

**Student Tailgating Policy and Procedures  
Fall 2022**

**SDSU Mission Valley Jurisdiction**

Snapdragon Stadium, including the temporary parking lots, is considered to be an on-campus venue and the respective university policies and procedures apply. The San Diego State University Police Department has jurisdiction over SDSU Mission Valley. The Student Code of Conduct for individual students, and the Recognized Student Organization Handbook and the Student Organization Code of Conduct for Recognized Student Organizations, apply. Specific Tailgating Rules have been established by SDSU Athletics for Snapdragon Stadium. Further, campus-wide policies, including the Buildings & Grounds and Smoke-free Campus policies apply.

*A selection of policies are available in the addendums in this document, however, these are not exhaustive and it is the responsibility of individual students and collective organizations to be familiar with all applicable policies.*

**Student Tailgating Policy**

The SDSU Student Tailgating policy and procedures were collaboratively developed and are upheld by the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity, Associated Students and Campus Diversity, SDSU Athletics. SDSU provides a designated student tailgating area where Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) receive the privileges to host tailgates. *Student organizations must be **recognized or conditionally recognized by the university**, as outlined in the Student Organization Handbook, to host tailgates in the designated student tailgating area.*

**Tailgating Spaces.** A limited number of tailgating spaces are available in the predetermined area provided by SDSU Athletics at Snapdragon Stadium. Numbered tailgating spaces are approximately 17 feet by 36 feet. Recognized Student Organizations must apply and be assigned a tailgating space in order to participate. Only students and guests who have wristbands will be permitted to access the tailgating space.

**Tailgating Timeline.** Recognized Student Organizations assigned a tailgating space may set-up for the tailgate three to five hours in advance of the football game kickoff. The tailgate can be hosted for two hours prior to the beginning of the game. The tailgate must conclude and the spaces must be cleaned and vacated by the beginning of the football game (kick-off).

- **3- 5 hours before the game:** Recognized Student Organizations may set up for the tailgate and only the set-up vehicles are able to access the space for set-up. Each assigned organization may have one on-site vehicle per tailgating space.
- **3 hours prior to the game:** Tailgating activity may begin. Set-up vehicles must be in place and are no longer able to leave.
- **30 minutes after kickoff:** All activities must cease, the area must be clean, and vehicles are able to leave

**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 coordinates the tailgate application and registration process for the RSO. Further, the On-site Student Leader serves as the official

representative of the RSO at the tailgating site, liaising with on-site staff, ensuring that all rules and regulations are upheld, remaining sober throughout the tailgate, and ensuring that the assigned and surrounding common spaces are cleaned following the tailgate.

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

**Laws and Policies.** Individual students and RSOs must uphold all local, state, and federal laws, as well as all university policies, during the tailgate. In accordance with state law, the following guidelines are in place:

## Tailgating Application Process

In an effort to objectively assign organizations to tailgating spaces, while being focused on health and safety, a tailgating application for Recognized Student Organizations has been developed.

**Timeline.** Applications for the tailgating space will open on the Friday the week before the game date. Applications will be due on Monday. The Center for Student Organizations & Activities will review the applications and assign space on the Wednesday before the game.

**Pre-game meeting and wristbands.** Each pre-game Wednesday, Student Life staff will meet with the RSO leaders (the On-site Student Leader or a member of the RSO's executive board) from the organizations with assigned tailgating space that week. During this mandatory meeting, they will discuss expectations for the tailgates and will provide information on how to develop a risk management plan. They will also distribute wristbands to the organizations, as students must have the designated wristband for that game in order to access the tailgate area.

**Assignments.** As outlined, RSO tailgate space assignments, including a specific number and location, will take place on the Wednesdays prior to Saturday's game. In addition to adhering to the eligibility requirements, a priority order seeking to incentivize education and training will be employed when there are more applications than available tailgating spaces. Specifically, spaces will be allocated in the following order of priority:

- RSOs whose presidents/risk/event officers have completed e-Check-up To Go or Party Etiquette training and have not hosted a tailgate in Fall 2022
- RSOs who have not hosted a tailgate in Fall 2022, but who have previously applied, were eligible, but were not able to participate based on space
- RSOs who have not hosted a tailgate in Fall 2022, but had not previously applied
- RSOs who have hosted a tailgate in Fall 2022 and have completed the e-Check-up To Go or Party Etiquette training
- RSOs who have hosted a tailgate in Fall 2022 and have not completed the training

## 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 the law. Further, referrals made by the SDSU

Police Department or another reporting party may be reviewed by the Center for Student Rights & Responsibilities (individual students) and the Office of the Dean of Students (Recognized Student Organizations). RSOs that are 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**

The [Amnesty Policy](#) (for individual students) and a [Good Samaritan Policy](#) (for Recognized Student Organizations) are applicable to RSO tailgates. Generally, these policies outline that those needing assistance, as well as the students and organizations who call for help, **will not be sanctioned** for violations of the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Organization Code of Conduct related to the incident. Tailgate hosts are responsible for calling for help when needed.

**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, or, if a tailgate, through the Presence Tailgate Reservation Application and risk management process.
- 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.
- Tailgating activities held outdoors at SDSU Mission Valley require the RSO to apply for a tailgating reservation, and to be assigned a tailgating space by the Center for Student Organizations & Activities, or, to partner with the RSO’s alumni association.
- All alcoholic beverages consumed at RSO-hosted tailgates must be brought by the individual members and guests attending the function for their own personal consumption. 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: Current Organizational Policies for Events Off-Campus with Alcohol**  
(as published in the *Recognized Student Organization Handbook*)

**Alcoholic Beverages at Off-Campus Events.** The following policies apply to all off-campus events sponsored, organized, planned, coordinated, financed, or promoted by the organization, any activity held at an organization-related facility, or any activity that an observer would reasonably associate with the organization. For example, a social event where most of those invited are members of the same organization would normally be considered to be an organization-related event.

