans to show their Broncho Pride by using coolers that are Bronze & Blue in color.

Q. Can I bring glass bottles to my tailgate?

A. Plastic is fantastic! Glass containers are not allowed during tailgating activities. Broken glass can be a safety hazard for tailgaters and for students on campus during the week.

Frequently Asked Questions - continued

- Q. Can I bring my beer bong?
A. No. UCO tailgaters understand the importance of being responsible. This is why they leave their beer bongs, funnels or any other device intended to increase the speed at which alcohol is consumed at home. Drinking games such as beer pong are also not allowed.
- Q. Are there any restrictions on tent sizes?
A. We encourage fans to use tents no larger than 10' x 10'.
- Q. When do I have to take down my tent?
A. Because unexpected winds can cause tents to scatter when unattended, tents should be taken down before you enter the game.
- Q. Can I bring my living room couch to my tailgate?
A. No. Please leave your couch, recliner, bunk bed, and any other type of furniture that is designed for interior household use where it belongs... in a house. Please limit your seating to collapsible chairs.
- Q. Can I play music at my tailgate?
A. Yes! But, music should be confined to your tailgate area and speakers should be directed into your tailgate party. Tailgaters are encouraged to contact UCO police if music from another tailgate party becomes a nuisance.
- Q. When do I have to leave the parking lot?
A. We know you love a good tailgate, but we do ask that you clear the parking lots no later than 90 minutes after the end of the football game. Our crews need to get the lots cleaned and ready for next week's classes.
- Q. Can I take food or beverages into the stadium?
A. No outside food or beverages may be taken into athletic venues at UCO's Chad Richison Sports Complex.
- Q. Can I buy tickets to the game online?
A. Yes! Tickets are available online at bronchosports.com/tickets.
- Q. When do the stadium gates open?
A. Chad Richison Stadium gates open 90 minutes before kickoff. Venue gates open 60 minutes prior to start time for other sports beyond football.
- Q. What do I do if I see something that concerns me?
A. See Something, Say Something! If you see something that concerns you, contact the UCO police at 405-974-2345.

ATHLETIC EVENT PARKING



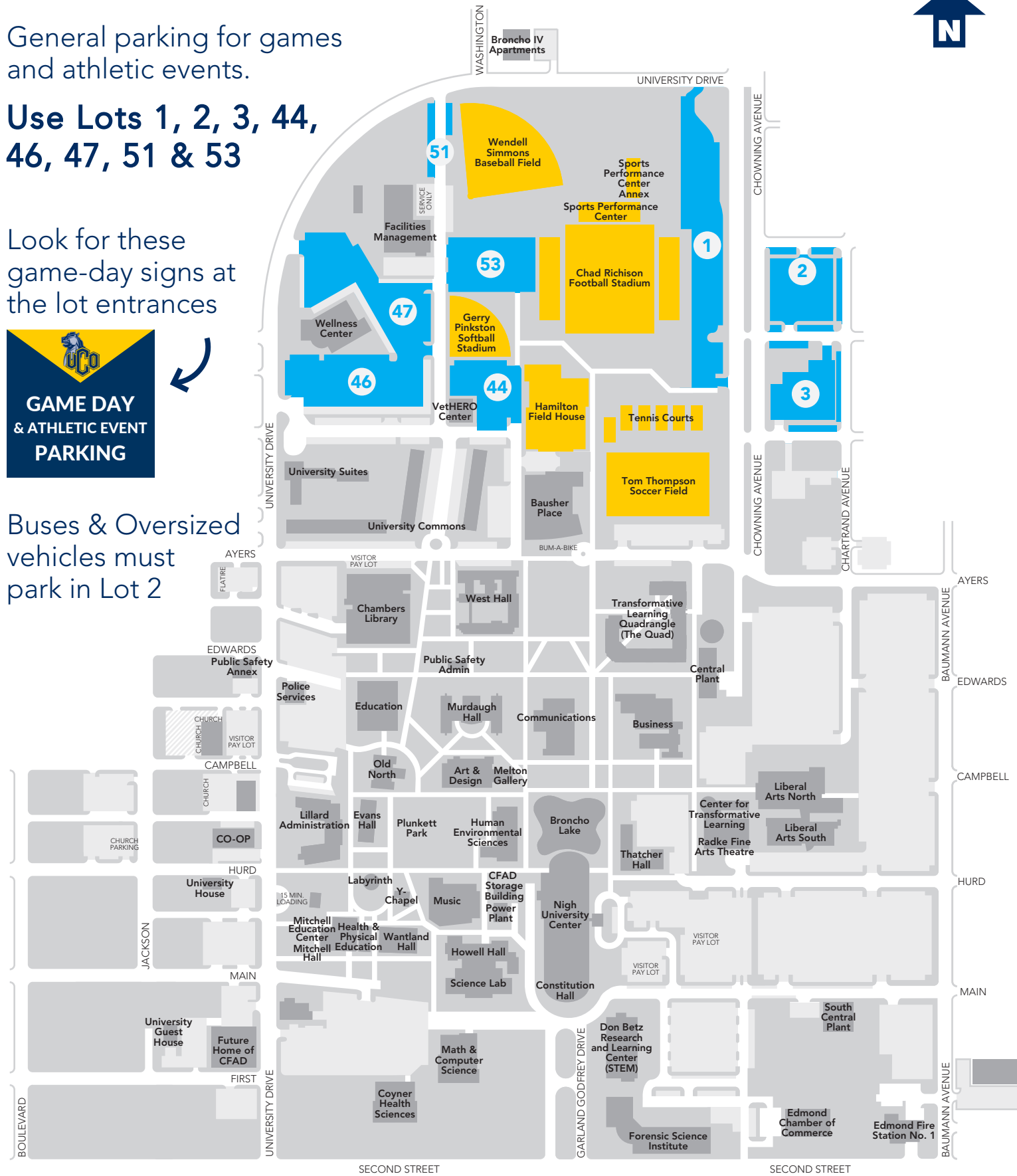
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Look for these game-day signs at the lot entrances



Buses & Oversized vehicles must park in Lot 2



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