

Stetson Athletics Stadium Tailgating Policy

Tailgating has long been a tradition with sporting events, especially on the collegiate level. Nothing is better than gathering with other Hatter fans, fellow classmates, alumni, friends, or family before home athletic events.

Tailgating is a lively and family-friendly environment. In exchange for making this exciting experience available, we ask that all tailgate parking ticket holders and their guests be respectful of others in the area in regards to choice of language and activities. **Tailgate Parking Ticket Holders are personally responsible for making sure their guests act appropriately and abide by all applicable State and local laws, including the alcohol consumption minimum age law of 21.** Individuals are expected to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of the nature and character of Stetson University. **Persons acting in a disruptive, disrespectful or disorderly manner may be asked to leave the premises or be subject to prosecution by law enforcement.** Students may also be alleged a violation of the Stetson University Code of Community Standards. All tailgate groups should keep any music and audio at a volume level that is respectful of your tailgating neighbors. We want the tailgating experience to be enjoyed by all.

The Stetson University Athletics Department, in order to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all of its fans, has implemented the following guidelines for tailgating at Spec Martin Stadium for Stetson University football games:

1. The Stetson Athletic department shall designate permissible tailgating areas/parking spaces. Admittance and parking into the designated tailgating areas shall be determined a first-come, first-serve basis, unless proper decal is displayed. Tailgate parking for RV's or other large campers shall be very limited and only available in Lot 5. Tailgating, grills, tables and congregating shall only be allowed in these designated areas.

Drive aisles, thoroughfares and fire lanes need to be kept clear at all times for free access of emergency vehicles. Tailgating spaces in lots are first-come, first-served; however, your paid reservation to a designated lot assures you of having access to your purchased parking lot area for each home game.

Parking – Parking lots will open four (4) hours prior to kickoff. Parking spaces will be either reserved or available for purchase on game day, depending on the type of ticket held and/or vehicle driven.

Below outlines the parking lots that are permissible tailgate lots:

All guests with tickets for the press box suites will receive parking passes for the lot on the east side of Alabama Avenue (Lot 3), adjacent to the west side of Spec Martin Stadium. This is a paved lot. Parking passes for this lot must be hung from the rear view mirror and clearly visible from outside the vehicle before, during, and throughout that day's game. Failure to display the appropriate pass could result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. Passes will be provided based on the following ratios:

1-2 suite tickets = 1 parking pass

3-4 suite tickets = 2 parking passes

5-6 suite tickets = 3 parking passes, etc.

All John B. and Hatter Booster ticket holders will receive parking passes for the lot at the south end of Spec Martin Stadium between Alabama Avenue and Amelia Avenue (Lot 4). This is a partially paved lot. Parking passes for this lot must be hung from the rear view mirror and clearly visible from outside the vehicle before, during, and throughout that day's game. Failure to display the appropriate pass could result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. The number of parking passes provided will be based on

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the number of tickets purchased. Individuals who have purchased **John B. tickets** will be provided parking passes based on the following ratios:

- 1-2 tickets = 1 parking pass
- 3-4 tickets = 2 parking passes
- 5-6 tickets = 3 parking passes, etc.

Individuals who have purchased **Hatter Booster tickets** will be provided parking passes based on the following ratios:

- 1-4 tickets = 1 parking pass
- 5-8 tickets = 2 parking passes
- 9-12 tickets = 3 parking passes, etc.

RV owners will be required to pay a fee to be determined and park in the lot on the south side of Hubbard Avenue, between Woodland Boulevard and Alabama Avenue and across from the right field fence/batting cages at Melching Field. This is a paved lot and is designated as Lot 5C.

All other ticket holders and members of the public will be required to pay for parking in one of the other designated lots on game day. The fee for each parking space will be **\$20 per game**. CASH ONLY. Game-day parking passes are non-transferrable. No pass outs or re-entry will be permitted without payment of an additional parking fee. Parking spaces will be sold on the day of the game on a first come, first served basis. Passes purchased on game-day must be clearly displayed on the driver's side dashboard before, during, and throughout that day's game. The lots designated for game-day parking currently include:

1. (LOT 1) Lot at the Chipper Jones Little League Complex across Euclid Avenue from the north end of Spec Martin Stadium (between Alabama Avenue and Amelia Avenue). This lot is accessible only from Alabama Avenue, north of Euclid Avenue and south of the armory. This is an unpaved lot.
2. (LOT 2) Lot on the west side of Amelia Avenue, between Euclid Avenue and Hubbard Avenue and adjacent to the east side of Spec Martin Stadium. This is an unpaved lot.
3. (LOT 5A-C) Lot on the south side of Hubbard Avenue, between Woodland Boulevard and Alabama Avenue and across Hubbard Avenue from the right field fence/batting cages at Melching Field. This is the only lot available for RV parking, and car parking may be limited based on the presence of RV's. This is a paved lot.
4. (LOT 5D) Lot at the southeast corner of Woodland Boulevard and Hubbard Avenue. This lot is accessible only from Hubbard Avenue, between Woodland Boulevard and Alabama Avenue. This is an unpaved lot.
5. (LOT 6) Lot at the northeast corner of Woodland Boulevard and Hubbard Avenue, adjacent to the 1st base/right field/batting cage side of Melching Field. This lot is accessible only from Hubbard Avenue, between Woodland Boulevard and Alabama Avenue. This is a paved lot.
6. (LOT 7) Lot on the south side of Euclid Avenue, between Woodland Boulevard and Alabama Avenue and adjacent to the 3rd base/left field side of Melching Field. This is a paved lot.