- 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, has discolored skin or otherwise appears to be in distress, **immediate medical attention must be sought.**
- Organizations are expected to be familiar with and comply with federal, local and State of California laws regulating the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Unless held at a licensed establishment with professional bartenders, distilled spirits (hard liquor) shall not be available or consumed at organization events.
- Neither “grain alcohol” nor any such distilled liquor that exceeds 100 proof, or above 50% pure grade alcohol per volume (e.g., “Everclear,” etc.), shall be present in any form or mixture during an organization event, including those held at a licensed establishment.
- 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, coolers filled with canned beer, open bars, etc.) is expressly prohibited. Organizations that attend a jointly-sponsored event where a common source of alcohol is present shall have ten minutes to either have the source removed or have all members leave the function; otherwise, all participating organizations become jointly responsible for the presence of the common source of alcohol. A keg shell present on organization premises shall be considered evidence of a violation of this policy.
- At “BYOB” functions, individuals 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.
- Whenever a social event is taking place at organization-related facilities (such a Fraternity Row and fraternity and sorority chapter houses), all alcohol consumption is prohibited in bedrooms and apartments.
- Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members without specific invitation, where alcoholic beverages are present are forbidden. Members are responsible for the behavior (including underage drinking) of guests they invite. An organization’s guest list may be requested by the university.
- At events where the number of guests exceeds the number of members, private, licensed security guards, or employees of licensed establishment, shall be responsible for checking the identification and providing wristbands or hand-stamps to persons over the age of 21 who wish to consume alcoholic beverages. The security personnel are responsible for patrolling the event to ensure that only those persons with the designated wristband or hand-stamp are consuming alcoholic beverages.
- In promoting events, alcoholic beverages may not be referred to in publicity, including signs, fliers, mailings, email lists, websites, and social media announcements. Illustrations must not make reference to alcoholic beverages (i.e., no pictures of kegs, cocktail glasses, beer mugs, etc.).
- At all events where alcoholic beverages are consumed, except those held at licensed establishments



where beverages are sold, provisions shall be provided for the free and conspicuous distribution of non-alcoholic beverages and food in adequate supply. An “adequate supply” of beverages is a quantity sufficient to provide at least one non-alcoholic beverage serving per hour for all members and guests. An “adequate supply” of food is a minimum of one serving for all members and guests in attendance (for example, one large pizza for each eight guests).

- No organization shall permit any person who is under the age of 21 or who is obviously intoxicated to consume alcoholic beverages at organization functions. Use of wristbands and/or private security guards hired to check age identification may be required. At joint functions each organization is responsible for keeping those under the age of 21 from consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Unless the event is held within a half-mile of the SDSU campus, whenever alcohol is being consumed at an event, buses, rideshare, or public transportation must be provided. If buses are provided, no intoxicated person shall be permitted to board the bus to the event, nor may alcohol be consumed or brought onto the bus.
- No organization shall at any time compel or encourage individuals to consume alcoholic beverages. Organizations should consider that guests may be persons in recovery or have medical conditions in which consumption is contra-indicated.
- No money whatsoever, including “donations,” entertainment fees, admission charges, etc., may be collected at any function where alcoholic beverages are provided, unless held at an establishment with a license from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- Organized competitions involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages (ex. drinking games) are prohibited at all organization functions.
- An organization may not purchase or reimburse a person for the purchase of alcoholic beverages through the use of any organization funds or credits nor may the purchase of the same be undertaken or coordinated by any member on behalf of the organization.
- No organization members may provide alcoholic beverages directly or indirectly to members or guests by selling tickets or cups, by collecting admission fees or donations, by special assessments (e.g., a formal dance assessment that includes drink tickets), by taking a collection (e.g. Venmo, “passing the hat,” etc), by dues rebates, by maintaining a “social fund” or account, or by using any means of collecting monies from persons attending organization functions.
- All alcoholic beverages consumed at organization functions held off-campus must be brought by the individual members and guests attending the function for their own personal consumption or through a cash bar operated by a licensed establishment where the function is held. Drink tickets, regardless of how they are financed, cannot be given away at chapter events held at hotels, etc. – even if the tickets can be redeemed for either alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages. Members must purchase their own drinks or drink tickets directly from the licensed establishment.
- No alcoholic beverages shall be present at any organization recruitment function, regardless of location. A recruitment function is defined as any activity where the primary purpose is membership recruitment.
- No alcoholic beverages shall be present at any Recognized Student Organization, fraternity, or sorority pledge/associate/new member program or activity including, but not limited to, induction, initiation or pre-initiation activities, pledge or associate member retreats, pledge/new member exchanges, new member interviews, and big brother/sister revealing. This includes bringing alcoholic beverages as gifts.
- No organization shall at any time compel or encourage individuals to consume alcoholic beverages. Organizations should consider that guests may be persons in recovery or have medical conditions in which consumption is contra-indicated.
- Student organizations may not sponsor or co-sponsor events out of the United States where alcoholic

beverages are consumed.

- Commonly referred to as “Dry Period,” Recognized Student Organization, fraternity, and sorority events and activities with alcohol off-campus, must be alcohol-free from August 1-October 1 during the Fall semester. Additionally, events hosted by Recognized Student Organizations, fraternities and sororities in the Spring term are to be alcohol-free during the first three weeks of the semester.



**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 D: 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.