



## ATTENTION ALL LEATHERNECK FOOTBALL TAILGATERS!!!!



Welcome to Western Illinois University and Leatherneck Football! We hope that you have a safe and pleasurable experience.

Tailgating has become a popular activity at home Leatherneck football games. With your cooperation in adhering to the following tailgate guidelines and procedures, fans can enjoy this pregame activity and the excitement of Leatherneck Football. Please be respectful of other fans, use good judgment and common sense.

### Tailgate Guidelines and Procedures

Tailgating is permitted on days of home football games only and is for the exclusive use of those fans attending the games. The University Alcohol Policy prohibits all possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus unless an exception is specifically authorized. 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 (including alcoholic beverages if they wish) prior to each game. Since these events are permitted through exception to the University Alcohol Policy, the following guidelines have been formulated and will be in effect for your health and safety. These rules are intended to be general guidelines. WIU reserves the right to modify these rules at any time for the safety and effective administration of the event.

**ALL TAILGATERS MUST HAVE A VALID TAILGATE PARKING PERMIT (TPP).**

#### Tailgate Size

The Tailgate Parking Permit will be for two (2) parking spots. You may reserve an area for one game or for the entire season. In order to tailgate prior to Leatherneck football games, your group must fill out a Tailgate Parking Permit Application. A maximum of 20 people are allowed per TPP. Only one vehicle is allowed per TPP. The fire lane located in the center of the tailgating rows is for the safety of everyone, and must be kept clear of all obstructions at all times.

#### Responsibility

Each group is required to have a designated person who will be the group liaison and will be on-site throughout the entire time that their group is tailgating. This person will be required to sign-up the group and accept the responsibility for their party's actions, while assisting the WIU staff with issues that may arise. A Tailgate Parking Permit is required to be on the vehicles dash on the driver's side.

#### Tailgate Time Limits

Tailgating will be allowed to begin three (3) hours prior to kickoff and will close 15 minutes prior to game time on days of home football games

#### Designated Tailgate Areas

- \*\* Tailgating will be allowed with a Tailgate Parking Permit in the "CB" Lot located in the Southwest corner of Lot "Q." Each TPP will receive two (2) parking spots. Only one (1) vehicle is allowed per TPP.
- \*\* Western Athletic Club members (WAC) who donate \$550 or above will have parking permits for Lot "N" or Lot "16M." WAC donors who want to tailgate in "Lot Q" will be required to purchase a TPP.
- \*\* Thirty-Eight (38) reserved spots will be sold on the West side of Lot "N" and they require special parking permits. First right of refusal will be offered to current "Reserved Permit" holders. Each permit will receive two (2) parking spots. Only one (1) vehicle is allowed per "Reserved Permit." The 20 person maximum applies to these "Reserved Permits." Any unauthorized vehicles in Lot "N" will be towed at owner's expense.
- \*\* Non-Alcoholic tailgating is allowed in Lot "M", located on Murray Street east of Mowbray Hall

## **Alcohol Consumption Restrictions for Tailgating**

The laws of the State of Illinois apply to all tailgate activities.

No alcohol consumption by persons under age 21. (*Violators will be subject to prosecution!*)

No alcohol consumption outside of the specifically designated areas.

No open alcohol containers on public streets or sidewalks.

No sale of alcohol.

Excessive amounts of alcohol and binge drinking are strictly forbidden!

No kegs or common sources of alcohol; this includes any drinking apparatus, such as a “beer bong.”

No drinking games such as “beer pong.”

Glass bottles, drinking glasses and other glass containers are prohibited.

No alcohol in the football stadium.

No public intoxication or disorderly conduct.

Alcohol can only be consumed during the “Tailgate Time Limits.” No alcohol allowed after Tailgate is closed.

All Tailgate areas must be cleaned by TPP holders.

Persons who supply alcohol to underage drinkers may incur criminal and civil liability.

## **Disruptive Behavior**

Any behavior deemed to be unruly or that disturbs other tailgaters will not be tolerated. This includes loud or offensive music. Music and audio must be confined to individual tailgates. Amplified sound that is disturbing other tailgaters is prohibited. At its discretion, the University may terminate parties, confiscate Tailgate Parking Permits or take other appropriate action against individuals, groups or organizations whose conduct during tailgating is irresponsible, unreasonable or inconsistent with University policies, regulations, ordinances, laws or these tailgate guidelines and procedures. These policies will be enforced by Western Illinois University’s Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, the Office of Public Safety, and/or their designees (i.e., event staff, LEJA Concert Safety Corps or others). WIU students in violation of these guidelines and procedures will also be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs for review and potential disciplinary actions.

## **Cooking Apparatus**

Charcoal grills are permitted for cooking. No open fires or fire pits are permitted. No dumping hot coals or grease on pavement in Tailgate areas. All TPP holders are responsible for cleaning their own Tailgate area. Dumpsters and trash receptacles are provided throughout the tailgating area for your convenience.

## **Restrooms**

Portable restroom facilities will be located near the northeast side of Lot “N,” and on the south side of Lot CB in Lot “Q”. Restroom facilities will also be available in Hanson Field, the University Union and Western Hall.

## **Tailgate Parking Permit Fees**

Fees for the Tailgate Parking Permits for Lot CB in Lot “Q” for the 2009 season will be: \$15.00 per game / \$50 for a season permit.

Fees for the Lot “N” “Reserved Parking” permit will be: \$150 per permit per year.

WAC Members receive reserved parking passes for Lots “N” and “16M” through yearly membership. Only WAC donors with parking permits and persons with “Reserved Parking” permits will be allowed in Lot “N.” All violators of these guidelines and procedures will be towed at owner’s expense.

## **Thank You All**

The WIU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and your “*Fighting Leathernecks*” thank you for your attendance, support, and cooperation. These guidelines were established for the safety and enjoyment of all fans. They are intended to provide an opportunity for everyone to come out early and have small, social gatherings. As guidelines, the above is not intended to be all inclusive. All other university procedures and policies will remain in effect. Attend and enjoy the game and please be respectful of all other fans. Thank you!