# **UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA**



2021 Gameday Experience Tailgate FAQs Updated September 2, 2021

# Tailgating @ UWG - Know Before You Go

Welcome to University Stadium, home of the Wolves!

Tailgating is a time-honored tradition taking place before, during, and after sporting events in which fans fellowship with one another and connect through their love for the game and their university.

At the University of West Georgia, we are proud to offer a lively, family-friendly tailgating experience for all our students, alumni, and fans, and we look forward to gathering with you around University Stadium this fall!

See below for helpful links for your visit and answers to frequently asked questions. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact gameday@westga.edu.

Go West, and Go Wolves!

#### **HELPFUL LINKS**

- General University Stadium Information
- Gameday at University Stadium
- <u>Driving Directions to University Stadium</u>
- Parking Map
- Tailgate Reservations
- Seating Grid (PDF)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- How do I get tickets to the game?
  - Advance purchase of your tickets is encouraged! Ahead of gameday, be sure to visit <u>uwgathletics.com/tickets</u> or purchase your tickets to the game in-person on campus at the <u>Townsend Center for the Performing Arts</u>. If you need assistance with your order, please call the Box Office at 678-839-4722, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
  - The University Stadium ticket booths will open 90 minutes prior to kickoff.
  - UWG students receive complimentary admission to the game with a valid UWG student ID card.
- What can I do while tailgating?
  - Community tailgating for faculty, staff, alumni, and community members is permitted on days of home football games and is for the exclusive use of those fans attending the games.
  - The university will permit tailgating activities in designated areas, intended to give football fans the opportunity to arrive early, park, and have their own food and beverages prior to each game.
- Can I rent equipment for tailgating?
  - Tailgate packages are available for rent from the <u>UWG Bookstore</u> and include a 10 x 10 tent, one UWG cornhole set, and four tailgate chairs for \$299, including setup and breakdown on game day.
  - Click here to request your rental package.
- How early can I arrive and how late can I stay?
  - Community tailgating locations will typically open for individuals to enter the Athletic Complex five (5) hours prior to kick off on the day of the game. University-sponsored tailgating events typically begin two hours prior to kickoff.
  - All tailgating must be concluded no later than two hours after the completion of the game.
- When will the gates to University Stadium be open?

- Stadium gates open 90 minutes before kickoff.
- What do I do if there's inclement weather?
  - Tailgating spaces and reservations can occur rain or shine.
  - In case of emergency, the public address announcer will notify fans of developing situations in order to make informed decisions concerning their wellbeing. Upon arrival, please familiarize yourself with the nearest exit points of the stadium and Athletic Complex.

## PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

- Where do I park?
  - View the Parking Map to see our available lots around University Stadium.
  - Gameday parking for the main lot (Lot B) at University Stadium is reserved for those with reserved parking passes and for ADA accessibility. Lot A, Lot C, and the Wolves Tailgate Lot are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - Overflow parking is available on the main lots on campus. For fans parking on campus, a UWG Stadium Shuttle will be accessible from two hours before kickoff until two hours after the conclusion of the game.
  - Students are encouraged to utilize the buses from campus and to join UWG Athletics on The Hill near Wolves Plaza.
- How do I get around campus while I'm here?
  - For our fans' convenience, the university provides complimentary shuttles between University Stadium and various locations on campus:
    - Bookstore
    - Coliseum
    - Z-6
    - Education Center/Tyus
    - Aycock/Richards Hall
    - Row Hall
    - University Community Center (UCC)
    - The Oaks
    - East Commons
    - Townsend Center
- Can I tailgate in the parking lot?

- We invite you to consider tailgating in our new <u>Wolves Tailgate Lot</u>.
   Reservations can be made in advance by visiting the <u>UWG gameday page</u> or contacting <u>gameday@westga.edu</u>.
- An appropriate number of parking spaces have been allocated to accommodate most fans. To help meet these parking needs, we ask that you do not set up tailgating materials in the surrounding parking spaces.
   Grassy areas adjoining all parking areas are available for your tailgating experience and enjoyment.