PLEASE NOTE – All season and game day parking passes are non-transferrable and must be displayed in the vehicle at all times before and during the game. Failure to display the appropriate pass could result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. Lost, stolen, misplaced, or otherwise destroyed parking passes will be replaced in an amount to be determined by Stetson University at the patron's expense. All patrons parking at Stetson football games do so at their own risk. Stetson University encourages you to protect your valuables and personal belongings, and does not make any warranty regarding the safety of your vehicle, valuables, belongings, or other personal effects while parked in designated or non-designated lots.

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2. Entrance into the parking lots and tailgate equipment may be set up no earlier than four hours prior to game time on game day and all vehicles must be removed no later than one hour after the game's completion.

Claiming tailgate areas prior to (4) hours prior to kickoff is prohibited and may result in the loss of parking and/or tailgate privileges. There are NO exceptions to the tailgating time policy.

3. Any non-tailgating parking lots will be opened four hours before kickoff.

4. All pre-game tailgating must cease 15 minutes prior to kickoff, and as announced and cleared by events staff. At this time, all tailgating equipment, food, and alcohol shall be cleaned up, discarded in available trash receptacles and/or stowed back into vehicles. It is the responsibility of each tailgate party to secure tailgate items.

Tailgaters should lock food, beverages and valuables out of sight in vehicles; extinguish all fires or flames; unplug electrical outlets; secure chairs and ice chests; and store beverages in locked containers. Tailgating area shall remain closed for any tailgating activities during the course of the game and afterwards, to include alcohol consumption. Guests will NOT be allowed to enter the Stadium if they are visibly intoxicated.

5. All beverages must be consumed in cans, paper or plastic cups. No drinking out of glass bottles is permitted. No alcohol shall be permitted outside of designated tailgating areas. No beverages of any kind are permitted to be brought into Spec Martin Stadium.

6. All state and local laws regarding the consumption of alcohol must be observed in the tailgating area. Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited in areas not designated for tailgating. Students\fans violating state and local alcohol laws and regulations are subject to criminal and\or university sanctions and discipline.

7. Kegs, party balls, and use of devices to accelerate alcohol consumption (including drinking games) are strictly prohibited.

8. Only small, weighted tents may be erected in the tailgating area (no larger than 10' x 10'). Any tents larger than 10' x 10' and/or requiring staking must be approved by the Stetson University Athletic Department. Cooking grills are not permitted underneath tents. Tent size limited to ensure emergency vehicle access in lots; therefore, policy should be strictly adhered to.

9. Grills using charcoal are prohibited within the tailgate areas. The maximum propane gas cylinder size allowed will be 20 pounds. Only one propane tank is permitted per vehicle. Tow-behind grills of any kind are not permitted. Safety should be the number one priority with use of any open flames and care should be taken when setting up a grill near vehicles or tents. All tailgate pass holders shall be responsible for overseeing their own tailgate and grill set up and operations. Stetson Athletics strongly recommends as good practice that anyone bringing a grill to the tailgate areas also pack a fire extinguisher to mitigate any potential fire damage. Should a fire get out of control, 9-1-1 must be called immediately. Stetson University and the City of Deland shall not be responsible for any personal property damages of tailgate attendees due to fire, grills or any tailgating activities.

10. No vendor grills or catering companies are permitted inside the tailgating areas. This includes tow behind grills.

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11. Ground fires are not permitted.

12. The use of deep fryers is not permitted.

13. Portable generators are allowed under specific size of 1500 watts or less. Absolutely no extra fuel is allowed for the generator. One permitted per vehicle. Extension cords must be kept away from designated walkways.

14. Waste food items and trash must be disposed of in appropriate containers located throughout the tailgating area. Stetson University and the City of DeLand will have trash and recycling receptacles in a designated location within each tailgate area.

15. Any violation of these tailgating regulations may result in immediate termination of tailgating privileges and/or criminal prosecution by law enforcement, and could result in disciplinary action through Stetson University authorities. Stetson University, and/or local law enforcement, reserves the right to remove anyone who is determined to be disruptive or intoxicated from the tailgating area.

16. Stetson University and the City of DeLand are not responsible for the safety and security of any vehicle, nor for any loss, damage or theft that may occur to anyone's vehicle or personal property prior to, during or after game-day activities. Upon entering the tailgate parking area, parking pass holders agree to assume all risks associated with on- and off-campus tailgating activities, including those related to alcohol consumption, grill cooking, actions of other tailgaters, possible property damages, injuries, or other losses that might occur; and in exchange for this opportunity, agree to release and hold harmless Stetson University and the City of DeLand, its staff, officers, trustees, volunteers and agents from all manner of actions, suits, claims, or demands of any nature, including personal injuries, damages or property loss resulting from tailgating participation.

Keep DeLand Beautiful. Please leave the parking area as you found it – free of trash and debris. Stetson Athletics strives to aid and advance sustainability efforts, in both the Stetson Campus and DeLand community, through recycling initiatives. We encourage every Stetson fan to be an active participant in this important initiative both in the parking lots and inside Spec Martin stadium.

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