

HOWARD UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING TAILGATING AGREEMENT

Please review the following Howard University Homecoming Tailgating Agreement carefully as it contains procedures and rules the you must agree to (by signing and initialing where indicated) in order to complete registration and receive a permit to occupy tailgating space on Howard University property on game day. Failure to return a fully-executed copy of the Agreement to the address noted below within forty-eight (48) hours of completing your online registration will result in the cancellation of your registration.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your guests become familiar with and abide by the procedures and rules herein, as well as the terms of all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please note that tailgate set ups are subject to removal in the event of violations of Howard University, federal or District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations.

The following procedures and rules concerning tailgating are designed to ensure the responsible use and operation of Howard University (sometimes referred to herein as “the University”) facilities during Homecoming tailgating and to safeguard the Howard University brand. These procedures and rules are intended to help foster a safe, enjoyable environment that will enhance and promote civility, ethical conduct, good sportsmanship, and an exciting game day atmosphere amongst alumni, fans, students, and visitors on the campus of Howard University. The provisions herein are intended to work in conjunction with, not to contradict, the policies and procedures of Howard University and applicable federal or District of Columbia laws and regulations.

I. HOMECOMING TAILGATE FEE(S)

Homecoming tailgating at Howard University is \$2000.00 and includes two (2) parking spaces and one (1) tailgating space, defined as six (6) parking spaces in a 2x3 format.

There are **NO REFUNDS**.

II. HOMECOMING TAILGATE HOURS OF OPERATION (OPEN/CLOSE)

Open: Load-in time for tailgaters is from **7:00 am** to **10:00 am**, prior to the Homecoming game. Vehicles will not be permitted entry onto the tailgate lot after **10:00 am**.

Close: All grills and music must shut off by **5:00 pm**. Each space must be cleaned and vacated by **6:00 pm**. All trash must be disposed of in the proper receptacles at all times.

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III. PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR 2019

Violation of ANY of the procedures and rules set forth herein will result in immediate shutdown and removal from the tailgating lot.

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A. Location

There is one (1) designated Tailgating Lot; the Main Tailgating Lot (Howard Center Lot).

B. Equipment, Vending and Signage

1. There are **NO CHARCOAL OR WOOD BURNING GRILLS** ALLOWED ON THE HOWARD CENTER LOT. **GAS GRILLS ONLY.**

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2. There are **NO PERSONAL TENTS**. Only those tents which are provided by the University approved vendor are allowed on the Howard Center Lot. If you are in need of an additional or larger tent, please contact us to arrange for the additional fee at Bisonhomecoming@howard.edu. Please note that due to limited space, tents larger than 10' x 10' are not permitted.

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3. There are **NO VENDING, COMMERCIAL SALES** or **CASH EXCHANGES** of any kind allowed on the Howard Center Lot. There is **NO SALE** or **PURCHASE** of any kind on the Howard Center Lot.

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4. Oversized tents, bouncers or any inflatable structures are not allowed in any Howard University parking lot. Staking or digging holes into the surface of parking lots is not permitted. No cooking is allowed under tent or canopy structures.

5. There is **NO DISPLAY OF ANY SPONSORSHIP OR BRANDING** (material or signage) of any company or group other than that as approved by the University.

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6. TWO (2) RESERVED PARKING SPACES will be provided on Howard University's campus for each reserved tailgating space.

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C. TAILGATE CONDUCT

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

Howard University does not condone behavior or actions that are contrary to the goals and objectives listed below. At its discretion, the University may terminate tailgate parties, or take other appropriate actions toward individuals, groups, or organizations whose conduct is in violation of or in conflict with the outlined tailgating procedures and rules, and/or local/state/federal ordinances or laws.

Failure to comply with directions from University officials (i.e. staff, or DPS officers) can and will result in Howard University Student Code of Conduct sanctions, and/or DPS/MPD involvement. Additionally, the University expects all students, student groups, faculty, staff, alumni and guests to comply with all current laws of the District of Columbia. It is the responsibility of each individual to be aware of, and to abide by, all local ordinances and University regulations. Current laws provide for severe penalties for violations, which may result in a criminal record. Profanity, intoxication, aggressive behavior and unsportsmanlike conduct may be grounds for revocation of tailgate privileges. Violators may be prosecuted under applicable local, state and federal laws, as well as through University disciplinary action.

2. STUDENT CONDUCT

Students and/or student organizations must adhere to all conduct responsibilities set forth in the Student Code of Conduct upon entering or occupying University-owned, leased, or controlled premises. Any student and/or student organization found in violation of the Howard University Tailgating procedure and rules will be cited and/or referred to the Howard University Office of Special Student Services. Individual students and/or student organizations are subject to sanctions as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Guests must adhere to all Howard University rules, and the hosting student/student organization is responsible for all guests' actions. It is the responsibility of the hosting student/student organization to inform the guests of these rules. The hosts can be held financially responsible for the actions of a guest, and are subject to referral to the Office of Special Student Services or violations resulting from guests' behavior. In the University's sole and absolute discretion, guests may be prohibited from entering University property (Section 8, Student Code of Conduct).

3. PARKING

Vehicles will only be allowed in the Howard Center Lot during the open and close time periods. All vehicles entering the Howard Center Lot for tailgating must have a reserved space---parking pass. No exceptions will be made. It is the responsibility of the reserved space holder on record to distribute parking passes accordingly.

For information on how to purchase a reserved tailgating space for Homecoming, please send an email to Bisonhomecoming@howard.edu.

Recreational vehicles (RVs), buses, trailers, box trucks and trucks are not allowed in the Howard Center Parking lot.