## **TAILGATING AMENITIES**

- Where are the restrooms?
  - Restrooms and water fountains are available two-and-a-half hours before kickoff near the stadium's northeastern gate (near <u>Wolf Plaza</u>). Portable restrooms are also conveniently located in various locations outside the stadium for your convenience.
  - Once the stadium gates open (90 minutes before kickoff), restroom facilities are located on the concourse level of both East and West sides of University Stadium.
  - All restrooms in University Stadium are ADA-accessible, and baby-changing stations are available in all restrooms.
- Does the university provide power sources for tailgating?
  - Power sources, including generators, for tailgating needs are the responsibility of the fan. The university and UWG Athletics will not supply power sources for personal use.
- Will there be trash and recycling bins near my tailgate?
  - Trash and recycling bins will be conveniently located throughout the UWG Athletic Complex.
- Are there any UWG traditions to enjoy before the game?
  - Wolf Walk! Ninety minutes before kickoff, watch as the Wolves walk past Wolf Plaza, down The Hill, and into University Stadium. Cheerleaders, the UWG Marching Band, and fans line the walk to *howl* at the players and share their UWG pride!
- Is there a designated children's area?

- Yes, we have the Junior Wolves Fun Den! Young ones are invited to join
  us between Wolf Plaza and the stadium's northeast entrance for
  spirit-filled activities prior to the game. Children should remain under the
  direct supervision of a parent or guardian at all times.
- Do you have any tent guidelines?
  - The standard size for tailgate tents in the UWG Athletic Complex is 12-feet-by-12-feet or smaller. If you would like to utilize a larger tent, please contact gameday@westga.edu.
  - Guests should follow the manufacturer's guidelines on using pop-up and canopy tents.
  - The university reserves the right to direct fans to take down their tent for safety or courtesy reasons.

#### **FAN EXPECTATIONS**

- Is there a code of conduct for fans?
  - Coaches, student-athletes, employees or individuals associated with each institution, including alumni, fans, patrons, and boosters shall conduct themselves with respect and good sportsmanship. Read the full <u>Gulf South Conference Spectator Code of Conduct</u> for more information.
  - Fans are responsible for their own conduct and safety. The university is not responsible for any loss or injury that occurs on university property.
- Is consumption of alcoholic beverages permitted while tailgating?
  - In accordance with UWG's <u>Alcohol Policy</u>, alcohol is allowed at any major event which is designated by the president as a tailgate event.
     Participants in tailgating parties are expected to follow all relevant laws and UWG's <u>Alcohol Use Policy</u>, including not serving alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age, not giving alcoholic beverages to any obviously intoxicated person, and not driving while intoxicated.
  - Alcohol will be permitted in the tailgating area only. Groups are responsible for ensuring only those who are 21 years of age or older consume alcohol. All beverages, including alcohol, must be in opaque cups.
  - Kegs and other common containers are not allowed at any time.
  - Glass containers are not allowed except to hold alcohol in its original bottled package in your cooler or closed container.

- Can I play music while I'm tailgating?
  - Yes, you are more than welcome to play music at your tailgate. Please remember that UWG gameday is designed to be a family-friendly experience for all attendees. Sound levels must be kept low enough to avoid disrupting university activities or the tailgating activities of others in the area.
  - Additionally, all outdoor amplified sound must be turned off 15 minutes before the beginning of the game, and it may only resume after the conclusion of the event.
- Can I grill out while I'm tailgating?
  - o Groups may bring their own picnic items and food to their tailgate area.
  - Grilling is permitted in accordance with the following guidelines:
    - Propane and charcoal grills only
    - Grill must be elevated and may not contact paved parking lots
    - Fires must be extinguished and coals must be removed from campus for disposal
    - Grilling may be prohibited during dry conditions upon prior announcement.
- Can I bring my pet?
  - Animals are not permitted inside University Stadium.
- Can I fly a drone on gameday?
  - Any use of unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, on campus must have prior written approval from the <u>Office of Risk Management</u>. Please email <u>safety@westga.edu</u> for more information.
- Can I smoke or use tobacco products while tailgating?
  - In accordance with the Georgia SmokeFree Air Act of 2005, Title 31 Chapter 12A, the use of <u>all</u> forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented, in the possession of, or in any way used by the University System of Georgia (USG) or its affiliates is expressly prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, all areas indoors and outdoors, buildings and parking lots owned, leased, rented, or otherwise used by the USG or its affiliates.

- Are weapons allowed?
  - As an intercollegiate venue, the UWG Athletic Complex is a weapons-free zone.
- Can I sell or market anything while I'm tailgating?
  - No sales activities, marketing, or solicitation are allowed on the University
    of West Georgia campus, including any and all tailgating areas, without
    permission from the Senior Associate Vice President for Auxiliary
    Enterprises and Business Services. Email <a href="mailto:auxent@westga.edu">auxent@westga.edu</a> to request
    permission.