Street parking for such vehicles is recommended, outside of the Howard Center tailgate area in the surrounding community. **NO VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE TAILGATE LOT**. All cars must be parked in one of the two (2) spaces provided or on the street in legal parking zones. No tents or other items may be placed in travel lanes and saving parking spaces for other motorists is not permitted.

Vehicles that are illegally parked and/or left unattended following the closure of the tailgate are subject to removal at the expense of the owner.

Golf carts, mopeds, scooters, ATVs and go carts are prohibited in all parking lots for safety reasons.

4. ENTERTAINMENT

Musical entertainment will be provided throughout tailgating by Howard University. **No amplified music (i.e. DJ, PA systems, oversized speakers, etc.) is allowed in the tailgate area.** Tailgaters are encouraged to inform the on-site Tailgate Event Coordinator when music from another tailgate party becomes a nuisance. Live musical bands are not allowed at tailgating sites. The University reserves the right to terminate any music that is deemed inappropriate to others in the area.

5. FOOD/BEVERAGES

Food is allowed in the individual reserved spaces. No outside catering companies are allowed on the premises. No cooking is allowed under tent or canopy structures. Only propane cooking is permitted. Deep-frying is not permitted. Propane gas grills are permitted with maximum cylinder size of 20 lbs. Grills must be contained within the designated cooking area of the tailgate area. Non-alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Howard Center tailgate area during the load-in time from 7:00 to 10:00 am only by the individuals who purchase tailgater spaces. Anyone else seeking entry at any time during the day through the security checkpoints will not be allowed to enter

with beverages. **NO BEVERAGES MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE TAILGATE AREA EXCEPT DURING LOAD-IN BY INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE TAILGATE SPACES.** For safety reasons, all beverages must be consumed in opaque (not letting light pass through) plastic or paper cups.

6. ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA AND OTHER DRUGS

No alcoholic beverages, marijuana or other drugs may be brought inside the Howard Center tailgate area. Tent searches may be executed if there is reasonable cause to believe that alcohol, marijuana or drugs are present. Anyone apprehended in the tailgate area with an intoxicant, marijuana or other drugs in their possession will be subject to ejection without refund and may have permit privileges to future tailgate game events revoked.

7. FIRE SAFETY

All tailgaters will be provided with a fire extinguisher. Any hazards and/or conditions that are inconsistent with tailgating terms and conditions must be immediately corrected or the tailgating permit and privileges will be revoked. Refunds will not be issued.

8. LOST ITEMS

It is the responsibility of each tailgate party to secure all personal items prior to entering the Greene Football Stadium and/or any other venues on campus. It is strongly recommended that you lock up your valuables before entering the stadium. The University is not responsible for any items left unattended at your tailgate.

9. INCLEMENT WEATHER

Tailgating activities occur in conjunction with the scheduled football game. In general, the Howard University Bison will not cancel a football game due to rain, sleet, snow or cold weather. Games may be canceled, postponed or delayed due to lightning, hurricane or extreme heat.

10. SOLICITATION

Solicitations of any kind within Howard University facilities or on University premises are prohibited unless specifically approved in writing by the Department of Development and Alumni Relations. This shall include, but not be limited to, the sale of any products, food, drink or services whatsoever by any individual or entity not a part of, approved by, or licensed by Howard University. No banners, raffles or

products (food, drink, apparel, etc.) from tailgate areas or parking lots may be shown, promoted, advertised or sold. Political signage that implies endorsement of any political candidate or any political issue may not be displayed, nor may political materials be distributed.

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11. STRICTLY PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

- i. Devices promoting/contributing to excessive consumptions of alcohol; fire pits/bonfires fireworks, and, public address systems or excessively loud stereo systems that play abusive or derogatory lyrics that disrupt the tailgating experience of others.
- ii. Ignition of any type of fireworks is not permitted so as to not endanger persons, buildings, structures, property, brush, automotive vehicles and/or equipment, etc.
- iii. **No outside sponsorship allowed. No advertising vehicles or signs of any kind. No branded material, tents, or products may be displayed or distributed.**
- iv. **No apparel, souvenirs, food or beverage may be sold.**
- v. **No weapons allowed.**
- vi. **No alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs are allowed.**
- vii. Open fires (i.e. fire pits, bonfires, etc.) are not permitted on any Howard University property. Gas grills (for cooking only) are permitted. Owner assumes all responsibility associated with their grill. All trash must be disposed of in the proper receptacles.

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IV. INDEMNIFICATION

Each tailgater agrees that he or she will indemnify and save Howard University its Board of Trustees, Officers, Employees and Agents harmless and free from all damage or other liabilities by reason of any injury to persons or property occasioned by any act or omission of the tailgater or any of its, agents, employees, guests or other persons admitted by the tailgater upon the premises. Each tailgater agrees at his or her own cost and expense to defend and protect Howard University against any and all such claims and demands including court costs and legal fees. Howard University shall have the right, but not the obligation, to control the settlement and/or litigation of any such claim, action or demand and the tailgater shall have the right, at his or her own expense, to participate in the defense thereof with counsel of his or her choosing.

Howard University shall not be liable for any loss of property or for any bodily injury

on said premises, however incurred, suffered by the tailgater, its agents, employees, or guests. Howard University is hereby expressly released and discharged from any and all liabilities for any loss, injury or damages to person or property.

In case any damage of any kind shall be done to the said premises as a result of the tailgaters use, the tailgater shall pay such amounts as shall be necessary to put the said premises in as good an order and condition as the same were at the commencement of the event.

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By signing your name below, you agree that you have read and understand the tailgating rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Please scan your signed document and email to Bisonhomecoming@howard.edu.
ATTN: Homecoming Tailgate